



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

The COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION convened in a REGULAR MEETING on APRIL 9, 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 6:31pm with 12 members present.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:

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

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Steven Brown
Jo Anne Ortiz
Gavin Porter
Julia Woods

Board Members/Commissioners Absent:

Miriam Garcia

Staff Members in Attendance

Nefertitti Jackmon
Letitia Brown
Ed Blake
Evelyn Mitchell
Cara Bertron
Lisa Rodriguez
Angel Zambrano

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Zenobia Joseph and Susana Almanza addressed the CDC.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the March 12, 2024, Community Development Commission meeting minutes.

The minutes from the meeting of, March 12, 2024, minutes were approved on Vice Chair Elias’s motion, Commissioner Bertha Delgado’s second, on a 12-0-0 vote with Commissioner Garcia absent.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

2. Conduct CDC annual officer elections. Current officer terms will expire at the end of April with new terms beginning May 1, 2024. City Code requires that all boards/commissions elect a Chair and Vice Chair.

Chair Thompson called for nominations for Vice Chair. On Commissioner Bertha Delgado’s motion, Commissioner Ortiz’s second, Vice Chair Elias was elected to continue his service as Vice Chair on a 12-0-0 vote.

Vice Chair Elias called for nominations for Chair. On Commissioner Tolliver’s motion, Commissioner Brown’s second, Chair Thompson was elected to continue her service as Chair on a 12-0-0 vote.

3. Discuss and vote on shortening speaking time duration and utilizing a round-robin format for discussions, ensuring all CDC members have a chance to speak on each item (Chair Thompson)

Following discussion, the commissioners did not take action; however, it was agreed that speaker duration would be taken up on a meeting-by-meeting basis and that the Chair’s proposed guidelines would serve as a baseline for speaking time protocol.

4. Discuss and approve a recommendation from the Budget Working Group regarding the City of Austin 2024 – 2025 budget. Information on the budget can be found at: www.austintexas.gov/budget. (Chair Thompson)

Following discussion of the proposed recommendation, Commissioner Delgado moved to approve the first friendly amendment to incorporate language about removing barriers to eligibility. A second friendly amendment was proposed by Commissioner Achilles to bold the dollar amount and the last sentence of a new paragraph suggested by Commissioner E. Delgado, regarding the removal of barriers to eligibility, shaded bus shelters and approval of \$250,000 for an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) path.

On Commissioner Elias’s motion, Commissioner Tolliver’s second, the first amendment was approved on a 11-0-1 vote with Commissioner Ortiz abstaining. On Commissioner Tolliver’s motion, Commissioner Achilles’s second, the second friendly

amendment was approved on an 11-0-1 vote with Commissioner Ortiz abstaining. On Commissioner Bertha Delgado's motion, Commissioner Longoria's second, the main recommendation with both amendments was approved on a 11-0-1 vote with Commissioner Ortiz abstaining.

BRIEFINGS

5. Briefing on Special Called Meeting scheduled for Saturday, May 4, 2024 (Housing Department staff)

The commissioners provided input and suggestions for changes to the Special Called Meeting agenda and Chair Thompson directed staff to make the changes.

6. Briefing on sexual harassment training due by May 10, 2024 (Housing Department staff).

Chair Thompson gave a reminder about the required sexual harassment training deadline.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. Presentation and discussion on the Housing Department's Rental Housing Development Assistance (RHDA) program and investments, and geographic dispersion (Mandy DeMayo and James May, Housing Department).

This item was moved to a future meeting.

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

Angel Zambrano gave the presentation.

9. Presentation about updating the 2012 Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan, and possible action to appoint a representative to support the development and implementation of the Imagine Austin comprehensive engagement process (Evelyn Mitchell, Planning Department).

Evelyn Mitchell gave the presentation. Commissioner Ortiz volunteered to serve as the representative to support the development and implementation of the Imagine Austin comprehensive engagement process.

10. Presentation on Equity-Based Preservation Plan (brief presentation) (Cara Bertron, Housing Department).

Cara Bertron gave the presentation. A Preservation Plan Working Group was formed, including Commissioners Bertha Delgado and Estevan Delgado.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- **Presentation on anti-displacement funds and how they will be utilized**
- **Project Connect presentation linked to the anti-displacement funds (Housing Department and Austin Transportation Plan staff)**
- **Preservation Plan Recommendation approval (Preservation Plan Recommendation Working Group: Bertha Delgado and Estevan Delgado)**
- **Update on construction of Rosewood Courts (Housing Authority of the City of Austin)**
- **Presentation from Austin Voices for Education and Youth (Commissioner Longoria)**
- **Presentation from Department of Family and Community Engagement ask Commissioner Longoria (Austin Independent School District, Parent Support Services)**
- **Presentation from Zenobia Joseph Light Rail funding**

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 9:53pm.

The minutes of the CDC's April 9, 2024, meeting were approved at the May 14, 2024, meeting on Commissioner Tolliver's motion, Commissioner Longoria's second on an 8-0-0 vote with Commissioners Brown, Estevan Delgado and Jaso absent, and Commissioner Bertha Delgado off the dais. There are currently three vacancies on the board.