



**URBAN RENEWAL BOARD
APPROVED MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2013**

The Urban Renewal Board convened in a regular called meeting on Monday, February 25, 2013 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
Saundra Kirk
Gary Smith

Staff in Attendance:

Regina Copic
Sandra Harkins
Kathleen Saenz
Marilyn Shashoua
Ross Fischer, 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 November 19, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes.

The motion to approve the November 19, 2012 Regular meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Kirk 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).

Speakers:

Kris Bowen, Swede Hill

NEW BUSINESS

3. **Presentation and discussion on a proposed unsolicited proposal submitted by Austin Revitalization Authority for the property located at Block 17 - Residential for an Affordable and Market Rate Townhome project.**

Greg Smith, ARA, and Frank Lew(?), InTown Homes, gave the presentation.

Speaker: Stan Strickland

4. **Discussion and possible action of the disposition of the property located at Block 17 Residential.**

The motion to approve the disposition of the property located at Block 17 Residential to the ARA and InTown Homes for the full market value was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Vice Chair Clark-Madison and approved on a 4-0-0 vote.

5. **Discussion and possible action authorizing the negotiation and execution of a 12-month License Agreement with Foundation Communities for the properties located in the 900 Block of East 11th Street, a.k.a. Block 16.**

Elizabeth Colvin(?), Foundation Communities, gave the presentation.

Speakers:

Stan Strickland

Kris Bowen

Tracy Witte

The motion to authorize the negotiation, but not the execution, of a 12-month License Agreement with Foundation Communities for the properties located in the 900 Block of East 11th Street, a.k.a. Block 16 was made by Vice Chair Clark-Madison, seconded by Commissioner Kirk and approved on a 4-0-0 votes.

6. **Staff Update**

- a. **Presentation on East 11th and 12th Street Development Strategy Implementation**

Speaker: Stan Strickland

Gina Copic and Sandra Harkins gave the update.

Next Meeting/Future Agenda Items

Next meeting is Monday, March 18, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

- License Agreement with Foundation Communities item.
- Incentives to RFP for grocery store on Tracts 3 and 5.
- Procedures for public comment/citizen communications.

ADJOURNMENT – The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m. without objection.