



(Construction Advisory Committee)
MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
(June 18th, 2019)

CALL TO ORDER

The Construction Advisory Committee convened in a regular meeting on June 16th at 505 Barton Springs Road, Suite 1300, Austin, TX 78704.

Chair Carson Fisk called the Committee Meeting to order at 10:02AM

LIAISONS+

Chad Lewallen – Staff Liaison

Jorge Morales – Executive Liaison

COMMITTEE MEMBERS (P = Present, A = Absent, X = Excused Absence)

(P) Mayoral Appointee – Jolsna Thomas, Committee Member

(P) District 1 – Calvin Williams, Committee Member

(P) District 2 – Juan Pedro Munoz, Committee Member

(P) District 3 – Bob Batlan, Committee Member

(P) District 4 – Lyn Nance-Hendricks, Committee Member

(A) District 5 – Martin Prisant, Committee Member

(A) District 6 – Matthew Gonzales, Vice Chair

(A) District 7 – Bobby Smith, Committee Member

(P) District 8 – Benjamin Maniere, Committee Member

(P) District 9 – Anna Bocchini, Committee Member

(P) District 10 – Carson Fisk, Chair

CITY STAFF

Areli Chagoya, Administrative Specialist, Public Works Department

Cynthia Gonzales, Deputy Office, Capital Contracting Office

Rick Wilson, Program Consultant – Wage Supervisor, Capital Contracting Office

Mike Bewley, Mgr. Dept Occupational Safety, Public Works Department

Patrick Quick, Compliance Office, Small Minority Business Resources

Tamela Saldana, Compliance Officer, Small Minority Business Resources

Aiden Cohen, Division Manager, Capital Contracting Office

ADDITIONAL STAFF

Alexandria McGuire, Language Interpreter

1. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

- a. No Citizen's Communication.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (5 min)

- a. April 16th, 2019
 - i. Lyn Motions to approve, Bob seconds, unanimous agreement

3. DIRECTOR'S REPORT (10 min)

- a. Executive Liaison Jorge Morales
 - ii. Salvation Army Presentation Update: Working with APH to see if they can present
 - iii. We are working with the Law department to have the individual come present at the August or September meeting. Staff Liaison Chad Lewallen will send out an email link to the Committee afterwards of the Council briefing by Law.
 - iv. The City of Austin co-hosted the Texas Public Works Association Conference in June.
 - v. The Public Works Department did receive a new Assistant City Manager, Gina Fiandaca.

4. OLD BUSINESS (20 min)

- a. Discussion and Possible Action on Work Plan
 - i. Notes and updates to the work plan were made directly on the document and will be reflected in the June Work Plan version

5. NEW BUSINESS (55 min)

- a. Discussion and Possible Action on Small Minority Business Resources Program Update (30 min)
 - i. Introduction of SMBR employees that are present
 - ii. Overview of daily Operations and provide Organization Chart
 - iii. Tamela provide an overview of compliance and certification
 - 1. Certification Update
 - a. Removed annual review requirement for MBE/WBE certified firms
 - b. Moved to review every three to four years
 - 2. Compliance Update
 - a. Disparity Study procurement scheduled for Summer 2019
 - i. Disparity Study
 - 1. Typical study cost \$600,000-\$700,000 to \$1M and does add cost to the SMBR annual budget
 - 2. Travis County and AISD has participated in the past that have lessened the impact of the overall cost of the study as an ILA
 - 3. Request for an update from the disparity study from Jolsna at the end of 2020 or beginning of 2021
 - b. GFE Pilot Program (Good Faith Effort)
 - i. CLMC746, Major Transportation Infrastructure Improvements IDIQ – June 24, 2019
 - 1. Working with a new business intelligence company to develop reports and look at awarded contracts to MWBE companies
 - 3. Resources Division – Thomas Owens
 - a. Outreach Updates
 - b. Bonding Updates
 - c. Plan Room Updates
 - d. Service Provider Update
- b. Discussion and Possible Action on Construction Training Program – Capital Contracting Office (45 min)
 - i. Cynthia Gonzales
 - ii. Council Policy Direction
 - 1. Council Resolution 20180628-061
 - iii. Program Summary
 - 1. Pipeline Program Under \$10M

- a. Construction trainees from non-profit organizations, once the individual has graduated, they are eligible for DOL approval
 - b. CCO is working with developing more construction training programs with local non-profits
 - 2. Construction-Ready Trainee Greater than \$10M
- iv. Project-Specific Considerations for CTP
 - 1. Cynthia provides overview and specifications, is there enough time in the project to properly train an individual, will this help meet the required 15 number
- v. Meeting the Requirements
 - 1. Cynthia provides overview of lateral, vertical, bi-lingual programs.
 - 2. ACC, Workforce Solutions, Goodwill, Skillpoint Alliance, and other community, contractor, and non-profit programs
 - 3. Jolsna – Does not see the point in having a 10-year cap
 - a. Shrinks the pool of people who are trained and certified
 - b. Disables individuals from benefiting from the program
 - c. Money incentives the employer to have appetences then regulations require that there is a number of journeymen
 - d. **Request to modify the 10 years to 25 years out**
 - 4. CCO will take these requests into considerations and adjust the program as it is being rolled out
 - 5. NTP will not be issues until after the training plan has been submitted
- vi. Monitoring Compliance
- vii. We ran out of time
 - 1. Request for them to come back at the next meeting and present first leaving off from the Monitoring Compliance Slide

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (5 min)

- a. Construction Training Program, Capital Contracting Office (5 mins)
- b. Expedited Permitting Process, Development Services Department (5 mins)

7. NEXT MEETING (July 16th, 2019)

8. ADJOURNMENT

Committee Member Lyn moved to approve, Chair Fisk seconds, unanimous agreement

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