# JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE







Austin City Council

Austin Independent School District Board of Trustees

Travis County Commissioners Court

Friday, January 28, 2022 11:30am – 1:30pm TRAVIS COUNT COMMISSIONERS' COURT AND VIRTUAL 700 Lavaca, Austin, 78702

# **AGENDA**

I. Public Comment

Public Comment may be provided by calling (800) 304-1055. Comments are limited to 3 minutes.

II. Approval of Minutes

• November 29, 2021

III.	Consider and take action to amend Bylaws	City of Austin Austin ISD
		Travis County
IV.	Receive and discuss written reports	City of Austin
	Resilience Hubs	Austin ISD
		Travis County
V.	Coordination on COVID -19 Vaccine Distribution & Access for AISD	Austin Public
	Students and Austin's under 12 years of age population (Presentation)	Health, Travis
		County

VI Standing Items (set at previous meetings)

- A. Unfinished Business and New Business
- B. Update on Possible Bond Elections
- C. Future Agendas and Meeting Dates

Bi-monthly date options: March 25<sup>th</sup> or March 28<sup>th</sup>

VII. Adjourn



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Joint Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
November 29, 2021
11:30am – 1:30pm
Austin ISD
4000 S IH 35 Frontage Rd., Austin, Texas 78704

### **Joint Subcommittee Members in Attendance:**

# Austin (AISD) Independent School District

Geronimo M. Rodriguez, Board President, District 6 Noelita Lugo, Board Trustee, At-Large Position 8 Lynn Boswell, Board Trustee, District 5 Edna Butts, Director, Intergovernmental Relations and Policy Oversight

# **City of Austin**

Kathie Tovo, Council Member, District 9 Alison Alter, Council Member, District 10 Stephanie Hayden-Howard, Assistant City Manager

# **Travis County**

Brigid Shea, Commissioner, Pct. 2 Jeff Travillion, Commissioner, Pct. 1 Sherri Fleming, County Executive for Travis County Health and Human Services

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting was called to order at 11:48 a.m. by Austin ISD Board President Geronimo Rodriguez, Jr., presiding.

# I. PUBLIC COMMENT

No one signed up to provide public comment.

# II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member Tovo moved to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2021 meeting and Commissioner Travillion seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

# III. RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON RESILIENCE HUBS

The Committee received a presentation from Zach Baumer, City of Austin Sustainability Office, and Matias Segura, AISD Chief of Operations. The presentation provided an overview on resilience hubs and ongoing collaborations between the City and AISD.

Mr. Baumer described the following three levels of HUBs, including the physical attributes, staffing and supplies required for each HUB:

Level 1 - Gathering Hub (conditioned indoor and shaded outdoor space)

Public restrooms, access to electricity, trained staff, care kits, snacks and water

# Level 2 - Relief Hub (Level 1+)

Parking lot for water & food distribution, Wifi, backup power, larger indoor space area, larger supplies of food and water.

# Level 3 - Shelter Hub (Level 2+)

24-hour shelter (cots and sleeping area), showers, grid-independent power, commercial kitchen, refrigerated storage, backup water system.

Council Member Tovo indicated interest in a fourth tier to support groups that want to help the community on their own, making available supplies the groups may access. Mr. Baumer indicated they are having these conversations about supplying groups with "HUB in a box."

Council Member Alter inquired how the group is coordinating with Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM). Staff indicated emergency staff from all three entities have been involved, as well as the Red Cross. Committee members suggested HSEM be included in future presentations on the Resilience Hubs.

Commissioner Shea indicated that in addition to extreme cold, we should also focus on extreme heat and other types of weather emergencies. Mr. Segura stated that the three entities working on Resilience Hubs identified major events over the past 15 years.

There was no action taken on this item. The Committee requested that this item be placed on future agendas, and that a written update be provided to the JSC members in advance of the meeting.

# IV. COORDINATION ON COVID -19 VACCINE DISTRIBUTION & ACCESS FOR AISD STUDENTS AND AUSTIN'S UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE POPULATION

Cassandra DeLeon, Chief Administrative Officer, Austin Public Health, reported on the total cumulative vaccine distribution in Travis County by age. In the 5-11 age group, 24,421 doses were administered, with 239 of those being fully vaccinated. These numbers are trending with national guidelines.

AISD Pediatric Vaccine Clinic locations and dates were provided, as well as efforts to educate and reach out to the community. Staff also shared survey results regarding parents' plans and attitudes regarding vaccinating their children, and what locations they are most comfortable having their children vaccinated.

There was no action taken on this item.

# V. WRITTEN REPORTS

The committee received written reports on Child Care Investments from the City of Austin and Travis County.

# VI. STANDING ITEMS

There was a brief discussion on the whether the by-laws should be amended to permit JSC committee members to be counted for quorum purposes if they participate virtually. Staff will discuss with their respective legal departments and report back to the JSC at its next meeting. There was no discussion on other standing items.

Staff will poll JSC members on availability for January 28 or January 31 for the next meeting.

# VII. ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 1:31 pm by AISD Board President Rodriguez.

# BYLAWS OF THE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND TRAVIS COUNTY

# ARTICLE 1. NAME

The name of this intergovernmental advisory body is the "Joint Subcommittee of the City of Austin, Austin Independent School District, and Travis County" (the Joint Subcommittee).

# ARTICLE 2. PURPOSE; RESTRICTIONS

### Purpose/Scope.

(A) The Joint Subcommittee is an intergovernmental body formed for the purpose of identifying, collaborating on, and developing policy recommendations for the three represented governmental entities regarding matters of mutual interest and potential impact on the named entities, including but not limited to the following: issues pertaining to the academic success, health, safety, and general well-being of students and families served by the entities; matters related to affordability, including potential bond measures; opportunities designed to strengthen partnerships for improved service delivery, including elimination of duplicative services between agencies to achieve cost savings; best practices of other cities, school districts, and counties; and other relevant and related topics.

#### Restrictions.

- (B) The Joint Subcommittee is an advisory body, possessing no sovereign or quasi-judicial powers, and shall act in an advisory capacity only. The Joint Subcommittee activities or actions shall be in the form of recommendations to the respective entities, which recommendations shall then be independently considered, discussed, revised, accepted, rejected, or the like by the respective entities without restriction of any sort from the Joint Subcommittee.
- (C) The Joint Subcommittee shall not participate in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office or any proposition or ballot measure.
- (D) The Joint Subcommittee is not organized for profit, and shall never be operated for the purpose of carrying on a trade or business for profit. Service on the Joint Subcommittee shall not bestow any monetary benefit on or inure to the improper benefit of any member of the Joint Subcommittee or any associated or related individual.

# ARTICLE 3. MEMBERSHIP

# Composition; Appointment.

(A) The Joint Subcommittee is composed of eight members from the three entities that comprise the Joint Subcommittee. The presiding officer of the Austin City Council shall appoint three council members, the presiding officer of the Austin Independent School District Board of

Trustees shall appoint three trustees, and the presiding officer of the Travis County Commissioners Court shall appoint two commissioners.

#### Service.

(B) A Joint Subcommittee member serves at the pleasure of his/her appointing entity, and may be removed by the presiding officer of the member's appointing body with or without cause. Each Joint Subcommittee member shall serve until removed by the member's appointing body, or until such member's earlier death, resignation, or removal in accordance with these bylaws. In the event a vacancy is created, the applicable governmental entity shall promptly appoint a member to fill the vacancy.

# Unspecified Term.

(C) A Joint Subcommittee member serves in his/her position until the replacement of that member is made by the presiding officer of his/her appointing entity.

# Official Action of the Joint Subcommittee.

(D) An individual member of the Joint Subcommittee may not act in an official capacity on behalf of the Joint Subcommittee unless expressly authorized to do so through the action by vote of a majority of the Joint Subcommittee.

# Resignation; Filling of Vacancy.

- (E) If a Joint Subcommittee member seeks to resign, he/she shall submit a written resignation to the presiding officer of his/her appointing entity, with a copy to the member's staff liaison to the Joint Subcommittee. The staff liaison shall notify the staff liaisons of the other two entities of the member's resignation. Resignations shall be effective when given, unless a later effective date is specified. If possible, the resignation should be tendered by the member at least thirty days in advance of the effective date of the resignation so that the replacement process may be facilitated.
- (F) Vacancies existing by reason of resignation, death, incapacity, or removal are filled by appointment by the presiding officer of the entity from which the vacancy has occurred.

#### No Compensation.

(G) Joint Subcommittee members shall not be compensated for serving on the Joint Subcommittee. A member shall not knowingly solicit or accept any benefit for having exercised the member's duties or that might reasonably tend to influence the exercise of the member's duties. A member shall not vote on any item for which the member has a conflict of interest.

# ARTICLE 4. PROCEDURES

- (A) The presiding officer of the entity where the meeting is held, or the presiding officer's designee, shall preside at the meeting held at the location of the presiding officer's entity.
- (B) The Joint Subcommittee may establish procedures to govern its activities, and may delegate authority as allowable and as may be necessary or desirable for the efficient management of its affairs, business, and activities.

# ARTICLE 5. STAFF LIAISONS; AGENDAS

#### Staff Liaisons.

(A) Each of the three entities that comprise the Joint Subcommittee shall provide its own staff member to serve as staff liaison for any meeting held at the location of the entity. The staff liaisons shall, by way of illustration and not limitation, coordinate meeting dates around member availability, communicate with members, prepare and deliver notices, manage all agenda matters, ensure agenda postings, prepare and circulate minutes, and provide general support duties.

# Placement of Item on Agenda.

(B) Two or more Joint Subcommittee members may place an item on an agenda by oral or written request to the member's staff liaison to the Joint Subcommittee at least ten days before the scheduled meeting. The presiding officer for the scheduled meeting, after first consulting with and receiving input from the staff liaison, shall timely approve each final meeting agenda.

# Posting of Agenda.

(C) The staff liaison of the entity shall submit the meeting agenda to the entity's staff responsible for posting at least 72 hours before the scheduled meeting.

# TOMA Compliance for Posting.

(D) Posting of the agenda shall comply with Texas Government Code, Chapter 551 (Texas Open Meetings Act).

# ARTICLE 6. MEETINGS

# Presiding Officer.

(A) The presiding officer of the entity where the meeting is held, or the presiding officer's designee, shall preside as chair at the meeting held at the location of presiding officer's entity.

#### TOMA Compliance for Conduct of Meetings.

(B) Joint Subcommittee meetings shall comply with Texas Government Code, Chapter 551 (Texas Open Meetings Act).

# Regular Meetings; Cancellation; Schedule of Meetings.

(C) The Joint Subcommittee shall hold at least four regular meetings annually, with a meeting to be held approximately at three-month intervals. It is permissible for a meeting to be cancelled in advance if the Joint Subcommittee's respective staff liaisons are notified that quorum cannot be reached or that no business reason exists for the meeting. At the final meeting of each year, the Joint Subcommittee shall adopt a schedule of regular meetings for the upcoming year, including makeup meeting dates for holidays and cancelled meetings.

### Special Called Meetings.

(D) The chair may call a special meeting, and the chair shall call a special meeting if requested by three or more members. The Joint Subcommittee may not call a special meeting more often than twice per calendar year.

### Meeting Location Rotation.

(E) The physical location of regular meetings shall rotate among the three entities that comprise the Joint Subcommittee.

### Parliamentary Procedure.

(F) Meetings shall be governed by and conducted in accordance with the most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, except when inconsistent with these bylaws or with special rules of procedure which the Joint Subcommittee may adopt.

#### Quorum.

- (G) A majority of the members of each entity that comprises the Joint Subcommittee, excluding any vacancies, shall constitute a quorum: two members from Austin Independent School District, two members from the City of Austin, and one member from Travis County.
- (H) If a quorum for a meeting does not convene within one-half hour of the posted time for the meeting, then the meeting shall not be held.
- (I) A meeting may not be convened until a quorum of members is physically present.
- (J) If a quorum is present at a meeting, the Joint Subcommittee may take action by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members present.

#### Citizen Communications.

(K) The Joint Subcommittee may, in its discretion, allow citizens to address the Joint Subcommittee on proposed action items on the agenda and during a period of time set aside for citizen communications. The presiding officer of the meeting may limit the number of speakers to five, and may limit a speaker to three minutes.

# Minutes.

- (L) The staff liaison of the entity at which the meeting was held shall prepare the minutes of the Joint Subcommittee meeting held at that entity's location. The minutes of each meeting shall include the vote of each member on each item before the Joint Subcommittee, and shall indicate whether a member was absent, recused, or failed to vote on an item.
- (M) The staff liaisons shall retain copies, and shall provide originals to the entity's Secretary or Clerk, of all approved minutes, agendas, internal review reports, and bylaws. The documents are public records under Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 552 (Texas Public Information Act).

### Adjournment.

(N) The chair shall adjourn a meeting not later than 2 ½ hours after the beginning of the meeting, unless the Joint Subcommittee votes to continue the meeting.

### Decorum.

(O) Each person and member attending a Joint Subcommittee meeting shall observe decorum. A person or member should not speak out of turn, use disparaging or abusive language, or make threats of violence against any other person during a meeting.

# ARTICLE 7. WORKING GROUPS

#### Establishment Authorized.

(A) The Joint Subcommittee may establish working groups from its members, as needed, in order to conduct specific aspects of the Joint Subcommittee's business. A working group may be created for a specific purpose, and shall be dissolved once that purpose has been accomplished.

# Size Less than Quorum; Chair Designation Optional.

(B) The Joint Subcommittee shall determine the size of a working group, which shall be less than a quorum of the Joint Subcommittee. A working group may designate a chair, with the working group members' consent, but is not required to do so.

### Not Subject to TOMA.

(C) A working group does not have a quorum requirement, and is not required to post or hold its meetings in accordance with the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551 (Texas Open Meetings Act).

# ARTICLE 8. AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended, modified, or repealed in whole or in part at any regular meeting of the Joint Subcommittee by a vote of at least two-thirds of the number of Joint Subcommittee members, excluding any vacancies.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that these bylaws were du	lly adopted by the	e members of the Joint S	ubcommittee,
at its meeting held on this the day of	of the month of		, 2018.
	Presiding Office	cer	

# ORDINANCE NO. 20211104-062

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 2-1 (CITY BOARDS) TO ALLOW FOR HYBRID PARTICIPATION AT MEETINGS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND THEIR SUBCOMMITTEES, AND REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A QUORUM MUST BE PHYSICALLY PRESENT AT A MEETING TO CONDUCT BUSINESS.

# BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

# **PART 1. Findings**

The City Council finds that allowing members of City boards and commissions to hold hybrid meetings where only the presiding officer is required to be physically present at the meeting location and some or all other board members participate virtually, in compliance with Section 551.127(c) of the Texas Open Meetings Act, supports those individuals who volunteer to serve on those boards and commissions and allows greater public access to board and commission meetings while ensuring members of the public as well as board members can maintain social distancing when necessary for health and safety reasons.

- **PART 2.** Subsection (E) of City Code Section 2-1-6 (*Quorum and Action*) is repealed and the remaining subsection is renumbered accordingly, as follows:
  - (E) [All members necessary to provide a quorum must be physically present at a meeting to conduct business.]
  - ([F]) An ex officio member of a board that is subject to the requirements of this chapter may participate at board meetings but may not vote or bring a motion and does not count towards calculation of a quorum or any other minimum vote count required by city code or state law.
- **PART 3.** City Code Section 2-1-7 (*Staff Support*), is amended by amending subsection 2-1-7(A) and adding new subsection 2-1-7(C), to read:
  - (A) The city manager shall designate a City department to provide <u>sufficient</u> staff support for each board and each committee of a board and each joint committee <u>to allow each committee and board to be able to conduct hybrid meetings and to comply with Government Code Chapter 551 (*Open Meetings Act*); support will also [5] include[ing] an executive to serve as executive board</u>

- liaison and a staff member to serve as board liaison between the department and the board.
- (C) The city clerk shall prepare a policy document that details the requirements and procedures for setting and holding in-person or hybrid meetings.
- **PART 4.** Section 2-1-24 (*Conflict of Interest and Recusal*) is amended by adding new Subsection (D) and the remaining subsections renumbered accordingly, as follows:
  - (D) For purposes of the requirements of Subsections (B) and (C), a board member who is participating virtually via videoconference may submit a signed and scanned version of the attendance sheet, or other document prescribed for that purpose by the city clerk, via email to the staff liaison and board Chair upon or before virtually joining the meeting; other delivery methods of the form are acceptable as long as the staff liaison has the signed form by the start of the meeting.
  - ([Đ]E) Except as provided by Subsection (D), [F]failure by a member to comply with Subsection (B) will result in that member being counted as absent from the board meeting; such an absence is an unexcused absence. Any vote or votes cast by a member who fails to comply with Subsections (B) or (C) will not be counted at the board or committee meeting at issue.
  - ([E]F) Chapter 2-7, Article 3 (*Violation: Complaint And Hearing Procedures*) applies to this section, and a sworn complaint alleging a violation may be filed under the procedures of that article. If the Ethics Review Commission determines that a violation of this section has occurred, it shall follow the procedure required by Section 2-7-47 (*Prosecution*).
- **PART 5.** Section 2-1-26 (*Attendance Requirements and Automatic Vacation*) is amended by adding new Subsection (E), to read:
  - (E) For purposes of Subsection (A), a board member who is absent from the dais, or is not on camera if participating virtually via videoconference, for more than 50% of the votes cast at that meeting will be considered absent from the entire meeting.
- **PART 6.** Subsection (B) of City Code Section 2-1-43 (*Meeting Requirements*) is amended to read as follows:

	vernment Code Chapter 551 ( <i>Open Meetings</i> provide a quorum must be physically present ]			
PART 7. This amendment takes effect on February 28, 2022.				
PASSED AND APPROVED				
	§ Steve Adler Mayor			
APPROVED: Anne L. Morgan City Attorney	ATTEST: Jamette S. Goodall City Clerk			

#### Tx Gov't Code

- Sec. 551.127. VIDEOCONFERENCE CALL. (a) Except as otherwise provided by this section, this chapter does not prohibit a governmental body from holding an open or closed meeting by videoconference call.
- (a-1) A member or employee of a governmental body may participate remotely in a meeting of the governmental body by means of a videoconference call if the video and audio feed of the member's or employee's participation, as applicable, is broadcast live at the meeting and complies with the provisions of this section.
- (a-2) A member of a governmental body who participates in a meeting as provided by Subsection (a-1) shall be counted as present at the meeting for all purposes.
- (a-3) A member of a governmental body who participates in a meeting by videoconference call shall be considered absent from any portion of the meeting during which audio or video communication with the member is lost or disconnected. The governmental body may continue the meeting only if a quorum of the body remains present at the meeting location or, if applicable, continues to participate in a meeting conducted under Subsection (c).
- (b) A meeting may be held by videoconference call only if a quorum of the governmental body is physically present at one location of the meeting, except as provided by Subsection (c).
- (c) A meeting of a state governmental body or a governmental body that extends into three or more counties may be held by videoconference call only if the member of the governmental body presiding over the meeting is physically present at one location of the meeting that is open to the public during the open portions of the meeting.
- (d) A meeting held by videoconference call is subject to the notice requirements applicable to other meetings in addition to the notice requirements prescribed by this section.
- (e) The notice of a meeting to be held by videoconference call must specify as a location of the meeting the location where a quorum of the governmental body will be physically present and specify the intent to have a quorum present at that location, except that the notice of a meeting to be held by videoconference call under Subsection (c) must specify as a location of the meeting the location where the member of the governmental body presiding over the meeting will be physically present and specify the intent to have the member of the governmental body presiding over the meeting present at that location. The location where the member of the governmental body presiding over the meeting is physically present shall be open to the public during the open portions of the meeting.
- (f) Each portion of a meeting held by videoconference call that is required to be open to the public shall be visible and audible to the public at the location specified under Subsection

- (e). If a problem occurs that causes a meeting to no longer be visible and audible to the public at that location, the meeting must be recessed until the problem is resolved. If the problem is not resolved in six hours or less, the meeting must be adjourned.
- (g) The governmental body shall make at least an audio recording of the meeting. The recording shall be made available to the public.
- (h) The location specified under Subsection (e), and each remote location from which a member of the governmental body participates, shall have two-way audio and video communication with each other location during the entire meeting. The face of each participant in the videoconference call, while that participant is speaking, shall be clearly visible, and the voice audible, to each other participant and, during the open portion of the meeting, to the members of the public in attendance at the physical location described by Subsection (e) and at any other location of the meeting that is open to the public.
- (i) The Department of Information Resources by rule shall specify minimum standards for audio and video signals at a meeting held by videoconference call. The quality of the audio and video signals perceptible at each location of the meeting must meet or exceed those standards.
- (j) The audio and video signals perceptible by members of the public at each location of the meeting described by Subsection (h) must be of sufficient quality so that members of the public at each location can observe the demeanor and hear the voice of each participant in the open portion of the meeting.
- (k) Without regard to whether a member of the governmental body is participating in a meeting from a remote location by videoconference call, a governmental body may allow a member of the public to testify at a meeting from a remote location by videoconference call.

# UPDATE

**TO:** The Joint Subcommittee of the City of Austin, AISD, and Travis County

**FROM:** Juan Ortiz, City of Austin, Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Zach Baumer, City of Austin Office of Sustainability, Climate Program Manager

Sherri Fleming, Travis County Executive for Health and Human Services

Matias Segura, AISD Chief of Operations

**DATE:** January 21, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Resilience Hubs Update

On April 8, 2021, Austin City Council passed Resolution 20210408-028, which directs the City Manager to engage with the Office of Sustainability and other relevant City departments, school districts, and external partners on Resilience Hubs to 1) create a plan, budget recommendations, funding strategies, and a timeline for designing and equipping an initial six pilot hubs for disasters, including the necessary power and water redundancies, and 2) budget recommendations, funding strategies, and a timeline for creating a community-wide resilience hub plan sufficient to serve all Austinites during emergencies.

In the past decade, Austin has experienced climate change in the form of record-breaking heat, droughts, historic floods, and devastating wildfires that have taken lives, displaced community members, and stressed infrastructure. The extreme winter weather experienced during Winter Storm Uri can now be added to this list of devastating weather events.

Resilience Hubs are networks of community-focused physical facilities that usually provide day-to-day services that help build community resilience but can also be activated to provide community support during disaster events. Resilience Hubs are not a replacement for traditional emergency planning and disaster responses, or a replacement for sheltering plans. Resilience Hubs should work with, be a part of, and support the City, County, and Public Health Emergency Response plans. Resilience Hubs are not a cure-all for disaster preparedness, response, and recovery in Austin, but they can serve as an important piece in the puzzle.

City of Austin Staff has been collaborating with Austin Independent School District (AISD) and Travis County staff since fall of 2021, and recently added Austin Community College to the Resilience Hubs initiative core working group. The Joint Subcommittee last received a reported on this initiative on November 29, 2021. Below is a summary of recent activities. This initiative represents a robust collaborative amongst key Central Texas agencies, which we believe will yield a strong long-term program aimed at better preparing our community to respond and bounce back to extreme events.

Topic Area	Progress Update	
Leadership and Team Structure	<ul> <li>Staff continues to meet regularly across agencies and partners to advance the Resilience Hub initiative. Four working groups have been created as follows:</li> <li>Leadership Team: Management from AISD, Travis County, City of Austin meet monthly to strategize timelines, progress, resources, and communications.</li> <li>Facility Planning: Staff from all participating agencies are undertaking a robust planning process in preparation to select sites for an initial proposal. This process includes reviewing existing facilities, mapping assets and assessing potential sites in order to develop baseline conditions. The forthcoming proposal will include six Resilience hub proposed sites as well as needed building upgrades.</li> <li>Hub Activation: Emergency management staff from all agencies are planning to create protocols for emergency communication and activation during events. The protocol will include resource acquisition, staff training needs and guidelines for activating Hubs during time of need.</li> <li>Community Involvement: Staff are preparing for community discussions related to the 6 pilot sites with events, focus groups and individual engagement. The group will need to determine resource needs and what the community wants to see at the Hub in their neighborhood. It is important to remember that Hubs can support increased community resilience in all times, not only during disasters.</li> </ul>	
Resilience Hub Service Level Definitions and Site Assessments	Staff are now analyzing, mapping, and prioritizing facilities based on social vulnerability, population density and 15-minute walk sheds.  Prerequisites for a facility to be designated as a Resilience Hub:  • Facility can fulfill some or all of Service-level Criteria delineated for one of the 3 levels as defined below  • Structure not exposed to identified natural hazards  • Public access (designated hours open to the public)  Resilience Hub Service-level Definitions  Based on facility capacity, detailed requirements have been developed for 3 service levels of Hubs:  • Level 1: Gathering Hub  • Level 2 (Level 1+) Relief Hub  • Level 3 (Level 2+) Grid Independent Hub  Potential Sites  Across agencies, the team has identified over a hundred facilities that are public facing and could be used as Resilience Hubs.  • 57 City of Austin facilities  • 131 potential AISD facilities  • 131 potential AISD facilities  Once gaps are confirmed, non-government locations may be needed to fill gaps in a Citywide network. Staff is researching best practices and models to create guidelines and processes to allow non-governmental entities to create their own Resilience Hubs, which some may refer to as "Hub in a box." This work is in progress.	

The team has received many inquiries from the Austin community on the concept of Resilience Hubs. Throughout these conversations, we learned that the community had many innovative ideas for what Hubs should and shouldn't be. There is a lot of energy and interest in supporting this initiative from the landscape of existing community-based organizations. A Community Advisory Committee has been launched to provide support and guidance to the project team. The group will meet every other month throughout 2022. Representatives from the following organizations have been invited to the first meeting on January 21, 2022.

- 1. American Heart Association
- 2. American Red Cross
- 3. Ascension Seton

Community

Committee

2022 Goals &

**Benchmarks** 

Advisory

- 4. Austin Achieve Public Schools
- 5. Austin Area Urban League
- 6. Austin Asian Community Health Initiative (AACHI)
- 7. Austin Disaster Relief Network (ADRN)
- 8. Austin Justice Coalition
- 9. Austin Revitalization Authority
- 10. Community Advancement Network
- 11. Community Coalition for Health
- 12. Community Powered Workshop
- 13. Community Resilience Trust
- 14. Go Austin Vamos Austin (GAVA)
- 15. Guadalupe Neighborhood Dev. Corp
- 16. Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA)
- 17. Huston-Tillotson University (HT)
- 18. Refugee Services of Texas
- 19. Texas Association of Community Health Centers
- 20. University of Texas (UT)

The following goals have been set for 2022. We plan to report on progress on these goals throughout the upcoming year.

#### Mid 2022

- Community Advisory Committee underway composed of representatives from nonprofit/community organizations
- 6 initial Resilience Hub proposed locations identified
- Community engagement underway to refine 6 initial Resilience Hub concepts/strategies
- End of 2022
  - 6 initial Resilience Hubs ready to be activated with supplies, training, public communications
  - Planning for four more Resilience Hub locations underway

Spencer Cronk, City Manager
 Rey Arellano, Assistant City Manager
 Stephanie Hayden-Howard, Assistant City Manager