



**PLANNING COMMISSION
NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 17, 2013**

The Neighborhood Plan Subcommittee convened in a regular meeting on April 17, 2013 at 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas.

Chair Jean Stevens called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Board Members in Attendance:

Jean Stevens (chair)

Danette Chimenti

James Nortey

Jeff Jack (ex-officio member)

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

No citizen comment was presented.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approval of the March 23, 2013 minutes – Motion to approve the March 23, 2013 minutes was made by Commissioner Chimenti, seconded by Commissioner Nortey and approved on a 3-0 vote.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Affordability at Mueller—Kelly Weiss, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity, will discuss the issue, including how affordable prices are advertised and what happens to affordable homes when they are resold.**

This item was not discussed and will be placed on the agenda for the regular meeting in May.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Historic District Regulations—Alyson McGee, Deputy Historic Preservation Officer, (512) 974-7801, briefing on regulations relating to the National Register Historic Districts, specifically in relation to the Rainey Street Historic District.**

Alyson McGee, Deputy Historic Preservation Officer, was the presenter for this item.

A request was made to report back on whether there is any federal funding on this project.

Public Comment:

Juan Oyervides – significance of the area to Mexican American culture

Saundra Kirk – City diligence in staying on top of projects like this before getting to a point where little can be done

Steven Aleman – Planning Commission and other bodies take a look at what happened with Rainey Street project in regards to future projects

- b. **Rosewood Choice Neighborhood process and Neighborhood Plans/Contact Teams—Michael Gerber, Housing Authority of the City of Austin, will present on how the process for Rosewood Choice will work with relevant Neighborhood Plans and NPCTs**

Michael Gerber and Sylvia Blanco, Housing Authority of the City of Austin, were presenters for this item.

Public comment:

Oros Houston – keep in mind that this area is a community of significance to its residents

Freddie Dickson – existing conditions at Rosewood that need attention – planning documents- distrust/disconnect between planning group and community members-displacement of current residents and costs associated

Saundra Kirk – view of the community by the planning group – historic preservation of existing units rather than demolition

Fred McGee – accounting of historic Austin public housing projects – HACA grant application – Hope 6 vs. Choice programs

Steven Aleman – monitoring of the project

Clifton Vandyke – funding for additional units-planners and community members as thinking partners on this project

Stan Strickland – preservation should be a huge element to the project – need for plans ‘B’ and ‘C’ financing options – importance of community involvement

Tracy Wiite – density concerns

Commissioner Nortey thanked applicants and community members for their input and moved to have an update on this project at the next regular meeting in June, with discussion to include:

1. Community involvement issues
2. Compliance with neighborhood plans
3. Implementation
4. Needed/required City approvals
5. Zoning and site use

Commissioner Chimenti seconded and before a vote was taken the motion was amended and concurred upon to change the date to the regular July meeting due to scheduling conflicts. The amended motion passed on a vote of 3-0

c. Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) presentation on redevelopment plans near the Rio Lado apartments.

Michael Gerber and Ron Kowal, Housing Authority of the City of Austin, were presenters on this item.

Public Comment:

Dwayne Lofton – community had hoped for a park on this location rather than development – lack of clarity on what is being planned and if it will complement the neighborhood – importance of community involvement as project proceeds.

The applicants were asked to bring more detailed information back to the committee at the next regular meeting in July.

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS

No staff briefings were presented.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(Postponed Indefinitely) - Urban Renewal Board, East 11th and 12th Street Corridors – Sandra Harkins, Project Coordinator, (512) 974-3128, will discuss differences and similarities between the East 11th and 12th Street Corridor NCCDs and Urban Renewal Plan.

(May) - Affordability at Mueller—Kelly Weiss, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity, will discuss the issue, including how affordable prices are advertised and what happens to affordable homes when they are resold.

(May) – South Austin Neighborhood Plan process update

Chair Jean Stevens adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM without objection.

