



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL HOUSING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 23, 2018**

Committee Members in Attendance:

Gregorio Casar, Chair
Alison Alter, Vice Chair
Sabino "Pio" Renteria
Jimmy Flannigan

CALL TO ORDER

The Council Housing and Planning Committee convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 301 West 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Casar called the Committee Meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

1. **Approve the minutes of the Housing and Planning Committee meeting of August 22, 2017. (Note: SPONSOR: Council Member Gregorio Casar, CO 1: Council Member Sabino "Pio" Renteria)**

The minutes were approved on the 23rd day of January, 2018 on Council Member Flannigan's motion to approve and Council Member Renteria's second on a 4-0 vote.

2. **Citizen Communication: General**

Two speakers signed up to speak during Citizen Communication. Both speakers were present and discussed affordable housing.

Discussion and Possible Action

3. **Briefing on Housing Trust Fund and the 2013 Housing Bonds. (Note: SPONSOR: Council Member Gregorio Casar, CO 1: Council Member Sabino "Pio" Renteria)**

Rosie Truelove, Director, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development, gave a presentation on the Housing Trust Fund and Mandy DeMayo, Community Development Administrator, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development gave a presentation on the 2013 Affordable Housing Bonds.

4. **Approve the 2018 Housing and Planning Committee Schedule. (Note: SPONSOR: Council Member Gregorio Casar, CO 1: Council Member Sabino "Pio" Renteria)**

The 2018 schedule was approved on Council Member Flannigan's motion to approve and Council Member Alter's second on a 4-0 vote.

5. **Briefing on 2018 9% Low Income Housing Tax Credit Applications and Discussion of City Council Decision Points. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Gregorio Casar, CO 1: Council Member Sabino "Pio" Renteria)**

Mandy DeMayo, Community Development Administrator, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development gave a presentation on the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Applications. Michael Gerber, President of Housing Authority of Austin (HACA) provided comment on low income housing tax credits, and presented information on Chalmers Courts. 8 speakers signed up to speak on agenda item number 5 and 5 gave testimony. **The motion to recommend Chalmers Court as the most contributing project that qualifies as the development which will contribute more than any other to the concerted revitalization efforts of the City of Austin, and to bring the resolution to the full Council for consideration was approved unanimously.**

6. **Discussion and possible action regarding the percentage of property tax revenue generated in Homestead Preservation District A Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone, located in Central East Austin that will be directed to affordable housing. (Note: SPONSOR: Council Member Gregorio Casar, CO 1: Council Member Sabino "Pio" Renteria)**

Rosie Truelove, Director, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development, gave a presentation on the Homestead Preservation District Zone.

The motion to recommend bringing information on different scenarios showing what percentage of tax increment in HPRZ 1 should be set aside to result in creation of different numbers of affordable units by 2030 to the full Council for consideration was approved unanimously.

7. **Discussion and possible action directing the City Manager to present options to council for use of Tax Increment Financing for affordable housing projects in Austin. (Note: SPONSOR: Council Member Gregorio Casar, CO 1: Council Member Sabino "Pio" Renteria)**

Greg Canally, Chief Financial Officer for Financial Services gave the presentation on Tax Increment Financing for affordable housing projects in Austin. Jonathan Tomko, Principal Planner, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development, provided additional comment on Tax Increment Financing.

The motion to recommend to the full Council the study and proposal of potential updates to the City's TIF policy and aligning the TIF policy with the Strategic Housing Blueprint and mobility bond goals was approved unanimously.

8. **Discuss and take possible action to consider implementing a policy to encourage Chapter 380 economic incentives for affordable housing - including use of such tools as tax abatement or payments, as may be allowed by State law. (Note: SPONSOR: Council Member Gregorio Casar, CO 1: Council Member Sabino "Pio" Renteria)**

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

9. **Future Items**
No future items were discussed.

ADJOURN

Chair Casar adjourned the meeting at 12:16 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on the 27th day of March, 2018 on Council Member Flannigan's motion to approve and Council Member Alter's second on a 4-0 vote.