



**URBAN RENEWAL BOARD**  
**APPROVED MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**October 20, 2014**

The Urban Renewal Board convened in a special called meeting on Monday, October, 20 2014 at the Street-Jones Building, 1000 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Room #400, Austin, Texas.

Chair Clark-Madison called the Board Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Michael Clark-Madison, Chair  
Saundra Kirk, Vice Chair  
Joe Babb  
Darwin McKee  
Nicole Sunstrum  
Nathaniel Bradford

**Staff in Attendance:**

Sandra Harkins  
Gina Copic  
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.

**Introduced new Commissioners, Nicole Sunstrum and Nathaniel Bradford**

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the July 21, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes and the September 29, 2014 Special Called Meeting Minutes. **The motion to approve the July 21, 2014 regular meeting minutes and the September 29, 2014 special called meeting minutes was made by Vice-Chair Kirk, seconded by Commissioner Babb and approved on a 6-0-0 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:**

- Lee Sherman

- Kris Bowen
- Michael Casias
- Stanton Strickland

### 3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Annual election of URB Chair and Vice Chair to serve for the 2014 – 2015 term of office, November 1, 2014 through July 1, 2015.

The nomination by Commissioner Babb, seconded by Commissioner McKee for Michael Clark-Madison to serve as Chair, and Saundra Kirk to serve as Vice-Chair for the 2014-2015 term of office, November 1, 2014 through July 1, 2014 was approved on a 6-0-0 vote.

- b. Discussion and approval of the URB meeting dates for 2015.

The motion to approve the URB meeting dates for 2015 with December meeting date to be December 14, 2015 was made by Vice Chair Kirk, seconded by Commissioner McKee and approved on a 6-0-0 vote.

- c. Discussion and possible action on authorizing the renewal of the current coverage for the Urban Renewal Agency's General Liability, Directors and Officers and Hired and Non-owned Auto Insurance coverage with Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool from 1 October 2014 to 30 September 2015 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,286.74.

The motion to authorize the renewal of the current coverage for the Urban Renewal Agency's General Liability, Directors and Officers and Hired and Non-owned Auto Insurance coverage with Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool from 1 October 2014 to 30 September 2015 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,286.74 was made by Commissioner Babb, seconded by Vice Chair Kirk and approved on a 6-0-0 vote

- d. Discussion and possible action authorizing the negotiation and execution of an 11-month License Agreement with Diverse Arts Culture Works for the properties located at 1106, 1112 and 1114 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street and 1109 Juniper Street.

**Harold McMillan and Jakes Srinivasan gave a presentation on Diverse Arts.**

**The motion authorizing the negotiation and execution of an 11-month License Agreement with Diverse Arts Culture Works for the properties located at 1106, 1112 and 1114 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street and 1109 Juniper Street was made by Commissioner McKee, seconded by Commissioner Bradford and approved on a 6-0-0 vote**

- e. Discussion and possible action authorizing the negotiation and execution of an 11-month License Agreement with Another Option Production for the property located at 1100 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Clifford Gillard gave a presentation on Another Option Productions.**

**The motion authorizing the negotiation and execution of an 11-month License Agreement with Another Option Production for the property located at 1100 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street was made by Commissioner McKee, seconded by Commissioner Babb and approved on a 6-0-0 vote.**

- f. Discussion and possible action authorizing the negotiation and execution of an 11-month License Agreement with Ice Ice Baby for the property located at 916 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Jacob Polansky gave a presentation on Ice Ice Baby.**

**The motion authorizing the negotiation and execution of an 11-month License Agreement with Ice Ice Baby for the property located at 916 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street was**

**made by Commissioner Babb, seconded by Commissioner McKee and approved on a 6-0-0 vote.**

- g. Discussion and possible action on proposed modification to the East 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Streets Urban Renewal Plan as it relates to the 1000 Block of East 11<sup>th</sup> Street (Block 17).

The motion to modify the East 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Streets Urban Renewal Plan as it relates to the 1000 Block of East 11<sup>th</sup> Street (Block 17) to increase Residential Parking Spaces from “up to 18” to “up to 32 (2 spaces per unit)” on tear sheet 11-2; 11<sup>th</sup> Street Entertainment Retail was made by Vice-Chair Kirk, seconded by Commissioner Sunstrum and approved on a 6-0-0 vote.

**Items h, i and Old Business B were taken at one time in a presentation by Jana McCann**

- h. Discussion and possible action on proposed modification to the East 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Streets Urban Renewal Plan as it relates to the 1100 Block of East 11<sup>th</sup> Street (Block 18).

**Jana McCann provided a presentation. Item Postponed**

- i. Discussion regarding East 12<sup>th</sup> Street

**Jana McCann provided a presentation.**

#### **4. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and possible action on disposition options regarding the Urban Renewal Agency owned property at 916 and 920 East 11<sup>th</sup> and 907, 909, 911 and 913 Juniper Street, also known as Block 16.

**Item Postponed**

- b. Discussion and possible action on proposed non-substantive modifications to the East 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Streets Urban Renewal Plan

**Jana McCann provided a presentation. Item Postponed**

#### **NEXT MEETING/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT – Meeting ended at 9:10 p.m.**