



# JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL  
AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Meeting Minutes  
Friday, December 15, 2017  
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
Austin City Hall, Boards and Commissions Room #1101  
310 West 2nd Street, Austin TX 78701

## Joint Committee members in attendance:

### Austin ISD (AISD) Board of Trustees

Kendall Pace, President  
Ann Teich, Trustee  
Cindy Anderson, Trustee  
Edna Butts, AISD

### City of Austin

Kathie Tovo, Mayor Pro Tem  
Ora Houston, Council Member  
Sara Hensley, Interim  
Assistant City Manager

### Travis County

Brigid Shea, Commissioner  
Jeffrey Travillion,  
Commissioner  
Sherri Fleming, County  
Executive

## I. CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo convened the Joint Subcommittee meeting at 11:41 a.m.

## II. REPORT ON JUVENILE CURFEW (Discussion)

Chief Brian Manley, Austin Police Department (APD), provided an update on the juvenile curfew process and recent changes to the ordinance. In June, after discussions with Council during its three-year juvenile curfew update, APD adjusted the curfew, removing daytime restrictions and providing warnings at night for the first two encounters. Stake holder meetings were held and recommendations were adjusted again toward the end of September to remove the entire ordinance. APD monitored outcomes of incidents for two months after the removal and results showed that youth encounters requiring further action, previously handled through the curfew, were able to be handled through State law or Health Code. APD will continue to track monthly, both youth victimization and youth crime involvement arrests to ensure there are no increases.

Trustee Teich recommended the mobile walking beat and educational advancement program, READ models, utilized in the Restore Rundburg Initiative be considered as additional resources to use in building positive community support. Trustee Teich asked these be deployed more often and across the whole city. Chief Manley stated APD will continue to look for ways to promote positive community building through these and other programs.

Council Member Houston requested the data collected by APD be shared with AISD. Chief Manley concurred that data can be provided.

Advocates Morgan Craven, Texas Appleseed, and Rachel Gandy, Disability Rights Texas, spoke on their time as a part of the community workgroup, which involved over 30 groups and recommended the change in the ordinance. They are also a part of the Youth Justice Workgroup that continues to meet and look for ways youth can be properly supported in the community. Mayor Pro Tem Tovo suggested that the workgroup look at past initiatives, such as Truancy Play, Connecting the Dots and other programs embraced by the Joint Subcommittee on ways to support youth.

**I APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – *Subcommittee returned to Item 1 on the agenda*

Trustee Pace made a motion to approve the October 20, 2017 minutes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Anderson. Motion passed unanimously.

**III UPDATE ON CODE NEXT**

Jerry Rustoven, City of Austin Planning and Zoning Department, presented an update on CodeNext. Mr. Rustoven confirmed staff has received the AISD Trustees' resolution on CodeNext. Draft 3, the final staff recommendation draft, will be released on February 12, 2018. City and AISD staff are currently working together to review AISD's requested reconsiderations to the proposed zoning for AISD properties on the zoning map in Draft 2.

The Subcommittee requested more information on how comments and recommendations are incorporated into CodeNext. Mr. Rustoven stated there is no specific process or criteria set. All comments and recommendations are considered and staff must decide whether each of the recommendations can be incorporated. Mayor Pro Tem Tovo requested that staff have a dialogue on why certain recommendations were taken into consideration and why some were not. Commissioner Travillion listed affordability, displacement and traffic as the top three issues that affect neighborhoods in Austin and asked if the redevelopment of the code will resolve these or create further problems. Mr. Rustoven stated that the code is not the solution to these problems but it can improve on these in some ways. Trustee Teich pointed out that State law is a barrier to affordability as well. Issues such as increased construction, removal of low to mid-level affordable housing for families as well as teachers were discussed.

Commissioner Shea made a motion for the Joint Subcommittee to endorse AISD Board of Trustees' resolution on CodeNext and move it forward as a recommendation from the Joint Subcommittee. President Pace seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Interim Assistant City Manager, Sara Hensley, was tasked with providing the recommendation to all Trustees, Commissioners, Mayor and Council, Director Guernsey and Mr. Rustoven.

**IV UPDATE ON JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE'S BY-LAWS**

This item was skipped due to time constraints.

**V UPDATE ON PARENT SUPPORT SPECIALISTS**

Leonor Vargas, Administrative Supervisor for Parent Programs with AISD, presented an overview and update on Parent Support Specialists (PSS) in AISD. Ms. Vargas further provided information on the database system AISD is currently working on to capture data from parent support specialists and their

multiple partners to assist with a coordinated approach to services. Discussion further touched on programs such as Families in Partners, Collaboration Technologies for Organizations Serving the Homeless (CTOSH), Child Study Teams and Integral Care coordination, referral and training.

Council Member Houston asked about the varied duties of the PSS. Ms. Vargas stated that the duties of the PSS are assigned by their school's principal. PSS submit monthly calendars of their work with families and create their campus programs based on the needs of the school. Commissioner Travillion posed questions on the following:

- asset map, where are services and where are the gaps;
- if DACA has impacted PSS services;
- are campus improvement teams integrated into the discussion and work of PSS?;
- what are the performance measures on how the work of the PSS impacts truancy?; and
- how are people of different cultures and languages served? What are the staff and families served? EEOC numbers?

Ms. Vargas responded that PSS conduct home visits, creating relationships and building trust with families. Due to time constraints, it was agreed that additional answers can be given off-line at the next Subcommittee meeting, or compiled by staff and then presented to the entire group.

Commissioner Shea stated that the County currently does not fund PSS and feels it would be useful for the County to see the services provided by the PSS that are over and above what other social service organizations provide. Commissioner Shea asked if the Electronic Child Study Team (eCST) presented at the October 20, 2017 subcommittee meeting, incorporated data on PSS services provided in their analysis. It was recommended that regular updates by eCST and additional solid data on PSS services will assist the County to be able to be more supportive as they evaluate their budget. City, County and AISD staff are meeting in January to further look at eCST, and will work to pull requested information on data into a consolidated response.

## **VII NEXT MEETING**

AISD will host the next meeting and staff will look at late February for the next meeting.

## **VI AFFORDABLE HOUSING (Standing Item) – Subcommittee returned to Item VI on the agenda**

Commissioner Shea asked if AISD required Alamo Draft House to provide 25 percent of residential units to affordable housing guidelines. President Pace stated AISD has approval to move forward with the sale of the AISD tract to Alamo Draft House but are still working out the details. Edna Butts proposed to bring the information to the next meeting

## **VIII ADJOURN**

Meeting was adjourned at 1:28 p.m.