



**REGIONAL AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2019**

The Regional Affordability Committee convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 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 10:04 a.m.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Delia Garza (Chair) - City of Austin
Charles Chadwell (Vice Chair) - Round Rock ISD
Ann Kitchen- City of Austin
Jeff Travillion – Travis County
Dr. Nora Comstock- ACC Board of Trustees

Jayme Mathias – Austin ISD
Sherri Greenberg- Central Health
Jim MacKay—Leander ISD

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes as amended from the November 19, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously 8-0 on a motion by Member Shea, seconded by Member Comstock.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

3. *Strategic Initiative 1 – Affordable and Attainable Housing:* Staff presentation on the City of Austin Density Bonus Program

Mandy DeMayo, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development, gave an overview of the Strategic Housing Blueprint, the Department's guiding document adopted by the Austin City Council in 2017. She then gave detailed information related to development incentive programs the City of Austin currently has related to affordable housing, including lessons learned and ongoing initiatives the departments is implementing and/or developing.

Member Kitchen requested information on the Mueller Development numbers related to affordability achieved.

4. ***Strategic Initiative 1 – Affordable and Attainable Housing: Staff presentation on Austin Energy’s low-income programs***

Staff from Austin Energy (AE) gave an overview of Austin Energy’s low income programs. They spoke on the history of the program, the types of programs offered, the innovations they have implemented in order to reach a greater number of low income customers, and the challenges that face the organization in deploying the programs in the community. They committed to providing information on participating schools, to put on the Regional Affordability website

Member Travillion offered his office’s services to come up with an outreach plan for the faith based community.

Member Greenberg suggested they contact Monica Crowley, Central Health Strategic Planning, for outreach things.

Vice Chair Chadwell suggested AE create a video showing the process of the weatherization program.

5. ***Strategic Initiative 2 – Affordable and Accessible Transportation: Project Connect update (standing item)***

Dave Couch, Program Officer for Project Connect, CapMetro, presented an update on the recently initiated Project Connect, including a short video on the program. He noted where CapMetro is on their five step progression plan. They completed step 3 in December 2018, and are now proceeding with step 4. He highlighted the long term vision plan with some detail of each. He then provided some information on the next steps for the plan, and answered questions from the members.

Member Mathias requested a briefing on the impact of the plan on Austin ISD single member district 2. Member Greenberg requested the same for the Eastern Crescent in Austin.

6. ***Strategic Initiative 3 – Government Efficiency: Staff briefing on City of Austin 2018 Bond Program***

Chair Garza gave a brief recap of the 2018 Bond and the next steps for the bond program.

7. ***Strategic Initiative 3 – Government Efficiency: Discussion on future meeting dates of the Regional Affordability Committee***

The Committee voted unanimously to cancel the March 20th, 2019 meeting due to the overlap with Spring Break.

FUTURE ITEMS

8. **Identify items to discuss as future meetings**

- Make standing item – project connect.
- Anti-displacement task force final report

ADJOURN

Chair Garza adjourned the meeting at 11:59 a.m. without objection.