



URBAN RENEWAL BOARD
DRAFT MINUTES

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
APRIL 18, 2011

The Urban Renewal Board convened in a special called meeting on Monday, April 18, 2011 at the Street-Jones Building, 1000 East 11th Street in Austin, Texas.

Chairman Sifuentes called the Board Meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Ben Sifuentes, Chair

Andrew Bucknall

Michael Clark-Madison

Cristina De La Fuente-Valadez

Staff in Attendance:

Gina Copic

Ateja Dukes

Rebecca Giello

Sandra Harkins

Kathleen Saenz

Karen Kennard, Law

Deborah Thomas, Law

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the March 28, 2011 Special Called Meeting Minutes. The motion to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2011 Special Called Meeting was approved on Commissioner Clark-Madison's motion, Vice Chair Bucknall's second on a 4-0-0 vote.
2. **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
3. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a) Staff presentation and discussion on city budget timeline and process.
Rebecca Giello made the presentation.
 - b) Staff presentation and discussion on Urban Renewal Agency organizational expenses.
Karen Kennard, City Attorney, made the presentation.
 - c) Discussion on uses for the 1100 Block of East 11th Street, Block 18.
Item taken out of order, before 3a & b.
Speakers:

- Tom Hatch
- Lisa Byrd
- Harold McMillan
- Stan Strickland
- Clifford Gillard

Commissioners asked staff for to bring back to the next meeting the parameters of use of the property under the NCCD and Urban Renewal Plan, and federal regulations. Commissioners asked staff to engage stakeholders for the purposes of moving forward, and to keep in mind what is currently being conducted under existing Temporary Use Agreements. . Staff was also requested to bring back a timeline for the next meeting that would include when a solid interim plan would come back before the Board.

- d) Discussion and possible action on a proposed parking lot and potential transfer of the affected property at the corner of East 11th Street and Curve Street located in the 900 Block of East 11th Street, Block 16.

Sandra Harkins made the presentation. Staff advised that a preliminary design will be brought back to a future meeting along with monthly status reports on the progress of the project. Commissioners requested that staff meets with stakeholders; and that URA Attorney prepare a list of pros and cons for leasing, transferring, or blocking the property from use to present at next meeting.

4. STANDING ITEMS

- a) 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 City Council or Board & Commission meetings action; the Agency, or the East 11th and 12th Streets Urban Renewal Plan; specifically on the items listed below:

- Structure at 905 Juniper
Sandra Harkins made the presentation.
- African American Cultural and Heritage Facility
Sandra Harkins made the presentation.

5. Next Meeting/Future Agenda Items - Next meeting is Monday, May 16, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

- URB organizational expenses to be a monthly report to the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m. without objection.