



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

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 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:

Gretchen Flatau – Vice Chair
Susan Somers – Secretary
Ruven Brooks
J.P. Connolly
Reed Cshamari
Jay Crossley
Katherine Fan
Michael Gorse
Jeremy Hendricks
Elisabeth Meyer

Members Absent:

Awais Azhar

Attendees:

Yannis Banks
Brandon Carr
Courtney Chavez
Warner Cook
April Geruso
Nefertitti Jackmon
Nicole Joslin
Nina Loehr

Miguel Lopez
Jamey May
Peter Mullen
Peter Parthymueller
Chad Sherrod
Rachel Tepper
Marla Torrado

CALL TO ORDER

The Project Connect Community Advisory Committee convened in a regular

meeting on Thursday, April 11, 2024.

Acting Chair Pro Tem, Vice Chair Gretchen Flatau, called the Committee meeting to order at 5:08 PM

Land Acknowledgement

Miguel Lopez read the CAC Land Acknowledgement statement.

Citizen Communication

Joe Riddeo – Density Bonus Equity and Station Facilities

Susana Almanza – Tokyo Electron Site

Approval of Minutes

1. Approve the minutes of the March 7, 2024 general meeting of the Project Connect Community Advisory Committee.

The minutes of the March 7, 2024, general meeting were approved, with two corrections, on a motion by Secretary Somers, seconded by Member Conolly; confirmed with a unanimous vote (10-0).

Discussion Items

1. South Central Waterfront Combining District & Density Bonus Program – April Geruso and Chad Sharrod - City of Austin

- a. April Geruso, Division Manager, and Chad Sharrod, Planner Senior, both with the City of Austin’s Planning Department, provided an overview, summary, and future steps for the South Central Waterfront Combining District and Density Bonus Program gathered from the Fall 2023 Public Engagement report. The presentation included information on district boundary expansion, density bonus program parameters, subdistricts, and critical water quality zone overlays. The presentation was followed by a question-and-answer session.
 - i. Contributions to the conversations were provided by Rachel Tepper, Planner Principal, and James May, Housing Community Development Officer, for the City of Austin’s Housing Department, and Peter Mullen, Chief of Architecture and Urban Design with the Austin Transit Partnership (ATP).

2. Equitable Transit Oriented Design – Warner Cook, City of Austin

- a. Warner Cook, Principal Planner with the City of Austin’s Planning Department, provided an update on the upcoming Code amendments to be viewed by City Council as well as the Equitable Transit Oriented Design (ETOD) overlay. The presentation provided information on the Council direction for electric vehicle charging use, Home Options for Middle-Income Employment (HOME) Phase 2, Citywide code compatibility changes, as well as the ETOD overlay. The discussion covered the upcoming public hearings, proposed budget, and public engagement schedule. The discussion was followed by a questions-and-answer session.
 - i. Contributions to the discussion were provided by Nina Loehr, Executive Program Manager for CapMetro.

2. Tokyo Electron Presentation – James May and Nicole Joslin, City of Austin

- a. James May, Housing Community Development Officer, and Nicole Joslin, Real Estate Development Manager, for the City of Austin’s Housing Department, provided an update on Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) acquisition of the Tokyo Electron site located at 5601 East Riverside, Austin, TX 78704. The presentation was followed by a questions-and-answer session.

Action Items**1. Ethics, Conflicts, and Nondisclosure Policy Training – Brandon Carr, ATP**

- a. Brandon Carr, General Counsel for ATP, provided training on the ethics, conflicts, and nondisclosure policies that are contained within the CAC bylaws. The presentation was followed by a question-and-answer session.

Staff Updates**1. CapMetro**

Courtney Chevez, Senior Vice President for Equity and Community Partnership for ATP, announced the CapMetro Public Safety Subcommittee will meet next on Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 5:00 PM.

2. ATP Staff Update

Courtney Chavez provided an update on the litigation process including the judge assignment (Hon. Eric Shephard) and the current trial date (Tuesday, May 28 - Thursday, May 30, 2024). Additionally, Ms. Chavez reported that the lawsuit and the bond validation resolution will be folded together and placed on an expedited trial date and timeline as well as the decision to limit certain sensitive financial information in the

Discovery phase.

3. City Of Austin Staff Update

Maral Torrado, Division Manager for the City of Austin's Housing Department, provided an update on the Community Initiated Solutions (CIS) programs. The update included information on the full participation from all organizations, over 750 households serviced with direct assistance, 60,000 residents connected with during outreach or events, 200 residents assisted with estate planning, and the development – and anticipated launch- of a community land trust accelerator.

4. Project Connect Office

No updates were provided at this time.

5. Working Group/TAC Updates

Chair Pro Tem Flatau provided an update on the current schedule and engagement process for the CapMetro Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) meetings.

Secretary Somers provided an update on the ETOD Working Group meeting schedule and policy engagement.

Future Items

Member Brooks requested a Project Connect Status Update.

ADJOURN

Chair Pro Tem Flatau adjourned the meeting at 6:59 PM without objection.