



**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.**

**The minutes were approved on this the 29<sup>th</sup> of April, 2015 on Council Member Gallo's motion, Council Member Kitchen's second on a 4-0 vote.**