



**DACC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Friday, January 15th, 2016**

The Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC) Advisory Committee convened in a regular meeting on Friday, November 20th, 2015, in Austin, Texas.

Sara Clark called the meeting to order at 7:45 a.m.

Committee Members in Attendance: Sara Clark (Chair), Elizabeth Brenner (Vice Chair), Brittain Ayres, Darilynn Cardona-Beiler, Lori Renteria, Catherine Miller

Staff in Attendance: Michael Coffey, Pete Valdez, Susan Requejo, Michele Myles, Catherine Straub, Liana Bowers, Joshua Smith, Joy Berry, Dahlia Martinez and Jeremy Myers

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting of November 20th, 2015 were approved on a motion by Committee Member Sara Clark and seconded by Committee Member Elizabeth Brenner. The motion passed on a 5-0-1 vote, with Lori Renteria abstaining.

2. OLD BUSINESS (None)

a. A discussion was held regarding amendments to the by-laws. A motion was made to adopt uni-lateral changes by Board Member Sara Clark and seconded Board Member Tanisa Bernard. The motion passed on a 5-0-1 vote, with Lori Renteria abstaining.

b. A discussion was held regarding future meeting times and meeting locations. A motion was made to change the meeting time to 7:45am and to continue meeting at City Hall in Boards and Commission by Board Member Sara Clark and seconded Board Member Tanisa Bernard. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

3. NEW BUSINESS (See attachment)

a. An overview of the Community Service Restitution (CSR) program was provided by Jeremy Myers and the Community Service Crew Leaders of the Downtown Austin Community Court. The presentation included information in regards to our Graffiti Abatement program, Downtown Walking, City lots that are maintained, collaboration with various City Departments and Community Stakeholders, and the Edgar Fincher Program Garden. Darilynn Cardona-Beiler asked how the Camp clean-ups are organized with the Point in Time counts. Pete Valdez informed the Advisory Committee that he can make contact with APD to ensure that any clean-

up for the month of January does not interfere with ECHO's PIT count. One of the next projects for the Community Service Restitution program is chickens and egg production.

b. Homeless/formerly homeless individuals shared first- hand experiences regarding challenges and barriers associated with access to housing. No action was taken on this item.

c. No Sit/No Lie Ordinance discussion (Clark/Brenner) – Mary Mergler with Texas Appleseed addressed the advisory committee with concerns about the ordinance, in that it criminalizes poverty and specifically homelessness. The law makes it a crime for homeless people to engage in basic human behavior that everyone behaves in.

4. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

A. Bill Brice – Downtown Austin Alliance

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS

A. Downtown Austin Community Court Facilities - Pete Valdez has informed the committee that we do not have any options; the City of Austin has decided to renew the lease for the next five years. The real estate office has indicated that they are actively looking to expand or maybe relocate. As of this date there has been no other information.

6. ADJOURN

Chair Sara Clark adjourned the meeting at 9 a.m. without objection.