



URBAN RENEWAL BOARD
APPROVED MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
September 21, 2015

The Urban Renewal Board convened in a regular called meeting on Monday, September 21, 2015 at the Street-Jones Building, 1000 East 11th Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Clark-Madison called the Board Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Michael Clark-Madison, Chair
Nathaniel Bradford
Nicole Sunstrum
Joe Babb
Parisa Fatehi-Weeks

Staff in Attendance:

Gina Copic
Sandra Harkins
Charlie 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 June 15, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes.
The motion to approve the June 15, 2015, regular meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Babb, seconded by Commissioner Bradford and approved on a 5 -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:
 - Steven Lewis – Neighbors United for Progress
 - Seth Dockery – Move forward with development of property
3. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Welcome New Board Member

Parisa Fatehi-Weeks was introduced.

- b. Election of URB Vice Chair to serve for the remainder of the 2014 – 2015 term of office, September 21, 2015 through October 31, 2015.

The nomination by Commissioner Bradford, seconded by Commissioner Babb for Nicole Sunstrum to serve as Vice-Chair for the remainder of the 2014 – 2015 term of office, September 21, 2015 through October 31, 2015 was approved on a 5-0-0 vote.

- c. Discussion and possible action authorizing the negotiation and execution of an amendment extending the expiration date to September 30, 2016, to the License Agreement with Diverse Arts Culture Works for the properties located at 1106, 1112 and 1114 East 11th Street and 1109 Juniper Street.

The motion authorizing the negotiation and execution of an amendment extending the expiration date to the September 30, 2016, to the License Agreement with Diverse Arts Culture Works for the properties located at 1106, 1112 and 1114 East 11th Street and 1109 Juniper Street was made by Commissioner Babb, seconded by Commissioner Fatehi-Weeks and approved on a 5-0-0 vote.

- d. Discussion and possible action authorizing the negotiation and execution of an amendment extending the expiration date to September 30, 2016, to the License Agreement with Ice Ice Baby for the property located in 900 Block of East 11th Street (Block 16).

The motion authorizing the negotiation and execution of an amendment extending the expiration date to the September 30, 2016, with the addition of a fair market value fee, to the License Agreement with Ice Ice Baby for the property located in 900 Block of East 11th Street (Block 16) was made by Vice-Chair Sunstrum, seconded by Commissioner Bradford and approved on a 5-0-0 vote.

- e. Discussion and possible action on a proposed modification to the East 11th and 12th Streets Urban Renewal Plan as it relates to East 12th Street.

No action was taken on this item. The Board gave direction to staff to bring back several scenario's as it relates to the compatibility standards for the properties between Comal Street & Chicon Street along the south side of East 12th Street, send notifications to property owners with 500' of the affected properties advising them that this item will be up for discussion/possible action at the next Urban Renewal Board meeting scheduled for October 19th, and for staff to conduct a meeting with the property/business owners in this area prior to the October 19th Board meeting.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. None

NEXT MEETING/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting is Monday, October 19, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda Items:

Discussion and possible Action regarding an East 11th and 12th Streets Urban Renewal Plan modification as it relates to East 12th Street and Compatibility between Comal and Chicon along the south side of East 12th Street.

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting ended at 7:15 p.m.