

**DOWNTOWN AUSTIN COMMUNITY COURT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 19, 2012  
7:30AM  
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, ROOM 1101  
CITY HALL**

Advisory Members Present:

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

Advisory Members Absent:

Guest Members Present:

Jack Darby, Krimelabb  
Bill Brice, DAA  
Mitchell Gibbs, Front Steps  
Lori Frasco, Caritas  
Darla Gay, DA's office  
Steven Garrett, Assistant City Attorney  
Ann Howard, ECHO

Staff Members Present

Peter Valdez, Court Administrator  
Melanie Fletcher, Court Operations  
Supervisor  
Kim Capobres, Case Manager  
Taylor Seyer, Case Manager  
Alex Sturman, Case Manager  
Jordan Luminais, Court Clerk Lead  
Eve McCabe, Court Clerk Assistant

**I. Call meeting to order.**

▪ **Opening remarks and introductions.**

Meeting called to order at 7:35am.

**Approval of minutes from last meeting September 21, 2012.**

Motion for approval by Bill Kelly. Seconded by Bruce Mills.

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**II. Citizen Communication**

No citizens signed up to speak.

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

- a. Adjourn meeting from September 21, 2012. Motion by Lori Renteria. Seconded by Hugh Simonich.
- b. Downtown Austin Crime Statistics Presentation. Bill Brice, DAA, defined the Downtown Austin Public Improvement District and the boundaries that it covers, and the desire to have downtown Austin a safe city. Bill stated that the citywide trend for

the reduction in violent crime was good, but violent crime has increased in the downtown area.

- c. Bill Kelly made a motion to form a focus group. The focus group would be called the “Stakeholders Survey Advisory Working Group”. Tim Miles seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- d. Election of officers for Fiscal Year 2013. A motion was made by Tim Miles to appoint, by acclamation, Thomas Marshall Jones for Chair, and Bill Kelly for Vice Chair, the motion was seconded by Bruce Mills. The vote passed unanimously.
- e. Set calendar for 2013 Advisory Committee Meetings. The committee proposed that the meetings continue to be held on Friday mornings at 7:30 am in the Boards and Commissions room at City Hall, on the following dates in 2013: January 18, March 15, May 17, July 19, September 20 and October 18.
- f. Peter Valdez discussed the ESG Peer Advisory Working Group. The goal is to provide services to 72 people in FY13. Pete indicated that the group should focus on streamlining and networking social services that provide assistance to homeless individuals that are typically the hardest to serve.
- g. Peter Valdez informed the committee that the case manager position postings would be on-line soon and due to the resignation of Kim Capobres, Alex Sturman would assume the position of Targeted Case Manager. The new case managers will focus on outreach activities; actively engaging the frequent offender population in the community. The outreach team members, two of which are grant funded, will work to motivate the target group to engage in services voluntarily with hopes of reducing additional criminal charges, as well as helping offenders resolve current cases that may be pending and with active warrants. The ultimate goal is also to connect offenders to services that can transition them into permanent stability. Peter expressed his gratitude for all of the hard work that Kim Capobres had put into the success of this program.

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

#### **V. The next meeting was set for January 18, 2013 at City Hall. Staff will include all 2013 upcoming meeting dates on future agendas.**

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

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Bill Kelly. Seconded by Tim Miles. Meeting adjourned at 8:54 am.