



**URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN  
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting  
Monday, May 17, 2010**

The Urban Renewal Agency's Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on Monday, May 17, 2010, at 1000 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Ste. 400A in Austin, Texas.

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm by Chair Ben Sifuentes.

**Board Members in Attendance:**

**Ben Sifuentes, Chair**  
**Sean Garretson, Vice-Chair**  
**Sharon Baxter**  
**Michael Clark-Madison**

**Board Members Absent:**

**Kevin Cole**  
**Cristina De La Fuente-Valadez**

**Staff in Attendance:**

**Anthony Snipes**  
**Margaret Shaw**  
**David Potter**  
**Sandra Harkins**  
**Javier Delgado**  
**Kathleen Saenz**  
**Susan Rocha**  
**Rebecca Post**

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes from the regular meeting of 19 April, 2010 were approved on Vice-Chair Garretson; Commissioner Baxter seconded, on a 4-0-0 vote.

3. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

- David Thomas member of Organization of East Austin Neighborhoods spoke regarding proposed community parking lot on Block 16.
- Harold McMillan-resident of 900 block of Juniper, spoke regarding a "temporary" community parking lot in Block 16.
- Michael Casias-Developer and member of East End Merchants Association spoke regarding proposed community parking lot on Block 16.
- Eric Standridge member of Organization of Central East Austin Neighborhoods and resident of 900 Block Juniper.

**Chair Sifuentes recessed the meeting to go into Executive Session at 6:35p.m.**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The Board of Commissioners of the Austin Urban Renewal Agency will meet in Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.071 Consultation with Attorney and pending and contemplate litigation and 551.072 Real Property to discuss the following:

1. Discussion regarding legal issues and real estate development options related to the sale and/or lease of the 900 Block of East 11<sup>th</sup> Street (Block 16).
2. Discussion and possible action regarding legal issues pertaining to the Unified Development Agreement (UDA) held by Austin Revitalization Authority (ARA) for the 1000 Block of East 11<sup>th</sup> Street (Block 17), and development alternatives.
3. Discussion regarding legal issues and real estate development options related to the sale of the 1100 Block of East 11<sup>th</sup> Street (Block 18)

Executive Session ended and Chair Sifuentes called the meeting back to order at 7:40 pm.

### **ACTION ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

1. Discussion regarding legal issues and real estate development options related to the sale and/or lease of the 900 Block of East 11<sup>th</sup> Street (Block 16). **On May 17<sup>th</sup> the URB board voted unanimously to withdraw consideration of a surface parking lot in the 900 Block of Juniper Street related to the African American Culture and Heritage facility and to cancel its May 24 public hearing and directed staff to ask ARA (05/18/10) Planning Commission (05/25/10) and City Council (06/10/10) to withdraw their respective consideration of this item and to come back in 60 days with an alternate plan for location of community parking lot.**
2. Discussion and possible action regarding legal issues pertaining to the Unified Development Agreement (UDA) held by Austin Revitalization Authority (ARA) for the 1000 Block of East 11<sup>th</sup> Street (Block 17), and development alternatives. **On May 17<sup>th</sup> the URB board voted unanimously to seek legal remedy if ARA does not provide in 30 days a written proposal/recommendation on how to move forward with development.**
3. Discussion regarding legal issues and real estate development options related to the sale of the 1100 Block of East 11<sup>th</sup> Street (Block 18) **On May 17<sup>th</sup> the URB board voted unanimously to decline ARA development rights to Block 18 due to ARA missing deadlines.**

### **OPEN MEETING ITEMS:**

#### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Approve a Board designee as spokesperson for the Corridor Conversation E11-12th Street Town Hall meeting on May 26, 2010. **This action was approved with the motion by Vice Chair Garretson, seconded by Commissioner Baxter on a 4-0-0 vote. The board designated Vice Chair Garretson as spokesperson.**
- b) Discuss and possible action authorizing the negotiation and execution of a Temporary Use Agreement with, Pro Arts Collective, Inc. and/or Austin Revitalization Authority from June 18, 2010 12:01 am to June 19, 2010 12:01 pm, for the properties located at 1155, 1157 and 1159 Curve Street, 1005, 1007, 1009, 1011, 1013, 1015, 1017, 1019, 1021, 1023, 1103, 1105, 1107 and 1109 Juniper Street and 1154, 1156, 1158 and 1159 Waller Street for a community event, performance and civic gathering for the African American Cultural Heritage District Happening Event. Provide directions to staff regarding same. **This**

action was approved with the motion by Vice Chair Garretson, seconded by Commissioner Baxter on a 4-0-0 vote.

- c) Presentation, discussion and possible action on the Fiscal Year 2010-11 City Budget. Presentation was given by Margaret Shaw.

## 5. STANDING ITEMS

- a) Receive, discuss and possible action on updates from Austin Revitalization Authority (ARA) on the East 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Streets Redevelopment Project(s); discussion and directions to staff. **Update and discussion was made by Greg Smith.**
- b) Receive, discuss and possible action on updates from City staff on the status of East 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Streets Redevelopment Project(s), and/or any upcoming Council action regarding the ARA; the Agency or the Urban Renewal Plan. **Update and discussion was made by Margaret Shaw.**
- c) Report, discussion and possible action on direction of ongoing meetings of officers from ARA, URB, and the City of Austin regarding implementing redevelopment plans for East 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Streets, and possible attendees to the upcoming meetings. **Update and discussion was made by Vice-Chairman Sean Garretson and Commissioner Clark-Madison.**
- d) Receive, discuss and possible action on the update from the 11th Street Neighborhood Partners, Ltd. on the Block 19 development – East Village Project; discussion and direction to staff. **No representative present.**
- e) Receive, discuss and possible action on updates concerning other City of Austin Board & Commission meetings that might have an impact on East 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Streets redevelopment activities. **Update and discussion was made by Margaret Shaw.**

## 6. NEXT MEETING/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next Meeting will be on Monday, June 21, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

## ADJOURNMENT

**Chairman Sifuentes adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m. with no objections.**

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Minutes were approved by the Board of Commissioners on

July 19, 2010

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