



**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES (Corrected)
AUGUST 12th, 2025**

The COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION convened in a REGULAR MEETING on AUGUST 12th, 2025, at the Austin City Hall, Boards and Commissions – Room 1101, in Austin, Texas. Some members of the commission participated by video conference.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:

Cynthia Jaso
Jose Noe Elias (Chair)
Sonia Martinez
Raul Longoria
Valerie Menard

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Cassandra Medrano
Jenny Achilles (Vice Chair)
Jo Anne Ortiz
Lyric Wardlow
Taniquewa Brewster

Board Members/Commissioners Absent:

Ebonie Trice
Nyeka Arnold
Tisha-Vonique Hood

Staff Members in Attendance

Chase Bryan
Chris Duran
Ed Blake
Ellis Morgan
Jill Smith
Lorena Lopez Chavarin (remotely)
Nefertitti Jackmon
Marla Torrado

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Noe Elias called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM, with 10 members in attendance.

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.

No speakers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the July 8th, 2025, Community Development Commission meeting minutes.

On Commissioner Longoria's motion, Commissioner Ortiz seconded, and the July 8th, 2025, minutes were approved on an 8-0-0 vote. Commissioners Medrano and Lyric were off the dais.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

2. Discussion and possible action on the updated gap financing application process, highlight recent rewards, and request two Community Development Commissioners to volunteer to the Housing Investment Review Committee (HIRC) (Chris Duran, Financial Analyst IV, and Ellis Morgan, Financial Analyst IV, Austin Housing).

Chris Duran and Ellis Morgan presented. Commissioner Menard and Commissioner Medrano were nominated to the Housing Investment Review Committee. Both accepted the nomination.

3. Discussion and possible action on the proposed 2026 CSBG Budget and Community Action Plan (Jill Smith, Acting Manager, Neighborhood Services Unit, Austin Public Health).

On Commissioner Longoria's motion, Commissioner Brewster seconded, and the proposed 2025 CSBG Budget and Community Action Plan was approved on a 9-1-0 vote. Commissioner Menard abstained.

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PUBLIC HEARING

4. Conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed 2026 CSBG Budget and Community Action Plan, as required by 1) US Department of Health and Human Services, and 2) the Texas Administrative Code, Title 10, Part 1, Chapter 6, Subchapter B, §6.206 (Jill Smith, Acting Manager, Neighborhood Services Unit, Austin Public Health).
Jill Smith presented. Chair Noe Elias closed the public hearing.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. Presentation regarding the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) activities and outcomes (Jill Smith, Acting Manager, Neighborhood Services Unit, Austin Public Health).

Jill Smith presented.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. Presentation on updates regarding adding paid parking east of Interstate 35, and south of 3rd street and how that will have effects on Sanchez Elementary and Martin Middle school (AISD) Curtis Rogers, Project Coordinator and Ryan Royal, Program Manager III Transportation and Public Works).

Curtis Rogers presented.

7. Discussion and update on the Housing Investment Review Committee (HIRC) (Chris Duran and Ellis Morgan, Financial Analyst IV Austin Housing).

Chris Duran and Ellis Morgan presented.

8. Discussion and update on Anti-Displacement Community Acquisition Program (Chase Bryan Planner II, Austin Housing).

Chase Bryan presented.

WORKING GROUP/COMMITTEE UPDATES

9. Briefing from the Elections and Onboarding work group (Vice Chair Achilles).

Vice Chair Achilles presented.

10. Update on the Community Development Committee planning meeting/retreat (Chair Elias).

Chair Noe Elias presented.

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FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Noe Elias adjourned the meeting at 9:05 PM without objections.

On Commissioner Longoria's motion, Commissioner Martinez seconded, the August 12th, 2025, Community Development Commission meeting minutes were approved at the September 9th 2025, CDC meeting, with a 9-0-0 vote.

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