



**WINTER STORM REVIEW TASK FORCE
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Friday, June 25, 2021**

The Winter Storm Review Task Force convened a videoconferencing meeting Friday, June 25, 2021 at City Hall 301 W. 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Sareta Austin called the Board Meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Rebecca Austen
Sareta Davis
Aletha Huston
Molly Wang

Jeffrey Clemmons
Jonathan Franks
Manuel Jimenez

Miriam Conner
Kathryn Gonzales
Sally Van Sickle

Board Members Absent: Ricardo Garay

Staff in Attendance:

Patricia Bourenane

Citizen's Communications

The Task Force listened to testimony from a representative from Austin Mutual Aid. Chair Davis recommended that the representative collaborate with the working group. TF Member Jeffrey Clemmons and Kathryn Gonzales indicated that they are in agreement with the agency collaborating with the Task Force's work group.

TF Member Aletha Huston indicated that the Task Force hasn't heard much from people with children and is interested in the specific needs that pertain to people with young children. The rep from Austin Mutual Aid indicated their agency has received a wealth of requests from people with children such as need for money and assistance for housing.

Chair Davis indicated that the work group would reach out to her to work together. TF Member Jeffrey Clemmons indicated he will connect with the rep to participate in future work group meeting(s). Chair Davis invited the rep to participate in a future Human Rights Commission meeting.

Items for Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 4, June 11, and June 23, 2021

Chair Davis motioned to adopt minutes from the three meetings, TF Member Jonathan Franks seconded and the motion, and the motion passed 10-1.

2. OLD BUSINESS

a. Discuss Listening Session input.

(Sponsors: Task Force Members Jeffrey Clemmons and Aletha Huston)

TF Member Miriam Conner referenced the CRT community report shared by the staff liaison and requested that the TF Members not share. TF Conner highlighted key elements of the report such as the significant impacts on vulnerable populations, including people experiencing homelessness, people living in mobile homes, people living in unincorporated areas, elderly, infants and low-income individuals/families. There was also mention of ADRN fields calls from 211 and 311, and are not necessarily trained in speaking to diverse populations.

Chair Davis indicated that the work group should reach out to TF Conner to incorporate portion of the report into the Task Force's report. There was also mention about addressing heatwave impacts in the report.

Chair Davis reminded TF Members to share their meeting notes with the staff liaison to circulate. TF Member Clemmons and TF Member Kathryn Gonzales indicated that they would follow-up with individuals who spoke during citizen's communication- TF Clemmons will email Cecil Domel and TF Member Kathryn Gonzales will email Mike Bates and copy TF Clemmons on the email. TF Gonzales indicated she would reach out to Austin Tenants' Council.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Planning and preparation for Task Force's final report and Council Work Session presentation.

(Sponsors: Task Force Members Rebecca Austen and Jeffrey Clemmons)

Chair Davis indicated that she is working on the final report and would send a rough draft to Vice Chair Rebecca Austen for her overhaul/review.

Chair Davis indicated the staff liaison's email about the future meetings being in person. Staff Liaison indicated that she contacted the City Clerk's office to inform them that the preference is to have meetings virtually.

TF Member Gonzales referenced a report that would be circulated to the Task Force. Staff Liaison indicated that she would circulate the report.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Davis motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:02 and the motion passed, 10-0.

Adjourn @ 12:02 p.m.