



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (CDC)

April 12, 2022 – 6:30pm

Austin City Hall, Board and Commission- Room 1101

301 West 2nd Street, Austin, TX 78701

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Joe Deshotel Public Sector Appointee	Jose Noe Elias Montopolis	Michael Tolliver Colony Park	

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DRAFT MINUTES

Commissioners in Attendance	Commissioners Absent	Staff in Attendance
Amit Motwani (Chair)	Eloise Sepeda	Mandy DeMayo
Karen Paup (Vice Chair)	Michael Tolliver	Janes May
Bertha Delgado		Letitia Brown
Joe Deshotel		Max Horstman
Jose Noe Elias		Nefertitti Jackmon
Fisayo Fadelu		Lisa Rodriguez
Miriam Garcia		
Kendra Garrett		
Cynthia Jaso		
Heidi Sloan		
Cheryl Thompson		
Julia Woods		

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Motwani called the meeting to order at 6:34pm with 10 members present. Commissioners Deshotel and Garcia joined the meeting at 6:40pm. Commissioners Sepeda and Tolliver were absent, and Commissioner Deshotel left the meeting at 7:10pm.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first 10 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

Tod Marvin (President, Easterseals), Kori Hattemer (Foundation Communities) and Zenobia C. Joseph addressed the CDC.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion and possible action on the March 8, 2022, Community Development Commission meeting minutes.

On Commssioner Garrett's motion, Commissioner Thompson's second, the March 8, 2022, minutes were unanimously approved.

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2. COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG)

Briefing and discussion on the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) (Angel Zambrano, Manager, Neighborhood Services Unit, Austin Public Health)

Angel Zambrano presented.

3. PUBLIC HEARING

- a) Briefing and discussion on upcoming spending priorities for federal housing and community development grants as part of the Community Needs Assessment for the FY 22-23 Action Plan (Max Horstman and Mandy DeMayo, Housing and Planning Department)

Mandy DeMayo and Max Horstman presented.

- b) Conduct a public hearing to receive input on community needs related to housing, homelessness, and community development as part of the Community Needs Assessment for the FY 22-23 Action Plan. Public hearings are required by 1) the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and 2) the Texas Local Government Code Chapter 373 Community Development 2013-14 Program.

The public hearing was conducted and comments were heard from Tod Marvin (President, Easterseals), Kori Hattemer (Foundation Communities) and Zenobia C. Joseph.

NEW BUSINESS

- c) Update on economic assistance program and partnership (Ivanna Neri, UpTogether)

Ivanna Neri presented.

- d) Presentation, discussion and possible action on the definitions, funding, goals, and equity of Project Connect and the Anti-Displacement Community Acquisition Program (ADCAP) (Nefertitti Jackmon & Mandy DeMayo, Housing and Planning Department)

Mandy DeMayo and Nefertitti Jackmon presented. On Commissioner Delgado's motion, Commissioner Thompson's second, the CDC approved a recommendation in support of the Project Connect Community Advisory Committee's March 23, 2022, memorandum.

- e) Presentation, discussion and possible action on HPD Home Rehabilitation Loan Program (HRLP) (Letitia Brown & Mandy DeMayo, Housing and Planning Department)

Letitia Brown and Mandy DeMayo presented.

- f) Review recommendations submitted by the Budget Working Group (Chair Amit Motwani, Commissioner Kendra Garrett, and Commissioner Noe Elias)

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Following review, the CDC voted to approve three recommendations drafted by the Budget Working Group. On Commissioner Elias's motion, Commissioner Garret's second, Recommendation 20220412-04d(1) to increase assistance for renters was unanimously approved. On Commissioner Delgado's motion, Commissioner Elias's second, Recommendation 20220412-04d(2) to increase funding for the community land trust program was unanimously approved. On Commissioner Garrett's motion, Commissioner Garcia's second, Recommendation 20220412-04d(3) to increase funding for strategic planning was unanimously approved.

- g) Hold annual CDC officer elections

This item was postponed.

- h) Reminder regarding the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) Housing Choice Voucher Program pre-application and wait-list process.

Chair Motwani reminded the CDC of this TDHCA program.

- i) Discussion and possible action to honor a CDC commissioner and their service

Chair Motwani lead the discussion honoring the service of Commissioner Joe Deshotel, who resigned on this date from the CDC.

4. WORKING GROUP AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Update from the Joint Sustainability Committee (Commissioner Fadelu)

This item was postponed.

- b) Update from the Austin Transit Partnership (ATP) Community Advisory Committee (Commissioner Elias)

Commissioner Elias gave the update.

- c) Update from the Housing Investment Review Committee (HIRC) (Commissioners Garrett & Fadelu)

Commissioner Garrett gave the update.

- d) Update from the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board (SCWAB) (Vice Chair Paup)

Commissioner Paup gave the update.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- *Revisit the Home Repair Loan Program (HRLP)*
- *HACA briefing and discussion on Rosewood, Santa Rita and Chalmers Courts*

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Motwani adjourned the meeting at 10:36pm without objection.

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