

**DOWNTOWN AUSTIN COMMUNITY COURT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 13, 2010
7:30AM
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, ROOM 1101
CITY HALL**

Advisory Members Present:

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

Advisory Members Absent:

William Kelly—Univ. of Texas
Bruce Mills

Guest Members Present:

Charles Betts, DAA
Bill Brice, DAA
Darla Gay, DA Office
JoKathryn Quinn, Caritas
James Medina, Swede Hill NA
Leah Bojo, CM Shade Office
Jack Darby, Krimelabb

Staff Members Present

Pete Valdez, Court Administrator
John Lawyer, Resource Coordinator
Jennifer Cook, Case Manager

I. Call meeting to order.

• **Opening remarks and introductions.**

Charles Locklin called the meeting to order at 7:36 am.

• **Approval of minutes from last meeting August 18, 2010.**

Charles asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2010 meeting. Marshall Jones so moved; Tim Miles seconded. All approved.

II. Citizen Communication

James Medina of the Swede Hill Neighborhood Association said his group was opposed to Caritas housing at Marshall Arms Apartments.

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

a. Permanent Supportive Housing Update. Darla Gay did a PowerPoint presentation of the final Permanent Supportive Housing Plan given to Council.

- b. Caritas/Community Court Housing Initiative. JoKathryn Quinn went over the plan for housing for DACC frequent offenders, including the commitment by the DAA of \$100,000 over two years for case management.. She also clarified the Marshall Arms in the Swede Hill neighborhood was not the site planned for housing for the DACC population.
- c. Spending DACC Treatment Funds. Pete Valdez gave comments on the need to focus rehabilitation money on longer-term treatment and after services as opposed to the current practice of sending more people for shorter periods.
- d. Update on Staffing/Interns. Pete and Jennifer Cook went over current plans for hiring new case managers and perhaps bringing on interns from UT School of Social Work.
- e. Discussion of Bill Kelly Report to DAA. Charles Locklin asked Bill Brice of the Downtown Austin Alliance to speak to the report. Bill said the report represents a re-focusing of the original intent for DACC. He said there weren't any surprises but thanked the current DACC leadership for being open with information and working to address problems. Charles Locklin reviewed key points of the report, particularly related to the number of layout sentences and the lack of rehabilitation. Formal action on the report was tabled.
- f. Ordinances and Jurisdictional Issues in DACC/East Austin. Lori Renteria told the committee that she and Judge Coffey did a presentation for the Central East Austin Weed and Seed. The group is concerned about drugs in the 12th and Chicon area and having the sit/lie ordinance apply there. They talked about an expansion of Community Court. This item will be included again on the next meeting agenda.

IV. No Executive Session held.

V. The next meeting was set for November 17, 2010 at City Hall.

VI. Adjourned.

Charles asked for a motion to adjourn. Motioned by Tim Miles. Seconded by Lori Renteria. Adjourned at 9:00 am.