



**URBAN RENEWAL BOARD**  
**DRAFT MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 17, 2012**

The Urban Renewal Board convened in a regular called meeting on Monday, September 17, 2012 at the Street-Jones Building, 1000 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Bucknall called the Board Meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Andrew Bucknall, Chair  
Michael Clark-Madison, Vice Chair  
Joe Babb  
Saundra Kirk  
Darwin McKee  
Gary Smith

**Staff in Attendance:**

Regina Copic  
Sandra Harkins  
Kathleen Saenz  
Jemeena Banks, 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 August 20, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes.  
**Taken up after item #5. The motion to approve the August 20, 2012 regular meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Babb, seconded by Commissioner Smith and approved on a 5-0-1 vote (Kirk abstaining).**
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.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

3. Review, discussion and possible action on the method of disposition of URA owned properties located in the 1100 Block and the 1300 Block of East 12<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Speakers:**

- Tracy Witte
- Chris Bowen
- Sean Garretson
- Toria English

The motion to direct staff to issue RFPs for Tracks 3 and 5, but allow for the option of one proposal responding to both, to use the proposed matrix as developed with the following amendments: reduce the affordable housing points to 10 from 15 for both tracks, delete the community parking points for both tracks, and increase the grocery store points from 15 to 20 to be used for track 5 was made by Vice Chair Clark-Madison, seconded by Commissioner Kirk and approve on a 6-0-0 vote.

The motion to direct staff to report back and invite the appropriate city staff to an URB meeting to discuss options for identifying appropriate incentives to develop a grocery store was made by Vice Chair Clark-Madison, seconded by Commissioner Smith and approved on a 6-0-0 vote.

4. Discussion and possible action on the development of the Urban Renewal Agency's Work Plan, as it relates to the Development Strategy.

**The motion to accept the Urban Renewal Agency's Work Plan as it relates to the Development Strategy was made by Commissioner Babb, seconded by Commissioner McKee and approved on a 6-0-0 vote.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

5. Introduction of new Board Member.  
**Taken up before Item #1.**
6. Establishment of email system for Board Members  
**Kathleen Saenz gave the briefing.**

**Next Meeting/Future Agenda Items**

Next meeting is Monday, October 15, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT – The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m. without objection.**