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# THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE PROJECT CONNECT COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONVENED Thursday, January 12, 2023 ATP Office | Conference Room

# 203 Colorado Street, Austin, TX 78701

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

**Members in Attendance: Members Absent:**

Awais Azhar – Chair Kathryn Broadwater

Susana Almanza – Vice Chair Alex Karner

Joao Paulo Connolly Renee Lopez

Noe Elias Brianna Snitchler

Gretchen Flatau

Jeremy Hendricks

Michael Gorse

Susan Somers

Ephraim Taylor

**Attendees:**

Liane Conte Peter Mullan

Laura Dierenfield Donna Simmons

Hala Farid Julie Smith

Julianna Harris Marla Torrado

Terry Hockens Susan Watkins

Nefertitti Jackmon Nathan Wilkes

Miguel Lopez

# CALL TO ORDER

The Project Connect Community Advisory Committee convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, January 12, 2023.

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 provided.

# Approval of Minutes

1. **Approve the minutes of the December 12, 2022, meeting of the Project Connect Community Advisory Committee.**

The minutes of the December 08, 2022 meeting were approved on a motion by Member Flatau with the correction of the date, seconded by Member Fong; confirmed with a unanimous vote (9-0).

# Discussion Items

1. **Bikeshed Planning and Affordability – Nathan Wilkes and Laura Dierenfield, City of Austin**
   1. Nathan Wilkes, Consulting Engineer, and Laura Dierenfield, Divisional Manager, for the City of Austin Transportation Department, provided a presentation on the Austin Bicycle Planning and Transit Connectivity implementation. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session.
      1. Vice Chair Almanza requested a presentation, or study, concerning where cars are colliding with the white bicycle lane markers while making turns.
2. **ATP Board and Governance – Liane Conte, City of Austin**
   1. Liane Conte, Program Manager for Capital Improvement for the City of Austin Project Connect Office, provided an update on the City Council approval of the CAC recommendations to the ATP Articles of Incorporation, Resolution No. 20221208-074. The update was followed by a question and answer session.
3. **CapMetro Workforce Development - Donna Simmons, CapMetro**
   1. Donna Simmons, Executive Vice President of Administration, and Julianna Harris, Director for Workforce Analysis, for CapMetro, provided an update on the CapMetro Workforce Development process. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session.
4. **Anti-Displacement Planning and Community Engagement, CAC**
   1. Chair Awais Azhar provided an update on the Project Connect Anti-Displacement Planning process results, feedback, and project prioritization. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session.
      1. Vice Chair Almanza requested to add a note concerning utilization of public land for public housing needs.

# Action Item

No action items were provided.

# Staff Updates

1. **City of Austin Staff Updates**
   1. Marla Torrado, Displacement Prevention Officer for the City of Austin, provided an update on the Community Initiated Solutions (CIS) timeline, Land Development and Land Acquisition, the Project Connect Spending Dashboard draft timeline, as well as the Equitable Transit Oriented Development (ETOD) policy plan timeline.
2. **ATP Staff Updates**

No updates were provided.

1. **Working Group/TAC Updates**

No updates were provided.

# Future Items

Vice Chair Almanza requested a discussion, or report, on the Project Connect override costs and what the future steps will be regarding funding sources.

# ADJOURN

Chair Azhar adjourned the meeting at 7:04 PM without objection.