

**DOWNTOWN AUSTIN COMMUNITY COURT**  
**ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**MAY 16, 2014**  
**7:30 AM**

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ROOM 1101**  
**CITY HALL**

**Advisory Members Present:**

T. Marshall Jones, Chair  
William Kelly, Vice Chair  
Bruce Mills  
William Hancock  
Lori Renteria

**Advisory Members Absent:**

Tim Miles

**I. Call meeting to order**

Meeting called to order by Marshall Jones @ 7:37 AM

**A. Opening remarks and introductions**

Introduction of the newest DACC Advisory Committee appointee Keith Hines by Marshall Jones

**B. Approval of minutes from the March 21, 2014 meeting.**

Motion to approve minutes as written by Bruce Mills and Seconded William Kelly

**II. Citizen Communication – No Citizen Communication**

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

- A.** Fiscal Year '15, Budget Proposal and Discussion presented by Pete Valdez. Marshall Jones proposed to prepare a letter of support for the FY 15 budget proposal. Additionally, the letter will include support for the COA's Health and Human Services budget request of \$250,000 to support increase substance abuse treatment and temporary housing opportunities for homeless individuals engaged in DACC's case management program. The proposal to formulate a letter of support was met with no opposition from the other advisory committee members.
- B.** Sobriety Center Discussion presented by Lori Renteria. Judge Nancy Hohengarten provided an update on the Sobriety Center Task Force. Lori Renteria requested for this item remain on the agenda for the June 20, 2014 meeting. Marshall Jones requested that Pete Valdez be tasked with giving Sobriety Center updates for future agendas since he has been actively involved in the discussions around the implementation of a sobriety center in Austin. These requests were met with no opposition from the other advisory committee members.
- C.** Discussion regarding composition of the DACC Advisory Committee once the 10-1 council format is in place, presented by Marshall Jones and Lori Renteria. Lori Renteria gave a synopsis of the B&C work group recommendations. The committee's recommendation includes a plan to combine the DACC Advisory Committee with the COA Public Safety Commission. Marshall Jones requested that this item remain on the agenda for the June 20, 2014 meeting. In addition

Marshall Jones requested to have a meeting with Pete Valdez and Lori Renteria before the June 20, 2014 meeting to discuss future support regarding this issue. This request was met with no opposition from the other advisory committee members.

- D. Emergency Solutions Grant Housing Update presented by Bree Williams and Michelle Myles. Since January of 2013 forty three individuals have entered housing through this program. Sixteen clients are currently engaged in DACC ESG services out of the sixteen six are repeat offenders of DACC. No action was taken on this item.
- E. Homeless individuals sharing first hand experiences regarding the challenges and barriers associated with access to permanent housing. Two of the four homeless individuals slated to speak shared experiences before the allotted meeting time expired. No action was taken.
- F. Veterans Diversion Program Discussion regarding follow up with Maria Canchola (Lori Renteria). The allotted meeting time expired before this item was presented, No Action Taken.
- G. Downtown Commission Representative Vacancy. The allotted meeting time expired before item was presented, No action was taken.

**IV. Executive Session-** No Executive Session

- V. Next meeting** – June 20, 2014 Boards and Commissions Room 1101 City Hall, items III B, C, D, F, G will remain on the Agenda.

- VI. Adjourned-** Motion to adjourn by acclamation made by Marshall Jones, meeting adjourned at 9:07 AM.