



URBAN RENEWAL BOARD
APPROVED MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2011

The Urban Renewal Board convened in a regular called meeting on Monday, November 14, 2011 at the Street-Jones Building, 1000 East 11th Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Bucknall called the Board Meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Andrew Bucknall, Chair
Michael Clark-Madison, Vice Chair
Joe Babb
Cristina De La Fuente-Valadez
Darwin McKee
Travis Michel

Staff in Attendance:

Ateja Dukes
Regina Copic
Sandra Harkins
Kathleen Saenz
Jim Williams, Law

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 November 14 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes.
The motion to approve the November 14, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Commissioner Michel, seconded by Commissioner De La Fuente-Valadez and approved on a 4-0-0 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).

- Michael Casias, 11th Street Neighborhood Partners, did not speak.
- Tracy Witte, SH URB powers/12th Street.
- James Pricer (sp?), self, did not speak.
- Lee Sherman, Kealing Neighborhood Association, General.
- Meg Ellis, Kealing Neighborhood Association.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Authorize the execution of a 60 day extension and amendment requiring new program income reporting provisions to the existing Temporary Use Agreement and the negotiation of an 8-month renewal of the Temporary Use Agreement with DiverseArts Culture Works for the properties located at 1106, 1112 and 1114 East 11th Street.
(Sandra Harkins indicated that the agenda item should not include the language “and amendment requiring new program income reporting provisions.”)
The motion to authorize the execution of a 60 day extension to the existing Temporary Use Agreement and the negotiation of an 8-month renewal of the Temporary Use Agreement with DiverseArts Culture Works for the properties located at 1106, 1112 and 1114 East 11th Street was made by Vice Chair Clark-Madison, seconded by Commissioner Michel and approved on a 6-0-0 vote.
- b. Authorize the execution of a 60 day extension and amendment requiring new program income reporting provisions to the existing Temporary Use Agreement and the negotiation of an 8-month renewal of the Temporary Use Agreement with Another Option Production for the property located at 1100 East 11th Street.
(Sandra Harkins indicated that the agenda item should not include the language “and amendment requiring new program income reporting provisions.”)
The motion to authorize the execution of a 60 day extension to the existing Temporary Use Agreement and the negotiation of an 8-month renewal of the Temporary Use Agreement with Another Option Production for the property located at 1100 East 11th Street was made by Commissioner Michel, seconded by Commissioner De La Fuente-Valadez and approved on a 6-0-0 vote.
- c. Review and authorize an amendment to the existing Development Agreement between the URB and 11th Street Neighborhood Partners, Page 4, Section D.4 from meeting the Low-Mod Income job creation national objective requirement to Low-Mod Area Benefit Goods and Services to reflect actual compliance with national objectives and performance measures to meet identified HUD priorities.
One speaker: Michael Casias.
Sandra Harkins made the presentation.
The motion to authorize an amendment to the existing Development Agreement between the URB and 11th Street Neighborhood Partners, Page 4, Section D.4 from meeting the Low-Mod Income jobs creation national objective requirement to Low-Mod Area Benefit Goods and Services to reflect actual compliance with national objectives and performance measures to meet identified HUD priorities was made by Commissioner Babb, seconded by Commissioner McKee and approved on a 6-0-0 vote.
- d. The Board will meet in executive session pursuant to Texas Governmental Code § 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) to discuss legal issues associated with a draft agreement with the City of Austin relating to roles, responsibilities and processes for the redevelopment of the East 11th and 12th Street Revitalization Project.
The Board went into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. and returned to Open Session at 6:45 p.m.

- e. Authorize execution of the long term agreement with the City of Austin relating to roles, responsibilities and processes for the redevelopment of the East 11th and 12th Street Revitalization Project.

The motion to authorize execution of the long term agreement with the City of Austin as presented relating to roles, responsibilities and processes for the redevelopment of the East 11th and 12th Street Revitalization Project was made by Vice Chair Clark-Madison, seconded by Commissioner Michel and approved on a 6-0-0 vote.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approval of the 2012 URB Meeting Schedule.

The motion to approve the 2012 URB meeting schedule was made by Commissioner Michel, seconded by Commissioner De La Fuente-Valadez and approved on a 6-0-0 vote.

- b. Discussion and possible approval of URB Bylaws amendments.

The motion to approve the URB Bylaws amendments with the stated changes was made by Vice Chair Clark-Madison, seconded by Commissioner Babb and approved on a 6-0-0 vote. The changes are:

- The first sentence in Article 3(A) will read: “The board is composed of seven members appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council.
- The first sentence in Article 3(C) will read: Commissioners serve staggered terms of two years beginning on August 1st on the year of appointment.
- Article 8(A) of the draft bylaws will be deleted and the following sections will be renumbered to reflect this change.
- The new Article 8(A) will read: Any committee created by the board must be established by an affirmative vote of the board.

- c. Discuss and consider cancelling the December 19, 2011 Board meeting.

The motion to cancel the December 19, 2011 Board meeting was made by Commissioner Babb, seconded by Commissioner McKee and approved on a 6-0-0 vote.

5. Next Meetings/Future Agenda Items

- The next meeting will be Monday, January 9, 2012.
- Briefing on the process the Board would follow when considering a plan amendment for a project within the Urban Renewal Area.
- Discussion on impact of crime and blight on redevelopment efforts (after January).

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm without objection.