



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

**Thursday, December 8, 2022  
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  
Brianna Snitchler – Secretary  
Joao Paulo Connolly  
Gretchen Flatau  
Michael Gorse  
Renee Lopez  
Susan Somers  
Ephraim Taylor

**Members Absent:**

Susana Almanza  
Kathryn Broadwater  
Teddy Fong  
Jeremy Hendricks  
Alex Karner  
Elias Noe

**Attendees:**

Courtney Chavez	Peter Mullan
Hala Farid	Julie Smith
Terry Hockens	Lonny Stern
Nefertitti Jackmon	Marla Torrado
Miguel Lopez	Susan Watkins

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Project Connect Community Advisory Committee convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, December 8, 2022

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

**Land Acknowledgement**

Miguel Lopez read the Land Acknowledgement statement.

**Citizen Communication**

No public comment was provided.

## **Approval of Minutes**

### **1. Approve the minutes of the November 10, 2022, meeting of the Project Connect Community Advisory Committee.**

The minutes of the November 10, 2022 meeting were approved on a motion by Member Flatau, seconded by Member Connolly; confirmed with a unanimous vote (8-0).

## **Discussion Items**

### **1. ATP Project Update – Courtney Chavez and Peter Mullan, ATP**

- a. Courtney Chavez, Director of Equity and Inclusion for ATP, and Peter Mullan, Chief of Architecture and Urban Design for ATP, provided an update on the ATP Project overview. The presentation included the new scope of the project, federal grant process, workplan, evaluation process, as well as a technical analysis of the Downtown Hub. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session.

### **2. ATP Community Engagement Plan - Lonny Stern, ATP**

- a. Lonny Stern, Public Involvement Manager with ATP, provided a presentation on the goals, priorities, and strategies in the Project Connect Community Engagement process. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session.

### **3. Anti-Displacement Planning Presentation – Awais Azhar, CAC**

- a. Chair Awais Azhar provided an update on the Project Connect Anti-Displacement Planning process, future steps, and project prioritization. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session.

## **Action Item**

### **1. Approval of 2023 CAC Meeting Calendar**

- a. Chair Azhar led a conversation on the prospective 2023 CAC Meeting Calendar.
  - i. A proposal to maintain the current calendar and location through 2023 was established.
- b. The proposal to maintain the current calendar and location for the 2023 Calendar Year was approved on a motion by Chair Azhar, seconded by Secretary Snitchler; confirmed with a unanimous vote (8-0).

## **Staff Updates**

### **1. City of Austin Staff Updates**

- a. Nefertitti Jackmon, Displacement Prevention Officer for the City of Austin, provided an update on the adoption of resolutions from the City Council Meeting held on Thursday, December 8, 2022, including the Equitable Transit Oriented Development (ETOD) guidelines.
- b. Ms. Jackmon provided an update on Anti-Displacement investments, including acquisition of properties to provide housing for low-income

households, the funding dispersal and timeline for the Community Initiated Solutions (CIS) selections, as well as the upcoming Anti-Displacement Navigator Program.

**2. ATP Staff Updates**

- a. Courtney Chavez, Director of Equity and Inclusion for ATP, provided an update on ATP hirings, including Lindsay Wood as the Chief of Engineering and Construction.

**3. Working Group/TAC Updates**

- a. No updates given at this time

**Future Items**

Member Connolly requested a future discussion and presentation, from ATP or CapMetro, on how to engage the community during the process of potential hiring needs and capacity building for Project Connect, with concern paid to partnerships with organizations such as Austin Community College (ACC).

**ADJOURN**

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