



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

**Thursday, February 9, 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
Susana Almanza – Vice Chair
Brianna Snitchler - Secretary
Kathryn Broadwater
Joao Paulo Connolly
Noe Elias
Theodore Fong
Michael Gorse
Jeremy Hendricks
Renee Lopez
Susan Somers
Ephraim Taylor

Members Absent:

Gretchen Flatau
Alex Karner

Attendees:

Yannis Banks	Rose Lisska
Veronica Castro de Barrera	Miguel Lopez
Courtney Chavez	Peter Mullan
Tony Elkins	Bryan Rivera
Juan Garza	Lonny Stern
Terry Hockens	Julie Smith
Nefertitti Jackmon	Marla Torrado

CALL TO ORDER

The Project Connect Community Advisory Committee convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, February 9, 2023.

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

Land Acknowledgement

Vice Chair Susana Almanza read the Land Acknowledgement statement.

Citizen Communication

Two (2) citizens shared comment at this time.

Approval of Minutes

1. Approve the minutes of the January 12, 2023, meeting of the Project Connect Community Advisory Committee.

The minutes of the January 12, 2023 meeting were approved on a motion by Member Hendricks, seconded by Secretary Snitchler; confirmed with a unanimous vote (11-0). Member Fong was not present on the dais.

Action Items

1. Anti-Displacement Funding Recommendation – Chair Awais Azhar

- a. Chair Azhar provided a draft memo for Anti-Displacement Funding Recommendations to be sent to City Council. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session.
- b. The draft of the memo was approved on a motion from Member Connolly, with the amendment of the additions of the Council real vote count and the target Median Family Income (MFI), seconded by Vice Chair Almanza; confirmed with a unanimous vote (12-0).

Discussion Items

1. Service Standards and Guidelines – Rose Lisska and Emma Martinez, CapMetro

- a. Rose Lisska, Principal Planner, and Emma Martinez, Transportation Planner, for CapMetro, provided a presentation on the Service Standards and Guidelines for CapMetro. The update was followed by a question and answer session.

2. Financing Austin Light Rail – Bryan Rivera, ATP

- a. Bryan Rivera, Treasurer for Austin Transit Partnership, provided an update on the financing of the Austin Light Rail. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session.

3. ATP - Workforce Solutions ILA Update – Workforce Mobility Industry Sector Partnership - Courtney Chavez, ATP

- a. Courtney Chavez, Senior Vice President of Equity & Community Partnership for ATP, provided an update on the ATP and Workforce Solution Interlocal Agreement and creation of the Workforce Mobility Industry Sector Partnership. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session.

Staff Updates

1. ATP Staff Updates

- a. Courtney Chavez, Senior Vice President of Equity & Community Partnership for ATP, provided an update on upcoming ATP community engagement opportunities and forums, as well as the new date and time of the ATP Board meeting (Wednesday, March 12, 2023 | 9:00 AM). The update was followed by a question and answer session.

2. City of Austin Staff Updates

Marla Torrado, Community Development Manager for the City of Austin, provided an update on the timeline for the contract process of the Community Initiated Solutions programs, stating the new start date will be in March of 2023.

3. Working Group/TAC Updates

Chair Azhar provided an update on the Governance working group, stating that the working group will meet with the ATP Partnership Board to discuss the ongoing Executive Director process.

Future Items

Member Somers requested a presentation, or summary, on the unit counts and locations of the Income Restricted Units that have upcoming sunset dates on their affordability metrics; Member Connolly suggested the presentation be provided to the relevant CAC working groups.

Chair Azhar, mirroring a previous comment from Vice Chair Almanza, requested to have a presentation on the development process for creating affordable housing.

Member Connolly requested a presentation, or an update, on the MetroRapid program.

ADJOURN

Chair Azhar adjourned the meeting at 6:55 PM without objection.