



URBAN RENEWAL BOARD
DRAFT MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 16, 2012

The Urban Renewal Board convened in a regular called meeting on Monday, March 19, 2012 at the Street-Jones Building, 1000 East 11th Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Bucknall called the Board Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Andrew Bucknall, Chair
Michael Clark-Madison, Vice Chair
Joe Babb
Travis Michel
Gary Smith

Staff in Attendance:

Regina Copic
Ateja Dukes
Sandra Harkins
Sabine Romero, Law
Dept.

PURPOSE: The Board of Commissioners primary responsibility is to oversee the implementation and compliance of approved Urban Renewal Plans that are adopted by the Austin City Council. An Urban Renewal Plan's primary purpose is to eliminate slum and blighting influence within a designated area of the city.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the March 19, 2012 Meeting Minutes.
The motion to approve the March 19, 2012 meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Babb and approved on a 5-0-0 vote.
2. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL** (The first 5 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns. 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).
 - Megan Ellis, Kealing Neighborhood Association,

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action on the 2011 URB Annual Review report. **The motion to approve the 2011 URB Annual Review Report was made by Vice-Chair Clark-Madison, seconded by Commissioner Babb and approved on a 5-0-0 vote.**

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Presentation from staff regarding political advertising considerations for the November 2012 city bond election. **Sabina Romero, City Law Dept., gave the presentation.**
- b. Presentation, discussion and possible action on Choice Neighborhoods Grant Application by the Housing Authority of the City of Austin. **Pilar Sanchez, Housing Authority, gave the presentation.**
- c. Discussion and possible action on amending the Urban Renewal Plan to remove Austin Revitalization Authority (ARA) and insert the current **modification process. The motion to approve amending the Urban Renewal Agency Plan was made by Commissioner Michel, seconded by Commissioner Smith and approved on a 5-0-0 vote.**
- d. Discussion and possible action regarding development of matrix for evaluating proposals for development of Urban Renewal Agency owned properties. **No action taken, postpone.**
- e. Discussion and possible action regarding recommendation by consultant to make the Urban Renewal Plan less prescriptive and steps to move forward with this recommendation. **No action taken.**
- f. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Urban Renewal Board Chairman and Vice-Chairman to present update to the Planning Commission Neighborhood Planning subcommittee regarding alignment of the East 11th and 12th Streets Urban Renewal Plan with the Neighborhood Conservation Combining District (NCCD). **The motion to authorize the Urban Renewal Board Chairman and Vice-Chairman to present updates to the Planning Commission Neighborhood Planning subcommittee was made by Commissioner Babb, seconded by Commissioner Michel and approved on a 5-0-0 vote.**
- g. Presentation, discussion and possible action on disposition options regarding proposal by 12th Street Urban Partners, or assigns concerning potential development of Urban Renewal Board owned property located in the 1300 Block of East 12th Street. **Sean Garretson, East 12th Street Partners, gave the presentation.**
- h. City of Austin/NHCD Budget presentation. **Item postponed.**

5. NHCD UPDATE

- a. Update on the East 11th and 12th Street Development Strategy. **Sandra Harkins gave an update.**

6. Next Meetings/Future Agenda Items - Next meeting is Monday, May 21, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

- a. Bring back item 4d.

ADJOURNMENT – The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m. without objection.