



**URBAN RENEWAL BOARD**  
**APPROVED MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**September 17, 2018**

The Urban Renewal Board convened in a regular meeting on Monday, September 17, 2018 the Street-Jones Building, 1000 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 400A, Austin TX.

Chair Babb called the Board Meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Joe Babb, Chair  
Nicole Sunstrum, Vice-Chair  
Maegan Ellis  
Manuel Escobar

**Board Members Absent**

Parisa Fatehi-Weeks  
Jana Ortega  
Nathaniel Bradford

**Staff in Attendance:**

Sandra Harkins  
Habib Erkan

**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 August 20, 2018, Regular Meeting Minutes **The motion to approve the August 20, 2018, regular meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Escobar, seconded by Commissioner Sunstrum and approved on a 4-0-0 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).

None

**Chair Babb recessed the Urban Renewal Board meeting to go into Executive Session at 7:11 p.m.**

### **3. Executive Session**

- a. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney) the Board of Commissioners shall convene in executive session to consult with the Agency's attorney regarding requests for extension of the "Outside Completion Date" as allowed under the Escrow Agreements of real properties located in Austin Texas at 1120 East 12th Street and 1322-1336 East 12th Street.
- b. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (entitled "Consultation with Attorney) the Board of Commissioners shall convene in executive session to consult with the Agency's attorney and seek legal advice before acting on the City of Austin Code Compliance complaints against Licensee of the property located at 1106, 1112 and 1114 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street and 1109 Juniper Street.
- c. Reconvene in open session and possibly take action on any matter lawfully deliberated in executive session.

**Chair Babb reconvened the Urban Renewal Board meeting at 7:44 p.m., no action was taken by the Board of Commissioners during Executive Session**

**Chair Babb recessed the meeting for a break at 7:44 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:49 p.m.**

### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Staff presentation, discussion and possible action of City of Austin Code Compliance complaints for the property located at 1106, 1112 and 1114 E 11<sup>th</sup> Street and 1109 Juniper Street.

**Agency staff provided presentation. No action was taken.**

- b. Discussion and possible action authorizing the negotiation and execution of an amendment extending the expiration date to September 30 , 2019, to the License Agreement with Diverse Arts Culture Works for the properties located at 1106, 1112, and 1114 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street and 1109 Juniper Street.

**The motion to extend the License Agreement with Diverse Arts Culture Works for 30-days for properties located at 1106, 1112, and 1114 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street and 1109 Juniper Street and to direct Agency's attorney to work with staff in preparing a new 11-month agreement was made by Commissioner Escobar and seconded by Commissioner Sunstrum and approved on a 4-0-0 vote.**

- c. Election of URB Chair and Vice Chair to serve for the 2018-2019 term of office, November 1, 2018 through October 31, 2019.

**The nomination by Commissioner Escobar, seconded by Commissioner Sunstrum for Commissioner Babb to serve as Chair for the 2018-2019 term of office, November 1, 2018 through October 31, 2019 was approved on a 4-0-0 vote. The nomination by Commissioner Sunstrum, seconded by Commissioner Escobar for**

Commissioner Ellis to serve as Vice-Chair for the 2018-2019 term of office, November 1, 2018 through October 31, 2019 was approved on a 4-0-0 vote

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding the development update for 1120 East 12th Street and 1322-1336 East 12th Street. **Item 5.a. was heard before Item 3 a., 4 a., b. and c.**

**Renee Campos, General Partner Eureka Holdings, provided a briefing regarding the development at 1322-1336 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street.**

- b. Discussion and possible action regarding the Urban Renewal Board's existing request for proposal scoring criteria and matrix to ensure consistency with the goals of the Urban Renewal Plan and how enforcement provisions may be implemented.

**Board requested staff to place an item on the Urban Renewal Board's October 15, 2018, meeting agenda to seek input from area stakeholders on community benefits to consider for the Request for Proposal Scoring Criteria and Matrix.**

- c. Discussion and possible action regarding an extension of the East 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Street Urban Renewal Plan.

**Staff provided an update.**

6. **Staff Update**

Update on East 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Street Development Strategy Implementation

**No update was provided.**

**NEXT MEETING/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Next meeting is October 15, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT – Meeting ended at 8:47 p.m.**