COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 12th, 2026

The COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION convened in a REGULAR MEETING on MAY 12th, 2026, at CITY HALL, BOARDS AND COMMISSION ROOM, in Austin, Texas. Some members of the commission participated by video conference.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:
Cynthia Jaso
Jenny Achilles
Lyric Wardlow
Tiffany Moore
Raul Longoria
Sonia Martinez

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:
Nyeka Arnold
Tisha-Vonique Hood

Board Members/Commissioners Absent:
Cassandra Medrano
Ebonie Oliver
JoAnne Ortiz
Jose Noe Elias (Chair)
Taniquewa Brewster
Valerie Menard

Staff Members in Attendance:
Angel Zambrano
Lorena Lopez Chavarin (Remotely)
Miguel Lopez
Nefertitti
Jackmon
Veronica Samo

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Pro tempore Jaso called the meeting to order at 6:41 PM.

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.

Carlos Alejandro Soto provided public comment.

Zenobia Joseph provided public comment.

Nyeka Arnold provided public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the CDC Regular meetings held on March 10, 2026, and April

14, 2026.

The minutes of the March 10th, 2026, meeting were approved on Commissioner Lyric's motion, Commissioner Longoria's second, on a 6-2 vote. Commissioner Arnold and Moore opposed.

The minutes of the April 14th, 2026, meeting were approved on Commissioner Tisha's motion, Commissioner Achilles second, on an 8-0 vote.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Staff briefing regarding Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) activities and outcomes. Presentation by Angel Zambrano, Program Manager III, Austin Public Health.

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Health.

PUBLIC HEARING

3. Public Hearing on Needs Assessment for Annual Action Plan. Public Hearing held by Veronica Samo, Public Information and Marketing Program Manager, and Julie Smith, Community Engagement Specialist, Austin Housing.

The presentation was made by Veronica Samo, Public Information and Marketing Program

Manager, Austin Housing

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Presentation on the report and findings set to be considered by the Infrastructure Working Group. Discussion led by Commissioner Tiffany Moore.

Discussed.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

5. Election of Community Development Commission Vice Chair. Election will be held by the presiding officer.

Commissioner Lyric was elected as Vice Chair on Commissioner Tisha's motion, Commissioner Arnold seconded on an 8-0 vote.

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

6. Update from the CDC Strategy Working Group. Discussion led by Commissioner Tisha.

Discussed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- **Discussion of current encampment sweeps happening in Austin**.
- **Invite Down South Cajun Eats to come speak on the violence that occurred recently at their establishment and what safety measures are being taken.**
- **Discussion on the Community Assessment Survey circulating on social media from a consulting company out of Georgia and wanting to know the community feedback.**
- **Discussion on the community-wide assessment done by Acme regarding cultural institutions here in Austin.**
- **Discussion on the Community Assessment Survey done by the African American Cultural District and what the results were.**
- **Presentation from David Grey with the Homelessness Strategy Office regarding insight into the strategic next steps and planning addressing homelessness in Austin.**

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Pro tempore Jaso adjourned the meeting at 8:54 PM without objection

These minutes were approved at the June 9th, 2026, Community Development Commission meeting on Commissioner Tisha's motion, Commissioner Achille's second on a 8-0 vote.

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