



**DACC ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
FRIDAY, May 21, 2021**

The Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC) Advisory Board convened in a regular meeting on Friday, May 21, 2021 in Austin, Texas.

Chair Darilynn Cardona-Beiler called the Board Meeting to order at 8:16am.

Board Members in Attendance: Chair Darilynn Cardona-Beiler, Lea Downey Gallatin, Jason English, Kate Garza, Nicole Golden, Susan Requejo

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

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

No one signed up.

1. APPROVAL OF MARCH 12, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

- Commissioner Susan Requejo moved to approve the March 12, 2021 meeting minutes. Commissioner Jason English seconded the motion. Motion passed by 6-0 vote.

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. Introduction of new appointed Board Commissioner, Nicole Golden

- Commissioner Nicole Golden delivered a brief introduction and all Commissioners and staff present were introduced around the table.

B. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

- Lea Downey Gallatin nominated Darilynn Cardona-Beiler as Chair and Kate Garza seconded the motion. Susan Requejo nominated Lea Downey Gallatin as Vice Chair and Jason English seconded the motion. Both motions passed by 6-0 vote.

C. Update from Homeless Services Strategy Officer, Dianna Grey (Cardona-Beiler/Downey Gallatin)

- May 11th the gradual start of Prop B, camping, and panhandling ordinance.
 - 1st phase – first 30days outreach and education
 - 2nd phase Next 30days, verbal warning, maybe written warnings
 - 3rd phase written warnings or citations
 - 4th phase implementation

- APD is charging the enforcement of these ordinances in each district, patrol officers are not issuing the citations only district representatives are supposed to that.
- Where can individuals go? Shelters are at reduced capacity due to Covid but may start relaxing a little since we have moved down to level 2, possible 100 beds.

- D. Annual Internal Review Report due next meeting, July.
- Report is due at the end of July, to be discussed in July's meeting.

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
 - Due to limited space at main office, some staff will be working out of their vehicles or assigned vehicles.
 - Solicitation on Bridge Housing currently out there to address the needs.
 - There are 250 on waitlist trying to need a case manager who eventually want to get housed.
 - ii. Virtual hearings – Judge Coffey
 - Implemented virtual dockets
 - There will have to be a decrease in triage because of limited space and cannot do both at same time
 - iii. Terrazas temporary location
 - DACC moving back to the main office
 - DACC has served a total of 12,000
 - iv. DACC facility update
 - Moved back at the end of June
 - There will be longer wait time for individuals
 - Real estate office is working on finding us another location
 - v. Violet Keep Safe Program
 - Item tabled to next meeting

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Update on program evaluation and statistical study by UT
- B. Update on Mapping Homelessness in Austin by the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department
- C. Annual Internal Review Report due in July.
- D. Update on diversions on encampment
- E. Update from APD on how things are going on the implementation plan

ADJOURNMENT

Susan Requejo made a motion to adjourn at 9:29am and Lea Downey Gallatin seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.