

**Economic Prosperity Commission
June 21, 2017 6:30pm
City Hall Bull Pen Room 1029
301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, TX 78701**



MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 6:44 pm on Wednesday, June 21, 2017.

1. OPENING REMARKS

Introduction of members and staff liaison

2. Attendance:

a. City Staff:

Michelle Clemons-Executive Staff liaison, Jessica Armstrong- Staff liaison, Sylnovia Holt-Rabb-Executive Staff liaison, Blake Smith Executive liaison

b. Commission Members Present:

District 1 appointee Marina Bhargava, District 9 appointee Kevin Opp, District 4 appointee Hannah Frankel, District 8 appointee Michael Joyce, District 10 appointee Holt Lackey, District 2 appointee Kirsha Haverlah, , District 6 appointee Afton Cavanaugh, District 7 appointee Amy Noel

c. Absent:

District 3 appointee Roberto Rondero de Mosier, At-Large appointee Orlando Segura

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:

- a. Laura Aavang came to support the housing cooperative recommendation to improve affordable housing options.
- b. Ryan Nill came to support the housing cooperative recommendation to improve affordable housing options he also provided an overview of a housing cooperative.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

- a. Presentation by Tom Noonan, President, Visit Austin (Austin Convention and Visitors Bureau).
- b. Agent of Change Working Group report and possible action: Briefing from Commissioner Holt Lackey and Vice Chair Kevin Opp. Council will revisit this issue in their August meeting. No action was taken by the Commission regarding the Agent of Change.
- c. Discussion and action on Recommendation to council regarding Cooperative Housing and Business: Commissioner Hannah Frankel drafted a recommendation for the commissions review. Discussion to amend the recommendation. Motion to adopt the recommendation as amended was made by Commissioner Holt Lackey, seconded by Commissioner Kirsha Haverlah motion passes on an 8-0 vote with 2 absentees being Commissioner Orlando Segura and Chair Roberto Rondero de Mosier.

- d. Michelle Clemons, Economic Development Department, Presentation. The recommendation from item c is regarding additional funding for cooperative housing in the 2018 Budget.
- e. Approve April 19th meeting minutes: Motion to approve minutes by Commissioner Holt Lackey, seconded by Commissioner Afton Cavanaugh. Discussion to amend minutes by Commissioner Amy Noel. Motion to adopt minutes as amended by Commissioner Holt Lackey, seconded by Commissioner Amy Noel motion passes on an 8-0 vote with 2 absentees being Commissioner Orlando Segura and Chair Roberto Rondero de Mosier.

5. OLD BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Cooperative Development Working Group Updates and Possible Action:

6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 pm.

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