

DOWNTOWN AUSTIN COMMUNITY COURT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 17, 2014
7:30AM

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, ROOM 1101

CITY HALL

Advisory Members Present:

Bill Kelly
Marshall Jones
Lori Cervenak-Renteria
Bruce Mills

Advisory Members Absent:

Tim Miles
Hugh Simonich
Will Hancock

Guest Members Present:

Jack Darby
Sandra Alvarado
Troy Officer
Charlie Betts
Bill Brice
Cindy Finnegan

Staff Members Present

Peter Valdez
Susan Requejo
Michael Coffey
Peter Arellano
Michelle Myles
Joshua Paul
Michael Suda
Bree Williams
Anna Gruzinov
Joseph Rodriguez
Erica Campos
Christopher Anderson

I. Call meeting to order

Opening remarks and introductions

Meeting called to order by Marshall Jones at 7:35 am
Introduction of the newest DACC staff members Joseph Rodriguez and Erica Campos both are from the clerical unit. In addition, Commander Troy Officer was introduced as the new commander of the DTAC.

Approval of minutes from last meeting October 18, 2013.

Motion for approval as written by Marshall Jones Seconded by Bill Kelly.

II. Citizen Communication

Bill Brice, Downtown Austin Alliance presented data on the city wide crime trends focusing on the downtown area. No action was taken.

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

- A. Road to Recovery data request from Advisory Committee, presented by Sherry Blythe and Sherry Stifler. No Action was taken.
- B. Emergency Solutions Grant housing update, presented by Michelle Myles. No action was taken.
- C. Homeless Individuals sharing first -hand experience regarding the challenges and barriers associated with access to housing.
Three homeless/ formerly homeless individuals presented on the trials and tribulations of accessing housing and barriers associated with the process. No action was taken.
- 3. Proposed housing policy- change recommendations from Advisory Committee to City Council, presented by Marshall Jones. Marshall Jones proposes to wait on the RFP from the housing bond before making a formal recommendation to City Council. This suggestion met no opposition from the other members of the advisory committee.
- D. Advisory Committee Annual Review presented by Marshall Jones, review was presented to the Advisory Committee and several suggestions were made by committee members. Marshall Jones will add the suggestions from other members and present the revised annual review at the March 21, 2014 Advisory meeting. The Annual Review is due on or before March 31, 2014.
- E. Veterans Diversion Program Discussion presented by Lori Renteria, No action was taken. A request was made to keep this item on the agenda for the next meeting. This suggestion met no opposition from the other members of the advisory committee.
- F. City of Austin ordinances regarding drinking in City of Austin Parks presented by Lori Renteria. No action was taken.

IV. No Executive Session held.

- V. The next meeting was set for March 21, 2014 at City Hall. Staff will include all 2014 upcoming meeting dates on future agendas.**

VI. Adjourned.

Motion to adjourn by acclamation made by Marshall Jones, meeting adjourned at 8:59 am.