



**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES
DECEMBER 10th, 2024**

The COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION convened in a REGULAR MEETING on December 10th, 2024, at the Austin City Hall, Boards and Commissions Room 1101, 301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas. Some members of the commission participated by video conference.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:

Cheryl Thompson (Chair)
Jose Noe Elias (Vice Chair)
Bertha Delgado
Jenny Achilles
Raul E. Longoria

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Nyeka Arnold
Tisha-Vonique Hood
Julia Woods

Board Members/Commissioners Absent:

Cynthia Jaso
Gavin Porter
Michael Tolliver
Jo Anne Ortiz

Staff Members in Attendance

Nefertitti Jackmon
Angel Zambrano
Ed Blake
Susan Watkins
Lorena Lopez Chavarin (remotely)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cheryl Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:49 pm with 8 commissioners present. Commissioners Gavin Porter, Cynthia Jaso, Jo Anne Ortiz, and Michael Tolliver were absent. There are currently three vacancies on the board.

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.

Zenobia Joseph, Mami Camara and Imani Aanu addressed the CDC. The meeting was recessed at 7:10 pm due to lost quorum when Commissioner Arnold briefly left the dais due to technical issues. The Chair reconvened the meeting at 7:15 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the November 11th, Community Development Commission meeting minutes.

This item was moved to a future meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Presentation regarding the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) activities and outcomes (Angel Zambrano, Manager, Neighborhood Services Unit, Austin Public Health).

Angel Zambrano presented.

3. Presentation and discussion on the Tenant Relocation Ordinance and Program (Susan Watkins, Division Manager, Housing Department and Nicole King, Laveer Logix)

Susan Watkins and Nicole King presented.

Zenobia Joseph addressed the commission with her concerns regarding Items 2 and 3, and submitted documentation for the commissions' consideration.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

4. Discussion and possible action to approve the Community Development Commission 2025 Meeting Schedule, with an alternative date of November 18, 2025 to accommodate Veterans' Holiday (Edward Blake, Program Manager Housing Department)

Edward Blake presented. On Commissioner Longoria's motion, Vice Chair Elias second, a motion to approve 2025 meeting schedule was approved on an 8-0-0 vote.

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5. Discussion and possible action regarding a request from Juan Raymon Rubio (Historical Zoning Commissioner) for a letter of support from the CDC regarding historic zoning at 1500 E. 12th Street (Vice Chair Elias)

On Commissioner Delgado motion, Commissioner Tisha second, a motion to approve letter of recommendation for historic zoning was approved on an 8-0-0 vote. Those members voting aye were Chair Thompson, Vice Chair Elias and Commissioners Achilles, Arnold Delgado, Longoria, Tisha, and Woods.

PUBLIC HEARING:

None.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Updates on CDC Vacancies.
- Presentation from Homeless Strategy Office on winter preparedness and cold weather response.
- Presentation and discussion on Water Forward 2024 plan as it is currently in community engagement phase.
- Possible presentation from Emergency Preparedness Department.
- Presentation on winter preparedness from Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO) - Homeless Response team.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Cheryl Thompson adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:40 pm.

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