



**REGIONAL AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2018**

The Regional Affordability Committee convened in a regular meeting on Monday, November 19, 2018 in the Boards and Commissions Room at City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Garza called the Committee Meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Delia Garza (Chair) - City of Austin
Charles Chadwell (Vice Chair) - Round Rock ISD
Ann Kitchen- City of Austin
Brigid Shea- Travis County
Jeff Travillion – Travis County
Terry Mitchell- Austin Community College

Dr. Nora Comstock- ACC Board of Trustees
Ann Teich – Austin ISD
Jayme Mathias – Austin ISD
Sherri Greenberg- Central Health

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes as amended from the March 19, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously 7-0 on a motion by Member Shea, seconded by Member Comstock.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Sherri Taylor spoke on the Community First project out in Hornsby Bend, as well as her experience as a volunteer with Capital IDEA and as a student at ACC. She encouraged everyone to join the ACC East Campus for a celebration on January 22, 2019.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

3. Discussion and possible action on amendments to the bylaws of the Regional Affordability Committee.

Approved unanimously on a motion by Committee member Teich and seconded by Committee Member Greenberg.

4. Discussion and possible action on the 2019 meeting dates of the Regional Affordability Committee

Discussion regarding the March date possibly being during school spring break. Will discuss again in January.
Approved

5. Discussion on evictions in Central Texas (standing item)

STAFF BRIEFING

6. Briefing and discussion on the impact of state law on local tax rates and affordability

Brie Franco and Ed Van Eenoo presented on legislative updates and the impact of the bills currently proposed on local taxpayers.

Committee member Greenberg asked if it was possible to do a demographic study to see who would be most impacted by the bills.

7. Briefing and discussion on Project Connect

Eric Bustos, Capital Metro, gave up an update on Project Connect, including an overview of the vision of the plan, milestones reached to date, and next steps for implementation. Mr. Bustos then answered questions from the Committee members.

8. Briefing and discussion on surplus City-owned land

Postponed to the next meeting.

9. Briefing and discussion on affordable housing and transportation land use policies

Christina Moffet, Travis County, Cathy Stephens, Travis County, presented on transit gaps and transit development plans. The discussed barriers to transportation, opportunities to address these challenges, and answered questions from the Committee members.

Mandy DeMayo, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development, spoke on the goals of the Strategic Housing Blueprint, challenges to affordability in Austin, and some strategies being used by the department to address these issues.

FUTURE ITEMS

10. Regional Affordability Committee organization

- Make standing item – project connect.
- Compliance/updates on affordable housing- Density bonus program
 - Statutory basis for the program
 - Density bonus 101
- Anti-displacement task force final report

ADJOURN

Chair Garza adjourned the meeting at 5:33 p.m. without objection.