

**DOWNTOWN AUSTIN COMMUNITY COURT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 15, 2013  
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

Staff Members Present

Peter Valdez, Court Administrator  
Susan Requejo, Court Operations  
Supervisor  
Taylor Seyer, Case Manager  
Peter Arellano, Case Manager  
Michelle Myles, Case Manager  
Joshua Paul, Case Manager  
Michael Suda, Case Manager  
Bree Williams, Case Manager

**I. Call meeting to order.**

▪ **Opening remarks and introductions.**

Meeting called to order at 7:35am.

**Approval of minutes from last meeting February 15, 2013.**

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

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**II. Citizen Communication**

- Bill Brice – Public Safety Update. Bill Brice stated when APD started their public order initiative in September 2012, there was an increase in community court cases in October and violent crime was low. One of the factors may be the increased police presence and involvement in the downtown area.

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

- a. Lori Cervenak-Renteria spoke about a Veteran's Homeless Population program she attended that included emergency target programs for Veterans.

- b. Hugh Simonich volunteered as the nominee to represent DACC Advisory Committee as a member of the Downtown Commission, per City Ordinance No. 20121011-074 (<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=177735>). Lori Cervenank-Renteria seconded the nomination. The vote passed unanimously.
- c. Appointment of Tim Miles and Bill Kelly to the Stakeholders Survey Advisory Working Group. The vote passed unanimously.
- d. Homeless Advisory Task Group Update (Hugh Simonich and Lori Renteria) nothing to report at this time.
- e. Taylor Seyer introduced a client of the Downtown Austin Community Court who was identified as the court's #1 frequent offender. The client spoke in support of Community Court and the programs that provided him with the assistance needed for permanent stability.
- f. Motion to write a resolution supporting a \$28.5 million bond package to serve the chronically homeless and those with multiple barriers. Marshall makes a motion to support the resolution and Bill Kelly seconded the motion.
- g. Resolution to Council requesting that housing providers implement a housing first component; this resolution was stricken from agenda. Resolution to serve the chronically homeless will address the housing first model.
- h. The Annual Internal Review will be amended to include 2 additional Outreach Case Managers funded by an ESG grant through the Health and Human Services department. The Advisory Committee will continue to work with the community to look at best practices involving homelessness. The Annual Review will also include the fact that the Community Court's existing lease will end in 2015.

**IV. No Executive Session held.**

**V. The next meeting was set for March 15, 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 8:59 am.