

**DOWNTOWN AUSTIN COMMUNITY COURT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 19, 2011  
7:30AM  
STAFF BULLPEN, ROOM 1029  
CITY HALL**

Advisory Members Present:

William Kelly, Univ. of Texas  
Marshall Jones, DAA  
Will Hancock, Lifeworks  
Lori Renteria--East Cesar Chavez N.A  
Tim Miles, Foundation Communities  
Bruce Mills

Advisory Members Absent:

None

Guest Members Present:

Roger Jefferies, Travis County  
Lewis Leff, Council Member Riley's Office  
Bill Brice, DAA  
Judge Nancy Hohengarten, County Court at Law 5  
Darla Gay, DA's Office  
Andy Garbe, City Attorney  
Jaime Flores, City Attorney  
Bianca Bentzin, City Law Department

Staff Members Present

Pete Valdez, Court Administrator  
Judge Michael Coffey  
Melanie Fletcher, Court Operations Supervisor  
Jennifer Abdallah, Court Operations Supervisor  
Jessica Gentry, Case Manager  
Kim Capobres, Case Manager  
Taylor Seyer, Case Manager  
Gemma Mears, DACC Intern

**I. Call meeting to order.**

▪ **Opening remarks and introductions.**

Marshall Jones called the meeting to order at 7:27 am.

▪ **Approval of minutes from last meeting September 21, 2011.**

The minutes will be amended to reflect that Bill Kelly, not Bill Brice, spoke about Lone Star Circle of Care. Bill Kelly moved to approve the minutes, Bruce Mills seconded. With this amendment, the minutes were approved.

**II. Citizen Communication**

Darla Gay signed up to make an announcement, which will be made at the end of the meeting.

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

- a. Project Recovery proposed name change. Stakeholder input was sought on proposed name changes to Project Recovery to reflect the enhancements to the program. Out of 4 choices, Road to Recovery received 3 votes and Recovery in Action received 4 votes. The committee stated they were happy to provide input but think ATCIC staff should take the reins with the re-branding process.

- b. DACC Permanent Prosecutor Appointment.
  - Lori Renteria moved that the Advisory Committee send a letter to Karen Kennard, City Council/Judicial Subcommittee, City Manager Marc Ott and Assistant City Manager Michael McDonald recommending the appointment of a permanent DACC prosecutor, with the stipulation of training and periodic review of the position. Bill Kelly seconded the motion. All members voted in favor and the motion passed.
- c. Data Collection Working Group Report. The committee asked staff to review the phrase at the top of the DACC statistical sheet regarding the legal consequences of providing incorrect information. The working group will continue looking at DACC processes.
- d. Election of officers for Fiscal Year 2012.
  - Bill Kelly nominated Marshall Jones for Chair, seconded by Bruce Mills. Bill Kelly nominated Bruce Mills for Vice Chair, and Bruce Mills nominated Bill Kelly for Vice Chair. Tim Miles seconded the nomination of Bill Kelly for Vice Chair. Marshall and Bill accepted the nominations. Lori Renteria moved, and Tim Miles seconded, to appoint Marshall Jones as committee Chair and Bill Kelly as Vice Chair. The vote passed unanimously by acclamation.
- e. Set calendar for 2012 Advisory Committee meetings. The committee proposed its meeting be moved to Friday mornings at 7:30 in the Boards and Commissions room at City Hall on the following dates in 2012: January 20, March 23, May 18, July 20, September 21, October 19. Jennifer Abdallah will confirm room availability on those dates and will email committee members to confirm.
- d. Non-agenda items
  - Darla Gay made an announcement about the upcoming ECHO 100 Homes Registry Week, which will conduct screenings to identify the top 100 vulnerable homeless individuals to work toward housing. DACC will be screening homeless individuals on the arraignment docket as part of the effort. City Council will pass a resolution reiterating its support of the 100 Homes campaign. Lewis Leff and Council Member Riley will participate in a 100 Homes team with Marshall Jones.
  - Lori Renteria requested an update on the impact of expanding the DACC jurisdiction to 12<sup>th</sup> and Chicon be placed on the agenda for the January 2012 meeting. Marshall Jones said he would review the resolution previously passed by the committee regarding this issue.

#### **IV. No Executive Session held.**

#### **V. The next meeting was set for January 20, 2012 at City Hall, pending confirmation of room availability from the City Clerk's office.**

#### **VI. Adjourned.**

Tim Miles made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Bill Kelly. Adjourned at 9:02 am.