

**DOWNTOWN AUSTIN COMMUNITY COURT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 18, 2010
7:30AM
EXECUTIVE SESSIONS ROOM 1027**

Advisory Members Present:

Charles Locklin—University Area Partners
Dennis Barkway—Austin Recovery
Marshall Jones—DAA
William Kelly—University of Texas
Tim Miles-- Foundation Communities
Lori Renteria--East Cesar Chavez N.A
Bruce Mills

Advisory Members Absent:

none

Guest Members Present:

Bill Brice, DAA
Jason English, DA's Office
Kenneth Placke, ATCIC
Madge Whistler, 5th Street Community

Staff Members Present

Pete Valdez, Court Administrator
John Lawyer, Resource Coordinator
Judge Michael Coffey

I. Call meeting to order.

- **Opening remarks and introductions.**

Charles Locklin called the meeting to order at 7:35 am.

- **Approval of minutes from last meeting July 15, 2010.**

The minutes were inadvertently left out of the packet; members approved pending review of email from John Lawyer.

II. Citizen Communication.

No citizen communication on non-agenda items.

III Presentation, discussion, and action on the following items:

- a. Approve the revised bylaws. Bylaws were approved and signed by Executive Liaison Pete Valdez, Court Administrator.
- b. Election of Officers. All members voted to reelect Charles Locklin as Chair; all members voted to elect Marshall Jones as Vice-Chair.

c. Discussion of next steps for recommendations to Council. Members discussed the upcoming meeting with Councilmember Riley and the staff from the Center for Court Innovation. Marshall Jones asked about the status of the sit/lie ordinance. Pete said there were some changes. Bill Brice said the changes addressed concerns about complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act and people waiting in lines downtown for services. John Lawyer was asked to send the link to members so that they could see the draft report of the Permanent Supportive Housing proposal being put together by ECHO. John also gave members an update on statistics from EMS about service calls involving the frequent offenders. Bill Kelly asked about the budget. Pete gave an update.

d. Discussion of DAA request regarding the banning at all times of panhandling in the downtown area. Members discussed the DAA perspective on the ordinance. Bill Brice explained the notion of “compelling government interest” in defining an area around the Convention Center to be addressed by the ban. Marshall Jones made a motion to support the DAA proposal, with the request that East Austin and West Campus be included. The motion was seconded by Lori Renteria. Six members voted for; one against. The motion passed.

IV. No executive session held.

V. Discuss next meeting date, place and agenda items. The next meeting was set for October 20, 2010 at City Hall.

VI. Adjourn. Charles Locklin called for the meeting to be adjourned at 9:00am. Bill Kelly so moved. Seconded by Bruce Mills.