



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (CDC)
Special Called Meeting
February 26, 2021 – 5:30pm - 9:30pm

APPROVED 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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Members Absent:

Fisayo Fadelu
Tandera Louie
Alberto Mejia
Shavone Otero
Madra Mays

Staff Members in Attendance:

Erica Leak
Angel Zambrano
Jesse Gutierrez
Lisa G. Rodriguez

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Motwani called the meeting to order at 5:51pm with 9 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.

No members of the public signed up to speak.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

This item was tabled until a future meeting due to time constraints.

2. COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG)

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

Angel Zambrano briefed the board.

3. NEW BUSINES

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

This item was postponed until a future meeting.

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

This item was postponed until a future meeting.

c) Briefing on Austin Energy Plus 1 Program (Drema Gross, Director, Customer Services Management, Austin Energy)

Drema Gross briefed the CDC.

d) Discussion and possible action on a recommendation related to 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 (CDC member discussion)

Discussion was held regarding a draft recommendation for a future meeting.

e) Internal discussion and possible action on vaccination effort (CDC member discussion)

Discussion was held regarding suggestions for a draft recommendation for a future meeting.

4. OLD BUSINESS

Election of a CDC member to the Austin Transit Partnership Community Advisory Committee (ATP CAC)

On Commissioner Sloan's nomination, Commissioner Young's second, Commissioner Mejia was unanimously selected to serve on the ATP CAC. Commissioner Sloan volunteered to serve as an alternate if Commissioner Mejia has future unforeseen conflicts with the ATP CAC meetings.

5. 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)

There was no new activity to report on this item.

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

There was no new activity to report on this item.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- *Briefing on the Go Repair! Program regarding winter storm Uri*
- *Equity Office engagement strategies*
- *Monthly updates from the ATP CAC*
- *Briefing on the Customer Assistance Program (CAP) from Austin Energy*

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Motwani adjourned the meeting at 7:38pm without objections.