



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

Thursday, July 14, 2021

Conference Room 400A

1000 E 11th, Austin, TX 78702

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

Members in Attendance:

Awais Azhar - Chair
Susana Almanza – V. Chair
Brianna Snitchler – Secretary
Kathryn Broadwater
Gretchen Flatau
Theodore Fong
Renee Lopez
Elias Noe
Susan Somers
Ephraim Taylor

Members Absent:

Jeremy Hendricks
Alex Karner
J.P. Connolly

Attendees:

Greg Canally	Nefertitti Jackmon
Brandon Carr	Miguel Lopez
Courtney Chavez	James May
Hala Farid	Lonny Stern
Alex Gale	Rachel Tepper
Alyssa Hedge	Marla Torrado
Terry Hockens	Dottie Watkins

CALL TO ORDER

The Project Connect Community Advisory Committee convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, July 14, 2022

Chair Azhar called the Committee meeting to order at 5:07 PM

Land Acknowledgement

Vice Chair Susana Almanza read the Land Acknowledgement statement.

Citizen Communication

No Public Comment was shared

Welcome from Dottie Watkins

Dottie Watkins, CEO of CAPMetro, provided an introduction to the CAC.

Special Presentation from Greg Canally

Greg Canally, Executive Director of Austin Transit Partnership (ATP), and Courtney Chavez, Director of Equity and Inclusion for ATP, gave a special presentation of the Austin Chronicle's Best Civic Volunteers Award, recognizing the work of the CAC. The presentation was followed by a comment from Chair Azhar.

Approval of Minutes

1. Approve the minutes of the June 9, 2022, meeting of the Project Connect Community Advisory Committee.

The minutes of the June 9, 2022 meeting were approved on a motion by Vice Chair Almanza, seconded by Member Taylor; confirmed with a unanimous vote (9-0).

Action Item

1. Election of Officials

- a. Chair Azhar nominated Susana Almanza for Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Member Noe. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).
- b. Chair Azhar nominated Brianna Snitchler for Secretary. The motion was seconded by Member Flatau. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).
- c. Vice Chair Almanza nominated Awais Azhar for Chair. The motion was seconded by Member Lopez. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Discussion Item

1. Property Impacts and Continuing Acquisition Work – Alex Gale

- a. Alex Gale, Director of Real Estate for ATP, gave a presentation on the Right of Way and Real Property Acquisition Process of ATP. The presentation was followed by a Q and A session.

2. Update on Community Advisory Committee Anti-Displacement Community Acquisition Program (ADCAP) Recommendations – James May

- a. James May, Housing and Community Development Officer for the City of Austin, gave a presentation on the City of Austin ADCAP process. The presentation was followed by a Q and A session.

3. Inclusive Outreach – Lonny Stern

- a. Lonny Stern, interim Director for Community Engagement and Involvement for ATP, gave a presentation on Inclusive Outreach. The presentation was followed by a Q and A session.

4. 30% Design Recommendations – Awais Azhar

- a. Chair Azhar provided an update on the Blue Line and Orange Line Design Working Groups.

5. Staff Updates

- a. Marla Torrado, Community Development Manager for the City of Austin, provided an update on the Community Initiated Solutions (CIS) and the Budget Prioritization and Community Engagement processes.
- b. Courtney Chavez, Director of Equity and Inclusion for ATP, provided an update on the forthcoming ATP Board of Directors Meeting, Initial Title VI Program, the Fair Study Pilot Program, and the ETOD process. The update was followed by a Q and A session.
- c. Alyssa Hedge, Project Coordinator for the City of Austin, provided an update on the ATP Board Member Application and Appointment Process
- d. No TAC Delegate Reports were provided.

6. Working Group Reports

- a. No Working Group Reports were provided.

Future Items

Vice Chair Almanza has recommended that standing policy be established to ensure that Anti-Displacement funds reach the goal of serving residents who live at 30% MFI and 40 % MFI.

The location for the next CAC General Meeting will be moved to the ATP Board Room located at 203 Colorado St., Austin, TX 78701.

ADJOURN

Chair Azhar adjourned the meeting at 7:03 PM without objection.