



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 25, 2015**

The Council Housing and Community Development Committee convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2015, at 301 West 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Renteria called the Committee Meeting to order at 4:20 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Sabino “Pio” Renteria – Chair
Ann Kitchen – Vice Chair
Gregorio Casar
Sheri Gallo

1. Approval of Minutes

No minutes to approve.

2. Citizen Communication: General

Stuart Hersh spoke on proposed topics for the Housing Committee
Angela Benevides Garza spoke on Homestead Preservation Districts

Staff Briefing

3. Overview of Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office to include: process by which the City receives federal funding; overview of the City's use of the Affordable Housing General Obligation Bond funds; and the role of the Austin Housing Finance Corporation.

Betsy Spencer, Director of Neighborhood Housing and Community Development, and Rebecca Giello, Assistant Director of Neighborhood Housing and Community Development, gave a presentation.

4. Briefing on the 2014 Comprehensive Market Study.

Rebecca Giello, Assistant Director of Neighborhood Housing and Community Development, gave a presentation.

5. Briefing on Homestead Preservation Districts.

Betsy Spencer, Director of Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office; Charles Heimsath, President of Capital Market Research; Darin Smith, Managing Principal of Economic and Planning Systems (EPS); Greg Canally, Deputy Chief Financial Officer with the City of Austin’s Department of Finance gave a presentation.

6. Overview of the City of Austin Developer Incentive Program.

Jim Robertson, Planning and Development Review, and Erica Leak, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development, gave a presentation.

7. Update on future Austin Housing Finance Corporation Board agenda items.

Betsy Spencer, Director of Neighborhood Housing and Community Development, and Rebecca Giello, Assistant Director of Neighborhood Housing and Community Development, provided an update.

8. Consider future agenda items.

A request was made for Mandy DeMayo of HousingWorks Austin to return in the future to discuss an update about the Strike Fund Steering Team.

Chair Renteria adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m. without objection.