



**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES
MARCH 12, 2024**

The COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION convened in a REGULAR MEETING on MARCH 12, 2024, at City Hall Boards and Commissions Room 1101, 301 West 2nd Street, in Austin, Texas. Some members of the commission participated by video conference.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:43pm with 9 members present.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:

Cheryl Thompson (Chair)
Jenny Achilles
Bertha Delgado
Estevan Delgado
Michael Tolliver

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Jose Noe Elias (Vice Chair)
Raul Longoria
Jo Anne Ortiz
Julia Woods

Board Members/Commissioners Absent:

Steven Brown
Cynthia Jaso
Miriam Garcia

Staff Members in Attendance

Nefertitti Jackmon
Ed Blake
Letitia Brown
Leslie Boyd
Chris Duran
James May
Julie Smith
Lisa Rodriguez
Angel Zambrano

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Barbara Scott, Tillie Croxdale, Ted Rothe, Sherri “Sophie” Taylor, Elisa Rendon Montoya, and Bertha Rendon Delgado addressed the CDC.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the January 9, 2024, Community Development Commission meeting minutes.

The minutes from the meeting of, January 9, 2024, were approved on Commissioner Longoria’s motion, Commissioner Estevan Delgado’s second, on a 9-0-0 vote with Commissioners Brown, Jaso and Garcia absent.

BRIEFINGS

2. Briefing regarding attendance and conflict of interest sign-in sheets, especially for remote attendees (Chair Thompson).

Chair Thompson reminded the commissioners of the required documents from those attending remotely.

3. Officer elections will be held at the April 9th meeting (Chair Thompson)

Chair Thompson notified the commissioners of upcoming officer elections on April 9, 2024.

4. Briefing regarding electronic correspondence with commissioners, stated in the recent email notice from Communications & Technology Management (CTM)

Chair Thompson briefed the board regarding changes in electronic communications, emphasizing that only City of Austin boards and commissions emails will be permitted to be used.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

5. Discussion and approval of a designated speaking time duration for CDC board members (Chair Thompson, Housing Department Staff)

Chair Thompson lead the discussion on designated speaking times and a round robin discussion format, allowing each member time to speak. Chair Longoria moved to discuss the item and Commissioner Bertha Delgado seconded the motion. Following discussion, the Chair agreed to table the motion until the next meeting.

6. Discussion and approval regarding setting a date for a Special Called Meeting on Saturday, April 27th or Saturday, May 4, 2024 (Chair Thompson)

Chair Thompson announced the Special Called Meeting on May 4, 2024. The May 4, 2024, special called meeting date was approved on Vice Chair Elias’s motion, Commissioner Estevan Delgado’s second on a 9-0-0 vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. Discussion regarding City of Austin 2024 – 2025 budget and potentially forming a working group to make recommendations to Council. Information on the budget can be found at: www.austintexas.gov/budget (Chair Thompson).

Following Chair Thompson’s call for volunteers, Vice Chair Elias and Commissioners Achilles, Bertha Delgado and Estevan Delgado volunteered to serve on a Budget Recommendation Working Group.

7. Presentation and discussion on FY 24-29 Consolidated Plan Community Needs Assessment (Housing Department: Chris Duran, Senior Research Analyst; Julie Smith, Community Engagement Specialist; Jamey May, Housing and Community Development Officer. Austin Public Health: Leslie Boyd, Acting Public Health Program Manager II).

Chris Duran, James May and Leslie Boyd gave the presentation.

PUBLIC HEARING

8. Public Hearing on the FY 24-29 Consolidated Plan

Elisa Rendon Montoya, Barbara Scott, Sherri “Sophie” Taylor, and Zenobia Joseph addressed the commission.

DISCUSSION ITEMS, continued

10. Presentation and discussion on the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) for February and March 2024 (Angel Zambrano, Manager, Neighborhood Services Unit, Austin Public Health)

Angel Zambrano gave the presentation.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 9:43pm.

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 Garcia absent, and Commissioners Brown and Jaso off the dais. There are currently three vacancies on the board.