



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (CDC)

March 9, 2021 – 5:30pm - 9:30pm

### MINUTES

#### CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

<b>Amit Motwani, Chair</b> Public Sector Appointee	<b>Fisayo Fadelu</b> Public Sector Appointee	<b>Alberto Mejia</b> Dove Springs	<b>Julia Woods</b> South Austin
<b>Karen Paup, Vice Chair</b> Private Sector Appointee	<b>Kendra Garrett</b> St. John's	<b>Shavone Otero</b> Private Sector Appointee	<b>Raymond Young</b> Public Sector Appointee
<b>Bertha Delgado</b> East Austin	<b>Tandera Louie</b> North Austin	<b>Heidi Sloan</b> Public Sector Appointee	<b>VACANT</b> Rosewood-Zaragosa/Blackland
<b>Joe Deshotel</b> Public Sector Appointee	<b>Madra Mays</b> Montopolis	<b>Michael Tolliver</b> 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 Motwani (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 12<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved unanimously. On Commissioner Paup's motion, Commissioner Sloan's second, the February 26<sup>th</sup> 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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