



URBAN RENEWAL BOARD  
**APPROVED** MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 15, 2013

The Urban Renewal Board convened in a regular called meeting on Monday, July 15, 2013 at the Street-Jones Building, 1000 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Bucknall called the Board Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Andrew Bucknall, Chair

Michael Clark-Madison, Vice Chair

Joe Babb

Cristina De La Fuente-Valadez

Saundra Kirk

Staff in Attendance:

Regina Copic

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 February 25, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes.

**The motion to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2013 regular meeting was made by Commissioner Kirk, seconded by Commissioner De La Fuente-Valadez 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).

- **Kris Bowen, Swede Hill Neighborhood, grocery store for corridor as described in market study (EPS study).**

**NEW BUSINESS**

3. Presentation by LS Johnston Architects regarding a proposed Urban Renewal Plan modification for the property located at 901 Juniper Street.  
**Linda Johnston, LS Johnston Architects, and Erwin Franklin, gave the presentation.**
4. Discussion and possible action regarding the Victory Grill and adjacent Urban Renewal Agency properties as it relates to the utility line and building encroachment issues.  
**Direction was given to staff to proceed with the necessary surveys and appraisals of the property adjacent to the Victory Grill to determine the value of utility easements and encroachments.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

5. None

**Staff Update**

- a. Update on East 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Street Development Strategy Implementation.  
**Heather Chaffin presented a preliminary proposal by the owner of Franklin Barbeque.**

**NEXT MEETING/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Next meeting is Monday, August 19, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m. without objection.