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# THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE PROJECT CONNECT COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE WAS CONVENED Wednesday, January 26, 2021 Rosa Parks Boardroom 2910 East 5th Street, Austin, TX 78702 and some members of CAC may be participating by videoconference

**Members in Attendance: Members Absent:**

Awais Azhar - Chair Susana Almanza – V. Chair

Brianna Snitchler – Secretary Alex Karner

Kathryn Broadwater David Shapiro

Joao Paulo Connolly

Gretchen Flatau

Jeremy Hendricks

Renee Lopez

David Shapiro

Susan Somers

Theodore Fong

Elias Noe

**Attendees:**

Cupid Alexander Martin Kareithi

Nathan Bernier Miguel Lopez

Veronica Castro Debereria James May

Brandon Carr Terry McGinty

Courtney Chavez Anne Milne

Randy Clarke Jackie Nirenberg

Tony Elkins Edna Parra

Neal Falgoust Travis Perlman

Hala Farid Andrew Pyle

Alyssa Hedge Steven Skeele

Terry Hockens Julie Smith

Amanda Jasso Lonny Stern

Nefertitti Jackmon Rachel Tepper

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# CALL TO ORDER

The Project Connect Community Advisory Committee convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 26, 2021

Chair Azhar called the Committee meeting to order at 5:06 PM

# Citizen Communication

Randy Clarke, spoke on behalf of the Austin Transit Partnership (ATP). Mr. Clarke emphasized ATP’s commitment to supporting CAC, in any way that is brought to their attention. His comments were followed by a question and answer session.

# Land Acknowledgement

Miguel Lopez read the Land Acknowledgement statement.

# Approval of Minutes

1. **Approve the minutes of the November 15, 2021 meeting of the Project Connect Community Advisory Committee.**

The minutes were approved on the 26th day of January 2022 on Member Hendricks motion to approve and Member Snitchler second confirmed with a unanimous vote. 10-0

# Discussion Items

1. **Anti-Displacement Memorandum – Awais Azhar**
   1. Chair Azhar shared the adoption of the memorandum outlining the distribution of funds for CY 2022. The highlights of the memo are as follows:
      1. Commitment of $23 million for land acquisition and affordable housing preservation.
      2. Commitment of $21 million towards the development of affordable housing through the City’s housing development assistance programs.
      3. Commitment of $20 million to Anti-Displacement Initiatives.
      4. Commitment of $1 million for staffing.
   2. The presentation was followed by a question-and-answer session
      1. Member Connolly requested more community involvement.
      2. Member Broadwater requested more information of what land assets the City and CapMetro currently have.
   3. Member Connolly moves to adopt memorandum as is to be sent to Council, Member Flatau seconds.
      1. Confirmed with a unanimous vote. 10-0

1. **Systemwide Accessibility Program Outline and Plan, Martin Kareithi**
   1. Martin Kareithi, Program Manager of Accessible Services for CapMetro, presented on the Systemwide Accessibility Program Outline and Plan. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session.
2. **Land Acquisition Program for City of Austin, Travis Perlman**
   1. Travis Perlman, Project Coordinator for Housing and Planning Department, presented on the Project Connect Anti-Displacement Community Acquisition Program (ADCAP) goals and processes. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session.
3. **TAC / Working Group Update**
   1. Jackie Nirenberg gave an update on the Community Engagement calendar.
   2. Chair Azhar gave an update on the Anti-Displacement Working Group
   3. Member Broadwater gave an update on the ETOD Working Group focusing on the need for more information on assets for the City, and CapMetro
   4. Chair Azhar expressed the need for working group chairs, member information, and possible external members
4. **Future Meetings**
   1. Chair Azhar gave an update on the CAC schedule for Calendar Year 2022, including preferences for meeting dates and times. After February meeting CAC will shift to second Thursday of the month.

# Action Items

No Action Items were discussed**.**

# Future Items

No Future Items were discussed

# ADJOURN

Chair Azhar adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM without objection