



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (CDC)

November 10, 2020, 5:30pm

MEETING VIA VIDEOCONFERENCING

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

Board Members in Attendance:	Members Absent:	City of Austin Staff in Attendance:
Amit Motwani (Chair) Karen Paup (Vice Chair) Bertha Delgado Joe Deshotel Fisayo Fadelu Tandera Louie Madra Mays Alberto Mejia Shavone Otero Heidi Sloan Michael Tolliver Julia Woods Raymond Young		Erica Leak (Housing and Planning) Jesse Gutierrez (Housing and Planning) Lisa Rodriguez (Housing and Planning Department) Angel Zambrano (Austin Public Health) Laura LaFuente (Austin Public Health) Nefertitti Jackmon (Housing and Planning) Ursula Henderson (Housing and Planning)

Please visit <https://austintexas.gov/cdc> for more information about the Community Development Commission.

Purpose: The purpose of the board is to advise the Council in the development and implementation of programs designed to serve the poor and the community at large with an emphasis on federally funded programs.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Motwani called the meeting to order with eleven members present. Commissioner Mejia joined the meeting at 5:50pm and Commissioner Delgado joined at 6:55pm. Commissioner Tolliver left the meeting at 6:05pm.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first 10 speakers signed up by noon the day prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda. Speakers signed up to address specific items on the agenda may also be called upon to speak at this time.

No speakers registered to speak.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion and possible action on the October 13, 2020, Community Development Commission meeting minutes.

On Commissioner Paup's motion, Commissioner Woods' second, the CDC's October 13, 2020 minutes were approved on a 9-0-1 vote, with Commissioner Otero abstaining.

2. COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG)

Briefing and discussion on the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) (Angel Zambrano, Manager, Neighborhood Services Unit, Austin Public Health)

Angel Zambrano gave the briefing.

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3. NEW BUSINESS

a) Briefing and discussion on City of Austin's COVID response initiatives:

- Emergency Rental Program (Austin Public Health staff)
Angel Zambrano (Austin Public Health) gave the briefing.
- Relief in State of Emergency (RISE) Program (Austin Public Health staff)
Laura LaFuente (Austin Public Health) gave the briefing.
- Austin Energy Plus 1 customer assistance program
Erica Leak (Housing and Planning) gave the briefing.
- RENT Program (Housing and Planning Department staff)
Nefertitti Jackmon (Housing and Planning) gave the briefing.

Following discussion, a Working Group on Economic Independence and Funding Sources for families in need was formed, with Commissioners Delgado and Mejia volunteering to serve.

b) Discussion and possible action on Reimagining Public Safety and Policing Working Group draft recommendation (Commissioners Deshotel, Sloan and Woods)

This item was tabled until a future meeting.

4. OLD BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action on the election of the Chair to the CDC Housing Committee and appointment of commissioners.

Chair Motwani nominated Vice Chair Paup to serve as Chair of the CDC Housing Committee; Chair Deshotel seconded the motion. Vice Chair Paup was unanimously elected to serve as the Housing Committee Chair. Commissioners Mejia, Motwani and Young volunteered to serve as members of the Housing Committee.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- *Briefing from Austin Energy staff regarding the Plus 1 program*
- *Family Independence Initiative presentation*
- *Briefing and discussion regarding RBJ Senior Housing Tower, Chalmers, Santa Rita and Rosewood Courts*

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- *Briefing from the Working Group on Economic Independence and Funding Sources for families in need*
- *Briefings from Reimagining Public Safety and Policing Working Group*

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Motwani adjourned the meeting at 8:07pm with no objections.

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