



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (CDC)

March 9, 2021 – 5:30pm - 9:30pm

DRAFT MINUTES

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

Amit Motwani, Chair Public Sector Appointee	Fisayo Fadelu Public Sector Appointee	Alberto Mejia Dove Springs	Julia Woods South Austin
Karen Paup, Vice Chair Private Sector Appointee	Kendra Garrett St. John's	Shavone Otero Private Sector Appointee	Raymond Young Public Sector Appointee
Bertha Delgado East Austin	Tandera Louie North Austin	Heidi Sloan Public Sector Appointee	VACANT Rosewood-Zaragosa/Blackland
Joe Deshotel Public Sector Appointee	Madra Mays Montopolis	Michael Tolliver Colony Park	

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Purpose: The purpose of the board is to advise the Council in the development and implementation of programs designed to serve the poor and the community at large with an emphasis on federally funded programs.

Members in Attendance

Amit Motwanit (Chair)
Karen Paup (Vice Chair) (joined the call at 5:45pm)
Bertha Delgado (joined the call at 5:50pm)
Joe Deshotel
Fisayo Fadelu
Tandera Louie
Alberto Mejia
Shavone Otero
Heidi Sloan
Michael Tolliver (left the call at 6:00pm)
Julia Woods
Raymond Young

Members Absent

Kendra Garret
Madra Mays

Staff in Attendance

Erica Leak
Letitia Brown
Mandy DeMayo
Angel Zambrano
Jesse Gutierrez
Lisa Rodriguez

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Motwani called the meeting to order at 5:35pm with 10 members present.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first 10 speakers signed up by noon the day prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda. Speakers signed up to address specific items on the agenda may also be called upon to speak at this time.

The following speakers signed up to address the board regarding Item# 4a: Tiffany Washington and Olivia Overturf.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion and possible action on the January 12, 2021 & February 26, 2021, Community Development Commission meeting minutes

On Commissioner Mejia's motion, Commissioner Louie's second, the January 12th minutes were approved unanimously. On Commissioner Paup's motion, Commissioner Sloan's second, the February 26th minutes were approved on a 9-0-3 vote; Commissioners Mejia, Louie and Sloan abstained. The minutes were approved with the change that a presentation on Austin Energy's CAP program should be included in the Future Agenda Items.

COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG)

- a) Briefing and discussion on the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) (Angel Zambrano, Manager, Neighborhood Services Unit, Austin Public Health)

Angel Zambrano presented.

- b) Briefing and discussion on the CSBG Community Needs Assessment for the Neighborhood Services Unit (Kelly Nichols, Partner, Woollard Nichols & Associates)

Kelly Nichols presented.

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NEW BUSINESS

- a) Briefing on DAWA Heals (Jonathan “Chaka” Mahone, DAWA Fund representative)

Jonathan “Chaka” Mahone briefed the CDC.

- b) Briefing on Family Independence Initiative (Ivanna Neri, Partnership Director, Family Independence Initiative)

Ivanna Neri briefed the CDC.

- c) Briefing on 2021 Winter Storm Emergency Home Repair Program (Letitia Brown, Community Development Manager, Housing and Planning Department)

Letitia Brown presented and Mandy DeMayo (Community Development Director) responded to questions.

OLD BUSINESS

- a) Review, discussion, and possible action on recommendation regarding basic needs and critical utility and other services for residents of Austin's disadvantaged communities in light of the crisis brought on by winter storm Uri (Chair Motwani)

Discussion was held; no action was taken.

- b) Review, discussion, and possible action on recommendation regarding City vaccination efforts (Chair Motwani)

This item was tabled until a future meeting.

WORKING GROUP REPORTS

- a) Monthly update, discussion and possible action on items brought forward by the Working Group on Economic Independence and Funding for Families in Need (Commissioners Delgado and Mejia)

This item was tabled until a future meeting.

- b) Monthly update, discussion and possible action on a draft recommendation from the Working Group on Reimagining Public Safety and Policing (Commissioner Deshotel)

This working group was disbanded, as its aims have been accomplished.

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FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- *Report on HUD properties' management and administration*
- *Briefing on Austin Energy's Customer Assistance Program (CAP)*

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Motwani adjourned the meeting at 9:17 without objection.

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