



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

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 11, 2024

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
Ruven Brooks
Reed Cshamari
Jay Blazek Crossley
Michael Gorse
Elisabeth Meyer

Members Absent:

Katherine Fan
Jeremy Hendricks

Attendees:

Brandon Carr
Courtney Chavez
Stevie Greathouse
Lucy Hall
Terry Hockens
Katie Houston
Nefertitti Jackmon
Darryl Jamell

Miguel Lopez
Melissa Ortiz
Peter Parthymueller
Marla Torrado
Ana Villareal
Amber Warren
Holly Winge

CALL TO ORDER

The Project Connect Community Advisory Committee convened in a regular

meeting on Thursday, July 11, 2024.

Vice Chair Gretchen Flatau called the Committee meeting to order at 5:02 PM

Land Acknowledgement

Miguel Lopez read the CAC Land Acknowledgement statement, on behalf of the CAC.

Citizen Communication

No Citizen provided comment at this time.

Approval of Minutes

- 1. Approve the minutes of the June 13, 2024, general meeting of the Project Connect Community Advisory Committee.**

The minutes of the June 13, 2024, general meeting were approved on a motion by Member Brooks, seconded by Member Crossley; confirmed with a unanimous vote (8-0).

Action Items

- 1. Approval of Resolution Acknowledging Community Outreach Efforts – Ruven Brooks, Community Advisory Committee**
 - Member Brooks presented a resolution commending Austin Transit Partnership (ATP) for an exemplary public outreach and community engagement effort during the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process. Member Brooks motioned for the resolution to be adopted with a small typographical edit. The motion was seconded by Member Meyer and passed unanimously (8-0).
- 2. Recommendation of CAC Member Appointment – Awais Azhar, Community Advisory Committee**
 - Chair Azhar led a discussion on the process for recommending a new member to be selected by the nominating bodies of the CAC. Chair Azhar identified Catalina Berry, Executive Director of the East Austin Conservancy, as the candidate selected by the Governing Working Group to be nominated for membership. Chair Azhar motioned to recommend Catalina Berry to fill the vacancy of past Member Joao Paulo Connolly, seconded by Member Blazek Crossley. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

3. Recommendation of CAC Ex-Officio Member Appointment – Awais Azhar, Community Advisory Committee

- a. Chair Azhar provided a description of the process for selecting ex-officio members to the CAC. Chair Azhar identified John Raffier as the candidate selected by the Governing Working Group to be asked to serve as an ex-officio member. Chair Azhar motioned to select John Raffier as an ex-officio member, seconded by Secretary Somers. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Discussion Items**1. Anti-Displacement Investments Budget Update – Nefertitti Jackmon, City of Austin**

- a. Nefertitti Jackmon, Community Displacement Prevention Officer for the City of Austin’s Housing Department, provided an update on the current and projected allocation of the voter-approved \$300 million Anti-Displacement funds. The presentation was followed by a question-and-answer session.

2. Community Intervention Specialist Presentation, Darryl Jamell & Holly Winge, CapMetro

- a. Darryl Jamell, Senior Director of Public Safety and Emergency Management for CapMetro, and Holly Winge, Community Intervention Specialist II for CapMetro, provided an overview of the Community Intervention Program. The presentation was followed by a question-and-answer session.

2. Equitable Transit-Oriented Development (ETOD) Overlay Update - Stevie Greathouse, Ana Villarreal and Lucy Hall, City of Austin

- a. Stevie Greathouse, Division Manager, Lucy Hall, Planner Senior, and Ana Villarreal, Planner Principal, all with the City of Austin’s Planning Department, provided an update on the Equitable Transit-Oriented Development (ETOD) Overview including the community engagement, goals, and future steps. The presentation was followed by a question-and-answer session.
 - i. Member Brooks and Secretary Somers requested for the ETOD Working Group to coordinate a time to meet with the City of Austin ETOD team.

Staff Updates**1. Austin Transit Partnership Update**

No updates were provided at this time.

2. City of Austin Staff Update

Dr. Marla Torrado, Division Manager for the City of Austin’s Housing Department, explained that the City will be coordinating time to meet with the Anti-Displacement Working Group to discuss future allocation of Community Initiated Solutions (CIS) funds

as well as Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).

3. CapMetro Staff Update

No updates were provided at this time.

4. Working Group/TAC Updates

No updates were provided at this time.

Future Items

Chair Azhar reminded members to be ready to discuss FY2025 Budget recommendations at the next meeting, set to be held on Thursday, August 8, 2024.

Secretary Somers requested an update, or discussion, of the MetroRapid line.

ADJOURN

Vice Chair Flatau adjourned the meeting at 7:02 PM without objection.