



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Community Development Commission

Recommendation Number: 20130514-07b

Topic: Urban Farms Ordinance

WHEREAS, the Community Development Commission's charge is to "Advise the Council in the development and implementation of program's designed to serve the poor and the community at large with emphasis of federally funded programs;" and,

WHEREAS, the Community Development Commission reviews and hosts public meetings on the 5 Year Consolidated Plan. The City of Austin's 5 Year Consolidated Plan is developed through a collaborative process whereby the community establishes a unified vision for Austin's affordable housing, and community and economic development initiatives; and,

WHEREAS, the Community Development Commission reviews and makes recommendations of four entitlement grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), to help address the City's affordable housing, community and economic development needs. The four grant programs are: (1) Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), (2) HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), (3) Emergency Shelter/Solutions Grant (ESG), and (4) Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA); and,

WHEREAS, the current Urban Farm Ordinance allows for the use of Single Family zoned land from 1 to 5 acres to be used for urban farms; and,

WHEREAS, the Community Development Commission recognizes the importance of providing affordable housing and the importance of single family zoned land;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Community Development Commission resolves recommends to the Austin City Council that the Sustainable Food Policy Board presents the Urban Farm Ordinance to the Commission and allows the Commission to further study and makes its recommendations.

Date of Approval: May 14, 2013

Record of the vote: 11-0-0 Vote (Commissioners Coles, McMillan, and Montoya not present)

Attest: Kathleen Saenz, Staff Liaison