

**URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN
REGULAR MEETING – APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2010**

The Urban Renewal Agency's Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on Monday, June 21, 2010, at 1000 E. 11th Street, Ste. 400A in Austin, Texas.

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Chair Ben Sifuentes.

Board Members in Attendance:

Ben Sifuentes, Chair
Cristina De La Fuente-Valadez
Sharon Baxter
Michael Clark-Madison

Board Members Absent:

Sean Garretson, Vice-Chair

Staff in Attendance:

Betsy Spencer, Acting Director
Sandra Harkins
Javier Delgado
Kathleen Saenz
Susan Rocha
Rebecca Post
Gina Copic

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes from the regular meeting of 17 May, 2010 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Clark-Madison, seconded by Commissioner Baxter, on a 4-0-0 vote.

3. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

- Tracy Witte, member of Swede Hill Organization of Central East Austin Neighborhood, spoke regarding the elimination of the Tri-Party Agreement.
- Chuck Moran inquired about how to acquire and develop Block 17.
- Erick Standridge, member of Organization of Central East Austin Neighborhoods and resident of Juniper Street, spoke regarding his proposed plans for community parking and recommends issuing an RFP for projects.
- Mary Helen Lopez, resident of Robertson Hill Neighborhood, spoke on behalf of Robertson Neighborhood open communication.
- Michael Casias, developer and member of East End Merchants Association, spoke regarding the completion of The East Village and receiving the Certificate of Occupancy.
- Stan Strickland, area resident, spoke on his attendance at the Town Hall Meeting, the Tri-Party Agreement, and the NHCD Action Plan and budget.

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 11th 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 11th 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 11th Street (Block 18).

Executive Session ended and Chair Sifuentes called the meeting back to order at 7:05 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 11th Street (Block 16).
Commissioner Clark-Madison motioned, and was seconded by Commissioner De La Fuente-Valadez, on a 4-0-0 vote, that URB grant authority to the Chairman, to execute right-of-entry documents and necessary easements for access and building efficiency on 903 & 905 Juniper, 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 11th Street (Block 17), and development alternatives.
Commissioner Baxter motioned, seconded by Commissioner Clark-Madison, on a vote of 4-0-0, to allow staff an additional 30 days to continue the review.
3. Discussion regarding legal issues and real estate development options related to the sale of the 1100 Block of East 11th Street (Block 18).
No action taken. Postponed for the next meeting, July 19, 2010.

OPEN MEETING ITEMS:

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Discussion and possible approval authorizing signature authority to Elizabeth A. Spencer, Acting NHCD Director on behalf of the Agency concerning the Agency checking account.
This item was approved by a motion by Commissioner Clark-Madison, seconded by Commissioner De La Fuente-Valadez, on a 4-0-0 vote.
- b) Presentation and possible recommendations on the Annual Draft Action Plan Fiscal Year 2010-2011 and direction to staff.
Presentation was provided by Betsy Spencer; the URB requested the item be brought back on their next meeting.
- c) Discussion and possible action on staff recommendation for resolution of the UDA dispute between ARA and the City of Austin on Block 17.
No action taken, this item was postponed to the next meeting, July 19, 2010.
- 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.
Update provided by Susan Rocha; no action taken.

5. STANDING ITEMS

- a) Receive, discuss and possible action on updates from Austin Revitalization Authority (ARA) on the East 11th & 12th Streets Redevelopment Project(s); discussion and directions to staff.
Update provided by Greg Smith, ARA President.
- b) Receive, discuss and possible action on updates from City staff on the status of East 11th & 12th Streets Redevelopment Project(s), and/or any upcoming Council action regarding the
Update provided by staff.
- 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 11th and 12th Streets, and possible attendees to the upcoming meetings.
Update provided by Betsy Spencer. Action item: Staff to provide the top three comments from the Town Hall Meeting.
- 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.
Update provided by Michael Casias under Citizen Communications.
- e) Receive, discuss and possible action regarding the public hearing process conducted by the Austin Urban Renewal Board on the current Urban Renew Plan; discussion and direction to staff.
No update given.

6. NEXT MEETING/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Certificate Award for Kevin Cole.

Discussion of legal issues for continuation/dissolution of URB Board.

Staff to provide new processes to update the Urban Renewal Plan.

Continuation /dissolution of the Tri-Party Agreement.

Next Meeting will be on Monday, July 19, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Sifuentes adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m. with no objections.

Minutes were approved by the Board of Commissioners on:

July 19, 2010