

**URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN
DRAFT REGULAR MEETING - MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 19, 2010**

The Urban Renewal Agency's Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on Monday, July 19, 2010, at 1000 E. 11th Street, Ste. 400A in Austin, Texas.

Board Members in Attendance:

Ben Sifuentes, Chair
Cristina De La Fuente-Valadez
Sharon Baxter
Andrew Bucknall

Board Members Absent:

Sean Garretson, Vice-Chair
Michael Clark-Madison

Staff in Attendance:

Betsy Spencer, Acting Director
Sandra Harkins
Javier Delgado
Rebecca Post
Gina Copic

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Monday, July 19, 2010, at 6:10 p.m.
2. **CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION** – Presented to former Commissioner Kevin Cole. Taken out of agenda order after item 3 and before 4.
3. **INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER** – Andrew Bucknall. Taken out of Agenda order after item 1 and before item 2.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Approval of the June 21, 2010 meeting minutes.
The minutes from the regular meeting of 21 June, 2010 were approved on a motion by Commissioner De La Fuente-Valadez, seconded by Commissioner Baxter on a 4-0-0 vote.
5. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL** (This is the opportunity for visitors and guests to address the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Austin (Agency) on any issue. The Agency may not debate any non-agenda issue, nor may any action be taken on any non-agenda issue at this time however the Agency may present any factual response to items brought up by citizens. (Attorney General Opinion – JC-0169) (Limit of three minutes each).
 - Tracy Witte, member of Swede Hill Neighborhood Association and Organization of Central East Austin Neighborhood, spoke regarding East 12th Street development and dissolution of Tri Party Agreement.
 - Rob Seidenberg, member of Swede Hill Neighborhood Association spoke regarding East 12th Street development

- Erick Standridge, member of Organization of Central East Austin Neighborhoods and resident of Juniper Street, spoke regarding public spending for the development of East 12th Street.

Chair Sifuentes recessed the meeting to go into Executive Session at 7:25 p.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 and possible action regarding legal issues pertaining to real estate and development options for the 1000 Block of East 11th Street (Block 17).
2. Discussion and possible action on the continuation/dissolution of the Acquisition, Development and Loan Agreement (Tri-Party). Discussion and possible action regarding legal issues pertaining to the continuation/dissolution of the Urban Renewal Board.

Executive Session ended and Chair Sifuentes called the meeting back to order at 8:17 pm.

ACTION ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. Discussion and possible action regarding legal issues pertaining to real estate and development options for the 1000 Block of East 11th Street (Block 17). **No action taken. Postpone to August meeting.**
2. Discussion and possible action on the continuation/dissolution of the Acquisition, Development and Loan Agreement. (Tri-Party) **No action taken. Postpone to August meeting.**
3. Discussion and possible action regarding legal issues pertaining to the continuation/dissolution of the Urban Renewal Board. No action taken. Direction to **staff to propose a special work session engaging in an existing plan which will involve invitations to the stakeholders and the community. Staff to provide Urban Renewal Plan website to Commissioners.**

OPEN MEETING ITEMS:

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Presentation and possible recommendations on the schematic design and elevations for the African American Cultural and Heritage Facility. Presentation from staff and **Al York with McKinney York Architects.**
- b) Discussion and possible action authorizing the execution of a demolition permit or other necessary permits and/or plans related to 908 and 912 East 11th Street development of the African American Cultural and Heritage Facility until such ownership of property has been transferred to the City of Austin. **Commissioner Baxter motioned and was seconded by Commissioner De La Fuente-Valadez on a 4-0-0 vote, to grant authority to Chair Sifuentes, to take any necessary action to address the demolition and/or securing of the structure of 908 and 912 East 11th Street and allow processes to go forward.**
- c) Discussion and possible action on new processes to update the Urban Renewal Plan. **No Action taken. Same as item 3.**

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Discussion and possible recommendations on the Annual Draft Action Plan Fiscal Year 2010-2011 and direction to staff. **Item presented by Betsy Spencer n. No action taken.**

6. 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. **No report given.**
- b) 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 report given.**
- c) 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 City of Austin or Board & Commission meetings action regarding the ARA; the Agency or the East 11th and 12th Streets Urban Renewal Plan. **Update was provided by Betsy Spencer; no action taken.**

7. NEXT MEETING/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Interface item 3 with new business 6c. Staff to follow up with Dave Sullivan with the Neighborhood Planning Committee
URB Worksession

- a) Next meetings will be on Monday, August 16, 2010 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by Commissioner Baxter, seconded by Commissioner De La Fuente-Valadez at 8:25 p.m. with a 4-0-0 vote.

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