



DRAFT Annual Internal Review

This report covers the time period of 1/1/2011 to 12/31/2011

(This report is due in the first quarter of each fiscal year for the previous year.)

Community Development Commission

(Official Name of Board or Commission)

The Board/Commission mission statement (per the City Code) is: To advise the Council in the development and implementation of programs designed to serve the poor and the community at large with emphasis of federally funded programs.

- 1. Describe the board's actions supporting their mission during the previous calendar year. Address all elements of the board's mission statement as provided in the relevant sections of the City Code.**
(Reference all reports, recommendations, letters or resolutions presented to the City Council on mission-specific issues. If some of the elements of the mission statement were not acted on by the board in the past year, the report should explain why no action was taken.)
 - **Section 108 Loan and Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI)**
In July of 2010, The Economic Growth & Redevelopment Office (EGRSO) briefed the CDC on a proposed Section 108 loan and a BEDI grant proposal to spur economic development in the Saltillo neighborhood area. At that time the CDC appointed two Commissioners to become liaisons to the planning team and report progress to the CDC on a monthly basis. On January 19, 2011, the CDC took public comments and made recommendations on the EGRSO application. A memo recommending the applications was forwarded to Mayor and Council Members on January 26, 2011.
Responsive to Council Resolution 20110127-019.
 - **Holly Working Group**

The CDC formed this Working Group on February 8, 2011, and it was charged to discuss the future funding of the Holly Good Neighbor Program, how funds might be reallocated; and how to educate residents about the program. On July 12, 2011, the CDC approved the Working Groups recommendations to continue the Holly Good Neighbor Program until the Holly Power Plant is demolished. This recommendation was forwarded to the Mayor and Council Members as part of the CDC recommendations on the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Action Plan. The CDC also approved adding members to the Holly Working Group and to extend the group for 30 days. The group continues to meet.

Responsive to Council Resolution 20111020-056.

- **Downtown Austin Plan (DAP) Working Group**
On February 8, 2011, the DAP Team from Planning, Development & Review (PDR), briefed the CDC on the Plan and the affordable housing plan element. The CDC approved the formation of this Working Group charged it to bring back recommendations to the CDC, the including workforce housing issue. On April 12, 2011 the CDC approved the recommendations from the DAP Working Group and forwarded them in a report to PDR and EGRSO.
Responsive to Council Special Called Meeting November 17, 2010.
- **DAP Working Group CURE Combining District**
On September 13, 2011 the CDC approved forwarding to Council the following motions regarding the recommendation of the Downtown Austin Plan (DAP) to retain, but amend, the CURE Combining District as it applies downtown as a means of obtaining increased height and/or FAR in the context of the DAP's proposed Downtown Density Bonus Program. The approved motion is that developments seeking CURE zoning would need to meet the affordable housing density program and any future density bonus programs. A second motion was approved that if the staff recommendation is adopted to maintain CURE but no affordable housing is produced, or fees in-lieu generated, in the first three projects that the program be sunsetted.
Responsive to Council Special Called Meeting November 17, 2010.
- **Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)**
On March 8, 2011, the CDC heard a presentation and discussed Fiscal Year 2009-10. This is a yearly presentation and direct corresponds to their mission statement to "advise the Council in the development and implementation of programs designed to serve the poor and the community at large with emphasis of federally funded programs."
Responsive to HUD Citizen Participation Plan.
- **Fiscal Year 2011-12 Action Plan**
One March 8 and March 29, 2011 heard a presentation and conducted a public hearing on community needs in order to develop the annual Fiscal Year 2011-12 Action Plan. Public hearings are required by 1) the U.S. Department of Housing

and Urban Development; and 2) the Texas Local Government Code Chapter 373 Community Development 2011-12 Program. On June 16, 2011, the CDC heard a presentation and conducted a public hearing on the Draft Fiscal Year 2011-12 Action Plan. On July 12, 2011, the CDC approved recommending the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Action Plan to Council with the inclusion of the Housing Trust Fund recommendations and the Holly Good Neighbor Program recommendations. This also corresponds to their mission statement to “advise the Council in the development and implementation of programs designed to serve the poor and the community at large with emphasis of federally funded programs.”

Responsive to HUD Citizen Participation Plan.

- **University Neighborhood Overlay (UNO)**

In December 2009, Council passed a resolution directing the Planning Commission and the CDC to make recommendations on code changes and fee adjustments to UNO. On March 8, 2011 heard a presentation on the University Neighborhood Overlay economic analysis by Economic & Planning Systems, Inc. On May 25, 2011, the CDC and the Planning Commission held a joint meeting to discuss the Council charge to make recommendations to revise the calculation of the in-lieu fee for affordable housing in the UNO zoning district. A Working Group was created with members of both Commissions to continue to work on developing recommendations. On August 9, 2011, the CDC approved recommendations from the Working Group to forward to the Planning Commission for their approval. Work continues on UNO.

Responsive to Council Resolution 20091210-044.

- **Neighborhood Center Working Group**

On April 12, 2011, the CDC approved the creation of a Neighborhood Center Working Group with the charge of reviewing and making recommendations to the CDC on the 2012 CSBG Community Action Plan. On November 8, 2011 the CDC approved recommendations from the Neighborhood Centers Working Group to approve the proposed Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) 2012 Community Action Plan required by the Texas Administrative Code, Subchapter 5.210

Responsive to state CSBG requirements.

- **Food Deserts**

December 13, 2011 - Received a presentation from HHSD and EGRSO on Food Deserts. The Neighborhood Centers Working Group agreed to spearhead gathering ideas for the initiative.

Responsive to Council Member Morrison Initiative from November 30, 2010 Childhood Obesity Forum.

- **Housing Trust Fund Working Group**

The CDC approved the creating of this Working Group on April 12, 2011 with the charge to consider and make recommendations on the Housing Trust Fund,

reporting those recommendations to the full CDC. The recommendations were approved on June 16, 2011, and were included in the recommendations of the FY 2011-12 Action Plan to Council. The issue of exemptions was referred to the Housing Committee.

Responsive to core mission of the CDC.

- **East Riverside Corridor Plan**

The CDC heard a presentation on August 9, 2011, by PDR on the corridor plan. A Commissioner was appointed to be the representative on the team. This project is ongoing.

Responsive to Council 2007 Directive to create ERC Master Plan Vision and Regulating Plan to include Boards & Commissions review and input on drafting the Plan.

- **Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan**

Received a briefing from PDR on December 13, 2011. The CDC will continue to receive briefings and make recommendations as the Plan moves forward towards final Council adoption.

Responsive to Council Action to adopt the Plan.

Other Reports/Briefings/Presentations/Updates made to the CDC during 2011

- African American Cultural and Heritage Facility project updates.
- Presentation of the Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Comprehensive Strategy for Housing Needs Report by the CHDO Roundtable. (March 8, 2011)
- Approved supporting the recommendations of the CHDO Roundtable “Meeting Austin’s Affordable Housing Needs Across the Spectrum” report. (May 8, 2011)
- May 10, 2011 – Approved supporting the recommendations on the Austin Housing Repair Coalition “Housing Repair Needs Assessment” report. (May 10, 2011)
- Presentation on the Mueller Quarterly Affordable Housing Report. (August 9, 2011)
- Update on the South Shore PUD and relocation update. (August 9, 2011)
- Presentation by the City Demographer on the 2010 Census. (October 11, 2011)
- Briefing on the process by which the City can acquire land for parks/open spaces to look at the process for any affordability impacts related to land use changes. (December 13, 2011)
- Briefing on HUD Community Challenge Grant for Colony Park (December 13, 2011)

2. Determine if the board's actions throughout the year comply with the mission statement.

The CDC's actions throughout the year complied and were within the scope of its mission statement

3. List the board's goals and objectives for the new calendar year.

(Make sure the goals and objectives fall within the mission statement of the board/commission.)

The CDC will continue to fulfill its core mission “to advise the Council in the development and implementation of programs designed to serve the poor and the community at large with emphasis of federally funded programs.” Some areas where the CDC will continue to work include:

- **Section 108 Loan and Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI).** Continue to monitor the loan and grant as it pertains to neighborhood development.
- **Holly Working Group.** Continue to work on the charge to discuss the future funding of the Holly Good Neighbor Program, how funds might be reallocated; and how to educate residents about the program.
- **Downtown Austin Plan.** Continue to receive briefings, monitor the plan, and complete work as directed by Council.
- **Image Austin Comprehensive Plan.** Continue to receive briefings, monitor the plan, and complete work as directed by Council.
- **Fiscal Year 2012-13 Action Plan.** Conduct public hearings as outlined in the Citizens Participation Plan and approve recommendation to forward to Council for their consideration.
- **Fiscal Year 2010-11 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).** Hear presentation on report as required by the CDC's mission statement.
- **University Neighborhood Overlay (UNO).** Continue to work with the Planning Commission to forward recommendations to Council on changes to the district.
- **Food Deserts.** The Neighborhood Centers Working Group will continue to work with EGRSO and HHSD to bring ideas and recommendations to the full CDC for consideration.
- **East Riverside Corridor Plan.** The CDC will continue to monitor and participate in the development on this corridor plan especially as it pertains to the development of affordable housing.
- **Housing Sighting Policy and Geographic Dispersion.** The CDC has been briefed on the Good Neighbor Policy and will continue to have briefings and discussions on this issue.
- **Community Land Trusts (CLTs).** The legislation passed during the last session has become effective that allows the creation of CLTs. The CDC will

receive briefings and make recommendations on the possible creation of CLTs in Austin.

- **HUD Community Challenge Grant for Colony Park.**

The CDC will continue to receive briefings and monitor the progress of this grant, as well as other projects in the Colony Park neighborhood.