



**DACC ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

The Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC) Advisory Committee convened in a regular meeting on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016, in Austin, Texas.

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

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Sara Clark (Chair), Brittain Ayres, Darilynn Cardona-Beiler, Lori Renteria, Catherine Miller, Lea Downey Gallatin, David Courreges

**Staff in Attendance:** Michael Coffey, Susan Requejo, Michele Myles, Catherine Straub, Joy Berry, Dahlia Martinez, Jeremy Myers, Eve McCabe, Joseph Rodriguez, Erica Campos, Kimberly Pattison, Stacy McKenzie and Rebekah Burnham

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the meeting of January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 were approved on a motion by Committee Member Catherine Miller and seconded by Committee Member Darilynn Cardona-Beiler. The motion passed on a 7-0 vote.

**2. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Downtown** Austin Community Court Facilities, a concentrated effort with the county and state to address the problem and look to a collaboration of facilities between the entities rather than a stand-alone tackling of problems, especially as the costs of real estate rises.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**a.** An overview of the Court Operations was provided by Dahlia Martinez, court clerks and the intern of the Downtown Austin Community Court. The clerks shared their previous work experience, job responsibilities and why they enjoy working at Community Court.

**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.** Jennifer Sowinski provided an overview of the coordination of services between DACC and other social services agencies. DACC coordinates with agencies such as APD, ATCIC,

Downtown Austin Alliance, and other social service providers. Sara Clark has suggested that a working group be formed. The group will consist of Sara Clark, Darilynn Cardona-Beiler and Lori Renteria to make a recommendation for the next meeting regarding budget issues. A motion was made by Sara Clark and seconded by Darilynn Cardona-Beiler. The motion passed on a 7-0 vote. Darilynn Cardona-Beiler provided an update regarding the meeting that was held on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016, with a number of providers and downtown stakeholders. The meeting was centered on the coordination of resources and efforts and what do we need to do different as a city.

**d.** There was no update regarding Texas Appleseed presentation on legal/policy issues. Data is still being collected.

**4. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL****5. STAFF BRIEFINGS****6. ADJOURN**

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