



REGIONAL AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2019

The Regional Affordability Committee convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 22, 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 10:10 a.m.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Delia Garza (Chair) - City of Austin
Charles Chadwell (Vice Chair) - Round Rock ISD
Paige Ellis- City of Austin
Natasha Harper-Madison
Brigid Shea – Travis County
Dr. Nora Comstock- ACC Board of Trustees

Jayme Mathias – Austin ISD
Sherri Greenberg – Central Health
Jeffrey Travillion – Travis County

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes as amended from the January 23, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously 7-0 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: Briefing and discussion by the Austin Tenant's Council on evictions in Central Texas.

Jeanie Nelson and Daniel Armendariz with the Austin Tenant's Council spoke on evictions on Travis County. They spoke on the number of evictions compiled in 2015 and how that might relate to the current number of evictions, which is being compiled. They walked through the process of evictions, and the issues in the process that their office sees. Noted that the Council could use volunteers to help with their programs.

FOLLOW UP: Build a map of asset maps for these types of programs (Travillion). Information what the local agencies can do versus what must be done at the state level.

4. Strategic Initiative 1 – Government Efficiency: Briefing and discussion on the possible impact of revenue caps on the City of Austin budget

Ed Van Eenoo, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, gave an update on the impact of the State Legislature's proposed bills in the current legislative session. He discussed how the bills would impact the City of Austin from a financial perspective.

5. Strategic Initiative 3 – Government Efficiency: Discussion on Regional Affordability Committee Priorities

Chair Garza introduced the Strategic Plan for the new members, and suggested there be an updated document

FUTURE ITEMS

6. Identify items to discuss as future meetings

- Action item on endorsing the recommendations from the Austin Tenant's Council (AUGUST) with each entity noting what they're already doing and what could be done at the state level versus the local level.
- Update on strategic plan

ADJOURN

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