



**DACC ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
FRIDAY, March 12, 2021**

The Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC) Advisory Board convened in a regular meeting on Friday, March 12, 2021 in Austin, Texas.

Chair Darilynn Cardona-Beiler called the Board Meeting to order at 8:04am.

Board Members in Attendance: Chair Darilynn Cardona-Beiler, Kergin Bedell, Jason English, Kate Garza, Ann Howard, Gary Ponder, Susan Requejo, and Drew Williamson

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

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

No citizen sign up

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 15, 2021 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
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- Board Member Drew Williamson moved to approve the January 15, 2021 meeting minutes. Board member Susan Requejo seconded the motion. Motion passed by 6-0 vote with one abstain.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- A. FY 21-22 Budget Recommendations (Cardona-Beiler/Downey Gallatin) – Pete Valdez, Court Administrator, Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC)**
Budget to be around efficiency, and equity
 - Recommendation can be to support things as is or make a change.
 - Unmet current needs:
 - Funds to continue Violet Keep Sake Program
 - Continuation of funds for Clinical Managers
 - Dollar amount has to be reviewed by ACM
 - Asking for 9 positions to help with the 266 clients on waiting list
 - Six (6) case managers
 - Two (2) triage managers for walk ins
 - One (1) Terrazas triage case management to continue presence there once we integrate back to the main office

- Include funds to house people - each case manager to utilize funds for housing 16 clients on their individual caseload.
- What happens if you cannot get request?
 - Wait list grows
 - Cannot take any new referrals from HOST program
 - Can only manage current case load, wait list clients are added as one drops off from case manager's case load
- Commissioners Ann Howard and Jason English left the dais and Commissioner Kate Garza joined the dais at 8:50am.
- Motion made by Commissioner Gary Ponder to have the working group submit on the boards behalf a recommendation for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget. Commissioner Drew Williamson seconded the motion. Motion passed by 6-0. Working group will consist of Darilyn Cardona-Beiler, Gary Ponder and Pete Valdez.

3. OLD 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)
 - i. Rapid Rehousing efforts, staffing and housing placement – Amy Price
 - 43 referrals, half lack income, others IDs but some have received housing vouchers
 - Case managers assigned and are working with individuals at protective lodges to get them into housing.
 - Team is fully staffed now
 - ii. Virtual hearings – Pete Valdez:
 - Continue virtual hearings for those individuals who have the technology, available Tuesday's and Thursday's
 - Walk-in dockets are on hold due to not having the space at Terrazas nor at the main office
 - iii. Terrazas temporary location – Pete Valdez
 - Terrazas is planning to open up in May and we will have to reintegrate back to the main office
 - Will need to keep triage case managers there since we've had 9,000 interactions with individuals during the COVID pandemic
 - iv. DACC facility – Pete Valdez
 - Working with real estate office to identify another facility that is City owned
 - v. Violet Keep Safe Program – Pete Valdez
 - Project started by Austin Recovery Department in May 2020
 - DACC took the program over on January 2021
 - 200 storage carts for homeless individuals, 7a-10a and 2p-7p, Monday – Friday
 - DACC would like expand hours 7a-7p, 7 days a week
 - vi. APD progress versus vendor

- Court security, City to establish the Court Marshall program

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A.** Update from Strategy Officer in May (Cardona-Beiler/Downey Gallatin)
- B.** UT study – solidify a plan for the program evaluation
- C.** Presentation on statistical analysis of numbers on homeless – Ben King, UT researcher
- D.** Update on Mapping Homelessness in Austin by the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department
- E.** Point in Time Count in 2020? Canceled due to Pandemic

ADJOURNMENT

Susan Requejo made a motion to adjourn at 9:05am and Kergin Bedell seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.