



**THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE PROJECT CONNECT
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MEETING MINUTES

**Thursday, December 14, 2023
ATP Office | Conference Room**

203 Colorado Street, Austin, TX 78701

(with some members of the CAC participating via video conference)

Members in Attendance:

Awais Azhar – Chair
Gretchen Flatau – Vice Chair
Susan Somers – Secretary
Kathryn Broadwater
Joao Paulo Connolly
Jeremy Hendricks
Michael Gorse
Ephraim Taylor

Members Absent:

Alex Karner
Noe Elias
Renee Lopez
Teddy Fong

Attendees:

Yannis Banks
Jeremy Benoit
Peter Breton
Brandon Carr
Courtney Chavez
Warner Cook
Katherine Gonzalez
Lucy Hall
Terry Hockens
Katie Houston
Nefertitti Jackmon
Darryl Jamail

Anna Lan
Miguel Lopez
Matthew Mejia
Melissa Ortiz
Edna Parra
Eric Robins
Joseph Rose
Geeti Silwal
Katherine Sobel
Gardner Tabon
Paul Ward

CALL TO ORDER

The Project Connect Community Advisory Committee convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, December 14, 2023.

Chair Awais Azhar called the Committee meeting to order at 5:04 PM

Land Acknowledgement

Miguel Lopez read the Land Acknowledgement statement.

Approval of Minutes

1. Approve the minutes of the November 9, 2023 general meeting of the Project Connect Community Advisory Committee.

The minutes of the November 9, 2023, general meeting were approved on a motion by Member Conolly, seconded by Vice Chair Flatau; confirmed with a unanimous vote (8-0).

Action Items

1. 2024 CAC Meeting Schedule, Awais Azhar

- a. Chair Azhar provided a description, and preview, of the draft schedule for the CAC meetings in the year 2024. The proposed schedule was approved, with the change of the February meeting date to Thursday, February 8, 2024, through a motion from Chair Azhar, seconded by Secretary Somers; confirmed with a unanimous vote (8-0).

Citizen Communication

One citizen provided comment at this time.

Discussion Items

1. Public Safety Program – Edna Parra, Darryl Jamail, Peter Breton, CapMetro

- a. Edna Parra, Community Engagement Manager for CapMetro, provided an update on the CapMetro Public Safety Program including the community and stakeholder engagement. Darryl Jamail, Senior Director of Public Safety and Emergency Management for CapMetro, provided a presentation on the Public Safety Ambassador and the Community Intervention programs. Peter Breton, Community Engagement Organizer for CapMetro, provided an update on the CapMetro Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) proposed subcommittees. The presentation was followed by a questions-and-answer session.
 - i. Contributions to the discussion were made by Dotty Watkins, President and CEO of CapMetro.
- b. The following items represent information shared during the question-and-answer session with the CAC members.
 - i. PSAC Subcommittees (*proposed*)
 1. Facilities and Equipment
 2. Recruitment
 3. Community Outreach and Engagement
 4. Policies
 5. Trainings and Curriculum
 - ii. PSAC Composition
 1. Selection of ten (10) total members.
 - a. Eight (8) members selected by each of the eight (8)

- CapMetro Board members.
- b. Two (2) members selected by the Chair of the CapMetro Board, Dotty Watkins.
 - i. One (1) Designated ATU Representative.
 - ii. One (1) Designated Former Law Enforcement Representative.
- c. The following items represent the pending questions shared during the question-and-answer session with the CAC members.
 - i. What is the ratio, of calls received, that would be divided between the differing type of responses? Can this information be shared with the CAC or the PSAC subcommittees?
 - ii. What is the comparative cost of the current response program, featuring part-time APD officers, with the projected cost of the anticipated response program?
 - iii. How can CAC members formally engage with the creation process?
 - iv. Would CapMetro consider making all PSAC materials public?

2. Equitable Transit Oriented Development (ETOD) Update – Anna Lan, ATP, Warner Cook, City of Austin

- a. Anna Lan, ETOD Manager for CapMetro, and Warner Cook, Principal Planner for the City of Austin’s Planning Department, provided an update on the ETOD Policy Plan. The discussion was followed by a questions-and-answer session.
 - i. Contributions to the discussion were provided by Geeti Silwal, Principal Designer for Perkins & Will, and Lucy Hall, Planner Senior for the City of Austin’s Planning Department.

Staff Updates

1. CapMetro Staff Updates

Courtney Chavez, Senior Vice President for Equity and Community Partnership for ATP, provided an update on the selection process for the next cohort of CAC members.

2. City of Austin Updates

No updates were provided at this time.

3. ATP Staff Updates

No updates were provided at this time.

4. Working Group/TAC Updates

No updates were provided at this time.

Future Items

Secretary Somers requested to have the CAC review the proposed ETOD Policy Plan before it is sent to council.

ADJOURN

Chair Azhar adjourned the meeting at 7:12 PM without objection.