

**Public Hearing
Draft Action Plan
Community Development Commission (CDC) Meeting
July 14, 2010**

The following represents a summary of the testimony during the public hearing summarized by NHCD staff. The following is not a complete transcript of public testimony.

Name	Statement	Staff Response
Daniel Llanes, Gualupe Johnston Terrace Neighborhood Planning Team	Supports the Betty Dunkerly housing component of the Levander Loop project, Guadalupe Neighborhood Development Corporation's (GNDC) 11-acre project, and Southwest Key Programs.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund projects that promote affordable housing throughout Austin.
Tom Spencer, Austin Area Interreligious Ministries	Continue housing repair funding for FY 2010-11. Urged the Community Development Commission (CDC) to review funding for the upcoming year.	Housing repair programs will continue to be funded in fiscal year 2010-11 through Renter Assistance and Homeowner Assistance programs.
Dr. Juan Sanchez, Southwest Key Programs	Supports allocating \$180,000 of CDBG funding to Southwest Key Programs to provide job opportunities, job creation, and job training for individuals living in East Austin. Southwest Key will create 100 new jobs before the end of 2011.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities to promote job creation.
Joella Brooks, Southwest Key Programs	Supports allocating \$180,000 for the Center of Working Families which will serve the needs of families in distress and will provide education to children, job training and job skills.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund projects that promote affordable housing throughout Austin.
Marc Bell, Southwest Key Programs	Urged to prioritize funds to Southwest Key for economic development and job creation.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities that promote job creation and economic development opportunities.
Santos Martinez, Southwest Key Programs	Supports Southwest Key Programs that provided him a job, training, and classes. Southwest Key changed his life for the better.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities that promote job creation.
Robert Robertson and Susan Meridith, Go Green Squads	Go Green Squads works with the City's electric utility, Austin Energy and Southwest Keys to weatherize and retrofit homes in East Austin make them more efficient. Supports Southwest Keys.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities that promote job creation.
Charles Cloutman, Meals and Wheels and More	Home repair is going to be decreased in fiscal year 2010-11. Supports increasing the appropriation for home repair to \$3 million in General Obligation (GO) funding for fiscal year 2010-11.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities through programs under Renter Assistance and Homeowner Assistance.
Francie Ferguson, Housing Works Austin	Regarding the Project List: 1) several projects involve legal settlements - the projects need to be ready to go; 2) continue reviewing projects in a competitive process to prevent a lobbying process; and 3) ensure Housing Trust Fund and other funding is available and continue Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program.	Projects identified on the proposed Project Inventory List are based on the following criteria: if the project is legally mandated; meet current program guidelines and are "shovel ready"; Austin City Council prioritized initiative; received federal funds. The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities through the Tenants' Rights Assistance program.

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Mark Rogers, Guadalupe Neighborhood Development Corporation (GNDC)	Not happy with the list of projects for organizations are under legal settlements or in trouble with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Urged the CDC to ask questions and analyze the listed projects.	Projects identified on the proposed Project Inventory List are based on the following criteria: if the project is legally mandated; meet current program guidelines and are "shovel ready"; Austin City Council prioritized initiative; and have received federal funds with a HUD mandate or recommendation to complete the project. The CDC will have an opportunity to make a final recommendation to the Austin City Council on the FY 2010-11 Action Plan at its regularly scheduled meeting on July 13, 2010.
Stuart Hersh, Consultant	Requested the CDC take no action on any items related to the University Neighborhood Overlay (UNO) fee-in-lieu. Urged the CDC to recognize that the greatest housing need and public services are for families earning at or below 30 percent of Median Family Income. CDC should consider issuing a Notice of Funding Available (NOFA) for all housing programs to increase production, include all remaining GO Bond funds in the FY 2010-11 budget.	Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD) and the City's Planning and Development Review Department (PDR) will hold stakeholder and community meetings in Fall 2010 to discuss the University Neighborhood Overlay (UNO) District. The Action Plan comment period offered additional opportunities to obtain public feedback.
Kathy Stark, Austin Tenants' Council	Grant funds will be used to build affordable and accessible scattered housing throughout Austin.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities through the Tenants' Rights Assistance program.
Michael Willard, Austin Habitat for Humanity	Indicated satisfaction that the FY 2010-11 Draft Action Plan offers an array of housing options. Recommended that the Action Plan reflect carry-forward for CDBG, HOME and Housing Trust Fund and outline of a competitive process of projects.	The final FY 2010-11 Action Plan will reflect carry-forward for federal grants and local monies.
Alan Robinson, College Houses Cooperative	Urged the CDC to ensure student organization's feedback are incorporated prior to taking action on the UNO fee-in-lieu change. The summer is not an appropriate time to launch a forum process on the UNO.	NHCD and PDR will hold stakeholder and community meetings in Fall 2010 to discuss the UNO District. The Action Plan comment period offered additional opportunities to obtain public feedback.
Isabelle Headrick, Blackland Community Development Corporation (BCDC), CHDO Roundtable	Asked the following questions regarding the FY 2010-11 Draft Action Plan: 1) requested more information on the HUD legal settlements for listed projects; 2) why will GO Bond funding not be committed until FY 2013-14; 3) why will the funding for the 350 permanent supportive housing be allocated now when there are other projects shovel-ready; 4) when will the carry-forward for Housing Trust Fund and CDBG be identified; and 5) what is the competitive process identified in the draft report?	Projects identified on the proposed Project Inventory List are based on the following criteria: if the project is legally mandated; meet current program guidelines and are "shovel ready"; Austin City Council prioritized initiative; and have received federal funds and require completion. The CDC will have an opportunity to make a final recommendation to the Austin City Council on the FY 2010-11 Action Plan at its regularly scheduled meeting on July 13, 2010. The Austin City Council provided policy direction in March 2010 that NHCD and HHSD prioritize the creation of 350 units of permanent supportive housing. NHCD is committed to funding this initiative in fiscal year 2010-11 and will provide a permanent supportive housing strategy to the Austin City Council by October 1, 2010. NHCD staff is working with Isabelle Headrick and members of the CHDO Roundtable in an effort to answer questions posed during the public hearing.

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Rob Seidenberg, Community Member	Indicated that there are better uses for funding to further revitalization rather than allocating funding towards parking at 12th Street and Chicon, Anderson Community Development Commission, and the Austin Revitalization Authority.	The East 11th and 12th Streets Revitalization's national objective is to benefit low- to moderate income persons and aid in the prevention or elimination of slum and blight. The Parking Facilities activity will assist 4,688 low- to moderate income households in the surrounding area as well as the general public and will support the area's economic development.
Lenora Givens, Community Member	Affordable housing no longer exists in East Austin. Supports the Alley Flat Initiative and recommended the City of Austin appropriate funds toward the Alley Flat Initiative.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund projects that promote affordable housing throughout Austin.
Christina Dewitty, Blackland Community Corporation (BCDC)	Inquired about the Blackland Community Corporation's March 25, 2010 project application provided to Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC). BCDC will use to funds to assist lower income households. Recommends that CDC reconsider BCDC's application for \$350,000.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund projects that promote affordable housing throughout Austin.
Brian Roeder, Architect	Recommends the CDC to strongly follow the UNO resolution signed in December 2009 directing the City Manager to work with stakeholders. Urged the CDC to take no action on the UNO in-fee-lieu ordinance revisions.	NHCD and PDR will hold stakeholder and community meetings in Fall 2010 to discuss the UNO District. The Action Plan comment period offered additional opportunities to obtain public feedback.
Mike McHome, University Area Partners	Urged the CDC to examine the UNO in-fee-lieu program and incorporate stakeholder meetings. Requested the CDC hold off on any UNO recommendations until appropriate UNO stakeholder meetings occur.	NHCD and PDR will hold stakeholder and community meetings in Fall 2010 to discuss the UNO District. The Action Plan comment period offered additional opportunities to obtain public feedback.
Jo Kathryn Quinn, Caritas of Austin	Indicated satisfaction that the FY 2010-11 Action Plan includes funding for permanent supportive housing.	The Austin City Council provided policy direction in March 2010 that NHCD and HHSD prioritize the creation of 350 units of permanent supportive housing. NHCD is committed to funding this initiative in fiscal year 2010-11 and will provide a permanent supportive housing strategy to the Austin City Council by October 1, 2010.
Brian Donovan, ICC Student Cooperatives	Asked why is NHCD waiting to utilize GO Bond funding. Supports more funding for affordable housing for students.	NHCD has proposed \$6.45M in GO Bonds as a part of the fiscal year 2010-11 budget. Funding includes \$1,250,000 for home repair programs; \$2M for Permanent Supportive Housing initiatives; and \$3.2M available for Rental Housing and Developer Assistance Program (RHDA) and the Acquisition and Development Program (A&D).
Scott Parks, University of Texas	Appreciates the UNO in-fee-lieu stakeholder process be rescheduled until the fall so that students' feedback may be considered.	NHCD and PDR will hold stakeholder and community meetings in Fall 2010 to discuss the UNO District. The Action Plan comment period offered additional opportunities to obtain public feedback.
Sarah Gamble, Austin Community Design Center	Supports the Alley Flat Initiative which are affordable, green, sustainable, single, detached units that offer diverse housing and maintain neighborhood character. Requests continued funding for Alley Flats.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund projects that promote affordable housing throughout Austin.
Michael Gatto, Austin Community Design	Supports GND's Guadalupe-Saldana Subdivision which is a partnership with Austin Energy. Due to funding delays, the Guadalupe-Saldana Subdivision project may not occur; urged the CDC to support the project.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund projects that promote affordable housing throughout Austin.

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Sarah Andre, Affordable Housing Consultant	Likes the transparency of the FY 2010-11 Draft Action Plan project list; however, some projects listed have been sitting for 5+ years and should be removed from the list. Concerns with the draft reports is that current recommended projects are pending until October.	Projects identified on the proposed Project Inventory List are based on the following criteria: if the project is legally mandated; meet current program guidelines and are "shovel ready"; Austin City Council prioritized initiative; and have received federal funds.
Rhonda Jhannesen, Education Realty Trust	Pleased that the CDC is taking the opportunity to received feedback from stakeholders regarding the UNO in-fee-lieu.	NHCD and PDR will hold stakeholder and community meetings in Fall 2010 to discuss the UNO District. The Action Plan comment period offered additional opportunities to obtain public feedback.
Frank Fernandez, Green Doors and ECHO	Indicated that priorities in the FY 2010-11 Draft Action Plan are good. Is concerned that 50 percent of the project inventory list funds are related to projects that have HUD legal settlements and timing is a critical with finalizing purchasing property.	Projects identified on the proposed Project Inventory List are based on the following criteria: if the project is legally mandated; meet current program guidelines and are "shovel ready"; Austin City Council prioritized initiative; and have received federal funds.