



URBAN RENEWAL BOARD
APPROVED MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
MAY 21, 2012

The Urban Renewal Board convened in a regular called meeting on Monday, May 21, 2012 at the Street-Jones Building, 1000 East 11th Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Bucknall called the Board Meeting to order at 6:00 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:

Regina Copic

Sandra Harkins

Kathleen Saenz

Charles Zech, URB Attorney

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 April 16, 2012 Meeting Minutes.
The motion to approve the April 16, 2012 meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Babb, seconded by Vice Chair Clark-Madison and approved on a 6-0-0 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).
No speakers.

3. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Briefing and discussion on land disposition in an Urban Renewal Plan area.
Charlie Zech gave the briefing. No action was taken.
- b. Discussion and possible action regarding development of matrix for evaluating proposals for development of Urban Renewal Agency owned properties'.
Gina Copic and Sandra Harkins gave the briefing. No action was taken. Direction to staff is to come back with a revised matrix to attempt to make it a template for every property to be amended as needed.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Presentation and discussion on a proposed project submitted by Danika Boyle for the property located at 1000-1022 East 12th Street for a small boutique hotel with a separate restaurant and bakery/grocery and possible recommendation regarding a proposed modification to the permitted use.
(Item taken up after Item #2) Danika Boyle and partners made the presentation. No action was taken.
- b. Presentation, discussion and possible action on Harold McMillan's request for (1) access to water meter on URB property and (2) access to URB property to create a community garden.
One speaker: Harold McMillan. The motion to amend the existing license agreement with Harold McMillan to allow for access to the water meter on URB property, and access to create a community garden was made by Vice Chair Clark-Madison, seconded by Commissioner De La Fuente-Valadez and approved on a 6-0-0 vote.
- c. City of Austin/NHCD Budget presentation.
Rebecca Giello gave the presentation.

5. **NHCD UPDATE**

- a. Update on the East 11th and 12th Street Development Strategy.
Sandra Harkins gave the update.
6. **Next Meetings/Future Agenda Items** - Next meeting is Monday, June 18, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
- **Evaluation matrix.**

ADJOURNMENT – The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m. without objection.