

WINTER STORM REVIEW TASK FORCE MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING Friday, June 4, 2021

The Winter Storm Review Task Force convened a videoconferencing meeting Friday, June 4, 2021 at City Hall 301 W. 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Vice Chair Rebecca Austen called the Board Meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Rebecca Austen Jeffrey Clemmons Kathryn Gonzales Aletha Huston Manuel Jimenez Sally Van Sickle

Molly Wang

Board Members Absent: Miriam Conner, Sareta Davis, Jonathan Franks, Ricardo Garay

Staff in Attendance:

Patricia Bourenane

Citizen's Communications

There were no speakers.

Items for Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 2, 2021

Task Force Member Aletha Huston moved to approve the minutes, Vice Chair Rebecca Austen seconded, and the motioned passed 7-0.

2. OLD BUSINESS

a. Discuss Listening Session input and plan for next Listening Sessions.

(Sponsors: Task Force Members Jeffrey Clemmons and Aletha Huston)

There was discussion of the input received during the June 2, 2021 listening task force such as impacts the disaster had on mental health, local community group/non-profit interactions with the City, communications with housing property managers and the student population, and recommendations related to Resiliency Hubs.

Vice Chair Austen indicated that there needs to be a big push to promote the remaining listening sessions, and asked TF Members to share with their networks and respective boards.

Staff Liaison indicated she would share the flyer graphics to promote the listening session with the Task Force. TF Member Manuel Jimenez recommended the City promote the listening sessions across news media channels and Staff Liaison indicated she would coordinate with the City's Corporate Public Information Office.

TF Member Clemmons recommended that the Task Force perform targeted outreach to agencies for their feedback. The following agencies were mentioned, Austin Pets Alive, Family Eldercare, Aging is Cool, and 10K First Responders. TF Member Aletha Huston indicated they need to hear more from families with children and she will perform targeted outreach to solicit their feedback.

The Task Force discussed having a work group to focus on report planning and preparing. TF Members Jeffrey Clemmons, Aletha Huston and Kathryn Gonzales agreed to participate on the work group. The work group can have two additional TF Members join. Vice Chair Austen made the motion to develop the work group to synthesize the input received, TF Members Huston and Sally Van Sickle seconded the motion and the motion passed 7-0. There mention that some of these work group meetings be in-person.

There was discussion to add two additional meetings to the schedule to focus on the report. These meetings are to be for two hours. July 9th and 23rd were mentioned as potential dates for these meetings. Vice Chair Austen indicated moving the start time to 9 a.m. to allow for Chair Sareta Davis to attend. Staff Liaison indicated she would send a doodle poll for those dates. There was a request for these meetings to be in-person and virtual.

The Task Force indicated they would like to issue a report and present at a special called meeting before Council. Staff Liaison indicated she would follow-up on a meeting with Council for the presentation after connecting with the Agenda Office and Mayor & Council.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Vice Chair Rebecca Austen called to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

Adjourn @ 10:41 a.m.