

WINTER STORM REVIEW TASK FORCE MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING Friday, June 11, 2021

The Winter Storm Review Task Force convened a videoconferencing meeting Friday, June 11, 2021 at City Hall 301 W. 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Sareta Austin called the Board Meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Rebecca Austen Miriam Conner Kathryn Gonzales Manuel Jimenez Jeffrey Clemmons Sareta Davis Aletha Huston

Board Members Absent: Ricardo Garay, Jonathan Franks, Sally Van Sickle

Staff in Attendance:

Patricia Bourenane Rocio Villalobos

Citizen's Communications

There were no speakers.

Items for Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 4, 2021

2. OLD BUSINESS

a. Welcome and purpose of the Listening Session.

(Sponsors: Task Force Members Sareta Davis and Jeffrey Clemmons)

Council Member Ann Kitchen shared her thanks to the Task Force for their work and encouraged the board to reach out to her office should they need anything, such as confirming a date to schedule a presentation before Council.

b. Listening Session – community members and organizational representatives provide testimony on their experiences during and in that aftermath of Winter Storm Uri. (Sponsors: Task Force Members Sareta Davis and Jeffrey Clemmons)

The Task Force listened to testimony from four speakers, which provided an opportunity for TF Members to ask follow-up questions for additional information. Testimony spanned topics including, resources for artist, weatherizing and modifying homes to withstand winter weather, impacts on animal care for facilities such as AustinPetsAlive!

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Sareta Davis motioned to move the debrief meeting times from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Vice Chair Rebecca Austen seconded the motion and the motion passed, 6-0.

There was discussion of the purpose of the working group to draft the report. TF Member Aletha Huston indicated that the work group can report back to the Task Force on how they are going to structure the report.

Chair Davis motioned to roll the June 18, 2021 debrief into the June 25, 2021 debrief, with the meeting time being 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The motion passed 6-0. There was a request to put the SpeakUpAustin website on the screen.

Chair Davis, and TF Members Jeffrey Clemmons and Aletha Huston discussed furthering outreach to increase participation. Chair Davis indicated the minutes from the June 4th meeting would be taken up at the next Task Force meeting.

The TF discussed the Council Work Session date of August 24. Staff Liaison informed the TF that August 31st is another Work Session date.

Chair Davis made the motion to consider July 8 or 9 as the first report planning meeting, TF Member Aletha Huston seconded the motion and the motion passed 6-0.

Chair Sareta Davis made the motion to call the meeting at 7:43 p.m., TF Member Clemmons seconded the motion and the motion passed 6-0.

Adjourn @ 7:43 p.m.