



**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 9, 2024**

**The COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION convened in a REGULAR MEETING on JANUARY 9, 2024, at City Hall Boards and Commissions Room 1101, 301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, in Austin, Texas. Some members of the commission participated by video conference.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Chair Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:33pm with 8 members present. Commissioners Estevan Delgado and Cynthia Jaso joined the meeting at 6:37pm and 6:38pm, respectively.**

**UPDATE THIS SECTION**

**Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:**

Cheryl Thompson (Chair)  
Jose Noe Elias (Vice Chair)  
Cynthia Jaso  
Raul Longoria  
Jenny Achilles  
Bertha Delgado  
Estevan Delgado

**Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:**

Jo Anne Ortiz  
Julia Woods  
Steven Brown

**Board Members/Commissioners Absent:**

Miriam Garcia  
Michael Tolliver

**Staff Members in Attendance**

Nefertitti Jackmon  
Letitia Brown  
Chris Duran  
Angel Zambrano  
Susan Watkins  
Ursula Henderson  
Ed Blake  
Lisa Rodriguez

## **PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

**No members of the public signed up to speak.**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the December 12, 2023, Community Development Commission meeting minutes.

**The minutes from the meeting of December 12, 2023, were approved on Vice Chair Brown's motion, Commissioner Bertha Delgado's second, on a 10-0-0 vote with the amendment that Commissioner Brown was present at the 12/12/2023 meeting.**

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

2. Presentation and discussion on the Ending Community Homeless Coalition (ECHO) and Homelessness Response System (Kate Moore, Vice President of Strategy and Quiana Fisher, Vice President of Programs)

**Kate Moore and Quiana Fisher gave the presentation.**

3. Presentation and discussion on Neighborhood Services Unit Rent Assistance Program (Angel Zambrano, Manager, Neighborhood Services Unit, Austin Public Health)

**Angel Zambrano gave the presentation.**

4. Presentation and discussion on the CSBG Community Needs Assessment for the Neighborhood Services Unit (Kelly Nichols, Partner, Woollard, Nichols, and Torres Consulting)

**Kelly Nichols gave the presentation.**

5. Presentation and discussion on Summary of FY 22-23 Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER) and Public Comments (Chris Duran, Housing Department)

**Chris Duran gave the presentation.**

6. Presentation and discussion on the *I Belong in Austin* eviction prevention program (Susan Watkins, Community Development Manager, Ursula Henderson, Program Manager I, Housing Department, and Dr. Rosamaria Murillo, El Buen Samaritano)

**Susan Watkins, Ursula Henderson, and Dr. Rosamaria Murillo gave the presentation.**

## **WORKING GROUP/COMMITTEE UPDATES**

7. Briefing from the Working Group on Rental Assistance (Commissioners Achilles, Elias, and Estevan Delgado)

**Commissioners Achilles, E. Delgado and Vice Chair Elias gave a briefing regarding the goals of the working group.**

8. Briefing on the Austin Transit Partnership Community Advisory Committee (CAC) (Chair Thompson)

**Chair Thompson briefed the CDC that there will no longer be a CDC representative on the Austin Transit Partnership Community Advisory Committee (CAC). There will be periodic updates from the CAC to keep the CDC informed.**

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no future agenda items discussed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**The meeting was adjourned without objection at 9:28pm.**

**The minutes of the CDC's January 9, 2024, meeting were approved at the March 12, 2024, meeting on Commissioner Longoria's motion, Commissioner Estevan Delgado's second on a 9-0-0 vote with Commissioners Brown, Garcia, and Jaso absent. There are currently three vacancies on the board.**