



**REGIONAL AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2015**

The Regional Affordability Committee convened in a regular meeting on Monday, June 15th, 2015 in the Boards and Commissions Room at City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Vice Chair Paul Saldana called the Committee Meeting to order at 3:09 p.m.

Committee Members in Attendance: Paul Saldaña (Vice Chair) - Austin Independent School District, Council Member Ann Kitchen, Margaret Gómez - Travis County Commissioners Court, Brigid Shea - Travis County Commissioners Court, Allen Kaplan - Austin Community College Board of Trustees, Terry Mitchell - Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board of Directors, Dr. Edmund T. Gordon - Austin Independent School District, Dr. Thomas Coopwood- Central Health Board of Managers

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes approved on Chair Saldana's motion, approved unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

2. None.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

1. **Presentation on the findings of the 6th annual Community Advancement Network (CAN) Dashboard Report.**
Mary Dodd, interim Executive Director, presented on the findings of the 6th annual Community Advancement Network Dashboard Report. Ms. Dodd and her staff then answered questions from Committee Members.
2. **Presentation by Conversation Corps related to the July Conversation Corps meeting on housing affordability.**
Larry Schooler, Community Engagement Division Manager, City of Austin, presented on the Conversation Corps mission and goals, including an overview of the program and the work plan for the upcoming months. Mr. Schooler invited all committee members to attend the July session. He then answered questions from the committee members.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

1. Discussion of guiding principles related to the strategic plan for the Regional Affordability Committee and consider a strategic work plan for the year.

- 2. Discussion of interlocal agreements between participating taxing entities and possible collaborations.**
- 3. Discussion of creation of a taxpayer impact statement.**

Chair Saldana suggested taking up all three items listed for discussion at once, with no objections. Dr. Coopwood suggested the Committee define what they mean by “affordability,” and that members should decide which areas to focus on. Committee members discussed the need to create an action plan around their affordability goals, as well as how the different taxing entities could participate together to address the affordable housing issues. Committee members discussed sharing lists of underutilized properties and Interlocal agreements with all entities to leverage any available opportunities therein.

FUTURE ITEMS

- 1. Discussion of future agenda items.**

Chair Saldana suggested that the August meeting of the Regional Affordable Committee focus on only the affordable housing conversation and the Committee’s strategic plan, while the Meeting in September would continue the discussion on the strategic plan with a comprehensive discussion about Interlocal opportunities.

ADJOURN

Vice Chair Saldana adjourned the meeting at 4:31 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 17th day of August 2015 on Chair Garza’s motion, Commissioner Shea’s second on a 8-0 vote.