



**DACC ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES**

**SPECIAL MEETING  
FRIDAY, November 13, 2020**

**The Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC) Advisory Board convened in a special meeting on Friday, November 13, 2020 in Austin, Texas.**

Chair Darilynn Cardona-Beiler called the Board Meeting to order at 10:05am.

Board Members in Attendance: Chair Darilyn Cardona-Beiler, Vice-Chair Lea Downey-Gallatin, Jason English, Kate Garza, Gary Ponder, Susan Requejo , and DrewWilliamson

Staff in Attendance: Pete Valdez, Jennifer Sowinski, Chris Anderson, Judge Coffey, Laura Williamson, Edna Staniszewski, and Barry Williams

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

- No citizen communication

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2020 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES**

- a. Board Member Susan Requejo moved to approve the September 18, 2020 meeting minutes. Vice-Chair Lea Downey-Gallatin seconded the motion. Motion passed by 7-0 vote.

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Status of DACC operations during COVID-19, changes in operations, any new trends noticed. (Cardona-Beiler/Downey Gallatin) – Pete Valdez, Court Administrator, Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC) Since March 2020, over 5700 interactions with individuals with needs such as food, masks, hygiene products, and other services. Updates on virtual dockets and processes at Terrazas Library. The Terrazas encampment has been there a long time but access and outreach is easier for the individuals there. Discussion of future location of the DACC office. Board agreed to have a meeting to discussion a recommendation to Council. Edna to set it up for next Friday.
- b. Barb Poppe's Austin Investing for Results Report. Officers (Cardona-Beiler/Downey Gallatin). Vella Karman, Interim Homeless Strategy Officer. Michelle Myles from Austin Public Health presented to the Board a summary of the report.
- c. Discuss and adopt meeting schedule for January 2021 – December 2021. The Board meets six times per calendar year – generally the third Friday of every other month. After some discussion, the board proposed to move March 19 meeting to March 12.

- Board Member Drew Williamson motioned to approve the revised meeting schedule. Board Member Susan Requejo seconded the motion. Motion passed by 7-0 vote.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. City Ordinance Review (sit/lie, camping, solicitation) (CardonaBeiler/Gallatin)

**4. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Special-called meeting to discuss and adopt resolution regarding location of the Downtown Austin Community Court facility.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Darilynn Cardona-Beiler adjourned the meeting at 9:08am without objection.