



**DACC ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES**

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
FRIDAY, April 12, 2019**

The Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC) Advisory Board convened in a special called meeting on Friday, April 12, 2019 in Austin, Texas.

Lea Downey-Gatlin, Co-Chair called the Board Meeting to order at 7:40 a.m.

**Board Members in Attendance:** Darilynn Cardona-Beiler (Chair), Sara Clark (Out-going Chair), Lea Downey Gallatin, Ann Howard, Andrew Williams, Susan Requejo, Kate Garza

**Staff in Attendance:** Michael Coffey, Pete Valdez, Jeremy Myers, Jennifer Sowinski, Dahlia Martinez, Martha Chapa, Rebeka Martinez, Robbie Hanley, Nancy Pounds, Mikaela Frissell

**1. BUDGET DISCUSSION: FY/20 ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS-**

**Discussions and recommendations by board members:**

- a. Whereas 3116 households are known to be homeless and seeking housing at this time and the 2019 Point in Time count found 2255 people experiencing homelessness which was a five percent increase over 2018. Whereas data shows that community programs are addressing those needs.
- b. Add to the long form written recommendations referencing the homeless action plan that will mirror yesterday's City Council meeting identifying the need for housing resources consistent with DACC services.
- c. Add a reference to the strategic outcomes listing the indicators that Pete checked on his form.
- d. Leave the form with multiple checks on every outcome but note that if we can find a way to do so on the website that our priorities are those careted items.
- e. Add in the recommendation box of the form references to the action plan and continuum of care.
- f. Add an introduction statement to the form; Homelessness is a major issue in Austin. At our meetings we hear from stakeholders, law enforcement officers, service providers, the downtown business community and individuals experiencing homelessness reporting that there are numerous barriers to regaining housing and the help they receive from DACC. Add the same statement what we hear from individuals experiencing homelessness and stakeholders to the long form.

A motion was made to incorporate the written recommendations by Committee Member Ann Howard and seconded by Committee Member Drew Williams. The motion passed on 7-0 vote.

**2. ADJOURN**

Board Member Darilynn Cardona-Beiler adjourned the meeting at 8:37 a.m. without objection.

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