



Project Connect Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

May 26, 2021

Meeting Summary

Meeting started 5:00 p.m.

31 attendees

Community Advisory Committee members present: Susana Almanza, Awais Azhar, Gretchen Flatau, Teddy Fong, Brianna Snitchler, Alex Karner, Susan Somers, Kathryn Broadwater, Renee Lopez; David Shapiro

Community Advisory Committee members absent: Joao Paolo Connolly; Alberto Mejia; Jeremy Hendricks

Austin Transit Partnership (ATP) and City of Austin (COA) Staff: Jackie Nirenberg, ATP; Nefertitti Jackmon, COA – Housing and Planning Department (HPD); Lonny Stern, ATP; Annick Beaudet, COA Project Connect Office

Public Comment: Linda Jackson

Land Acknowledgement: Rocio Villalobos

- I. Role of CAC – Jackie Nirenberg presented the committee’s role as written in the amendment approved by City Council and the CapMetro Board on December 18, 2020
- II. Governance Considerations – Presented by Nefertitti Jackmon
 - Susana Almanza noted that Council had already allocated \$23 and expressed concern about the CAC not having an opportunity to weigh in on that decision
 - Nefertitti Jackmon responded that Mandy De Mayo with HPD will be making a presentation and asking for CAC feedback on the upcoming RFQ for community development
 - Susana Almanza recommended following structure of the City of Austin’s Community Development Commission
 - Working group will develop bylaws
 - o Volunteers for working group: Susana Almanza, Awais Azhar
- III. Equity Tool Update – Presented by Nefertitti Jackmon
 - Awais Azhar asked whether the broader community had been given an opportunity to weigh in on the development of the Equity Tool.
 - Nefertitti Jackmon responded that the Catalysts who were selected to work on the tool were chosen specifically for their lived experiences with displacement.
 - Susana, who served as a Catalyst said that the tool will be shared with the Quality of Life Commissions for feedback and recommendations.
 - Awais asked staff to provide how public comment opportunities were promoted.



- Brianna Snitchler asked if there was an iterative process by which feedback can continue to shape the tool
- Nefertitti pointed out that the Equity Tool will be constantly evolving, and that the CAC will have the opportunity to continue to shape it by developing Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)
- Susana added that the role of the CAC is to share the information with the community
- Awais requested a breakdown by tenant/property owner of the CAC and the Catalysts

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 30 at 5 pm

Topics to be discussed:

- Elect Officers
- Adopt bylaws
- Presentation on community development RFQ – Mandy De Mayo, HPD
- Presentation on Equity Tool

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