



**DACC ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Friday, June 1, 2018**

**The Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC) Advisory Board convened in a regular meeting on Friday, June 1, 2018 in Austin, Texas.**

**Sara Clark called the meeting to order at 7:41 a.m.**

**Board Members in Attendance: Sara Clark (Chair), Lea Downey Gallatin, Jason English, Andrew Cates, Gary Ponder, Brittain Ayres, Darilynn Cardona-Beiler, David Courreges**

**Staff in Attendance: Michael Coffey, Pete Valdez, Jeremy Myers, Jennifer Sowinski, Dahlia Martinez, Martha Chapa, Rebeka Martinez, Robbie Hanley, Robert Kingham, Caitlin Purcell, Chris Anderson, Sean Martin, Joe Chavez, Erica Campos, Eve McCabe, Cindy Alejo, Stacy McKenzie**

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The January 19, 2018 and March 23, 2018 minutes were approved.

**2. CITIZEN/CLIENT TESTIMONIALS**

- A. Homeless/formerly homeless individuals shared first- hand experiences regarding challenges and barriers associated with access to housing. An Emergency Solutions Grant housing update was provided to the board. No testimonial was provided by a homeless individual.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Distinguished Service Recognition, with a Celebration to Follow the Meeting-Lori Renteria was presented an award for her years of service on the Downtown Austin Community Court Advisory Board and Susan Requejo was presented with an award for her retirement and years of service to the City of Austin.
- B. FY 2018-19 Budget Process Presentation, followed by Discussion and Possible Action on Budget Recommendation (Howard/Cardona-Beiler/Gallatin)-Diane Siler presented the FY 2018-19 Budget Process and how this board can contribute to the development of the FY-19 budget. No action taken on this item.
- C. Review of our Mission Statement and Goals, followed by Discussion and Possible Action (Clark/Gallatin)-A motion was made by Sara Clark and second by Gary Ponders

to create a working group to assist Sara Clark with the Mission Statement and Goals. The motion passed on an 8-0 vote. Working group to consist of Britain Ayres, Andrew Cates and Sara Clark.

**Mission Statement:**

The mission of the Downtown Austin Community Court Advisory Board ("Board"), according to § 2-1-130 of the City Code, is to "advise the Downtown Austin Community Court on policy and operational issues, and advise the council on the policies and operations of the court." The purpose of the Downtown Austin Community Court is to collaboratively address the quality of life issues of all residents in the downtown Austin community through the swift, creative sentencing of public order offenders. The Court seeks to hold people responsible while also offering help to change behavior.

**July 2017 Goals:**

- continue to learn about, monitor, and support the implementation of best practices for the Community Court's policies and operations;
- continue to learn about, monitor, and support the Community Court's efforts to reduce recidivism and homelessness; and
- continue to learn about, monitor, and support the Community Court's collaboration with other agencies to address the needs of the homeless individuals who interact with the Community Court.

- D. Discussion and Possible Action on Advisory Board Meeting Attendance and Meeting Place and Time. Darilynn Cardona-Beiler stated the board has been struggling with attendance and need to make sure we have a committed board. Leah Downey Gallatin suggested the board come away from this meeting to recommit and have staff check with the City Clerk's office to find out if other boards & commission's attendance is a problem.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on Homelessness Assistance Audit Series (Clark/Cates). No discussion or action taken on this item.
- B. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on City Council Resolution 20160811-037 concerning jailing individuals for failing to pay Municipal Court fines and Stakeholder Group on Fair Treatment of Indigent Defendants (Clark/Gallatin). No discussion or action taken on this item.
- C. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on Homelessness Outreach Street Team ("HOST") pilot program (Cardona-Beiler/Clark). No discussion or action taken on this item.
- D. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on the Sobering Center of Austin & Travis County (Clark/Gallatin). No discussion or action taken on this item.

- E. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on Community Court data and statistics (Cates/Clark). No discussion or action taken on this item.

**5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**6. ADJOURN**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:24 a.m.