



**DACC ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
FRIDAY, January 17, 2020**

**The Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC) Advisory Board convened in a regular meeting on Friday, January 17, 2020 in Austin, Texas.**

**Darilynn Cardona-Beiler called the Board Meeting to order at 7:45am.**

**Board Members in Attendance: Kergin Bedell, Darilynn Cardona-Beiler, Kate Garza, Gary Ponder, Lea Downey-Gallatin, Susan Requejo, and Andrew Williams**

**Staff in Attendance: Pete Valdez, Jennifer Sowinski, Christopher Anderson, Robert Kingham, Laura Williamson**

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

- a. None

**2. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2019 MEETING MINUTES**

Board Member Susan Requejo moved to approve the September 29, 2019 meeting minutes. Board Member Andrew Williams seconded the motion. Motion passed by 6-0 vote with Gary Ponder off the dais.

**3. CITIZEN/CLIENT TESTIMONIALS and EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (“ESG”) HOUSING UPDATE: Individuals sharing first-hand experience regarding the challenges associated with access to housing.**

- a. Steve Harrell – Local costs of housing and need for more employment services at DACC
- b. Bradley D. Ferrell - General advice on needs and improvements for homelessness services

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. 2020 Meeting Schedule – Discussion regarding 7:30am and 8:00am start time or changing to lunch. Board Member Andrew Williams moved to retain the 7:30am start time. Board Member Kate Garza seconded the motion. Motion passed by 7-0 vote. Discussion regarding meeting dates. Board Member Lea Downey Gallatin moved to approve the 2020 calendar with meeting dates on March 27, May 8, July 10, September 18, and November 13. Board Member Gary Ponder seconded the motion.

- b. Non-Budgetary Recommendations/Resolutions Working Group (Ponder/Cardona-Beiler) – keep as a standing item to allow discussion regarding policy work between posted board meetings. Chair Carmona-Beiler will work to schedule a work group meeting to develop a recommendation for the Board’s consideration
  - i. Coordinated Entry & Assessment Recommendation – Discussion regarding continued concerns about existing system.
- c. Facility/Relocation of DACC – DACC Director Pete Valdez provided updates regarding process working with Real Estate to identify properties & potential site identified in east Austin. Discussion regarding how board members could help move this process forward. Will schedule staff from the Office of Real Estate Services at the March 27, 2020 DACC Advisory Board meeting to talk through process.
- d. Homeless Strategy Office Update (Cardona-Beiler/Gallatin) – Vella Karman, Social Services Policy Unit Manager, Austin Public Health. – General update around City’s efforts to address homelessness and social services funded and overseen by Austin Public Health. Regular updates on homelessness are a standing item at City Council work sessions, which takes place on Tuesdays prior to scheduled City Council meetings.

**5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. Non-Budgetary Recommendation Working Group (Ponder/Cardona-Beiler)
  - a. Coordinated Entry & Assessment Recommendation
- B. Facility/Relocation of DACC
- C. City Ordinance Review (sit/lie, camping/solicitation)

**ADJOURNMENT-** Chair Darilynn Cardona-Belieer adjourned the meeting at 9:03am without objection.