



URBAN RENEWAL BOARD
DRAFT MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
April 15, 2019

The Urban Renewal Board convened the regular meeting on Monday, April 15, 2019, at the Street-Jones Building, 1000 East 11th Street, Room 400A, Austin TX.

Chair Babb called the Board Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Joe Babb, Chair
Maegan Ellis, Vice-Chair
Roxanne Evans
Manuel Escobar
Jacqueline Watson

Board Members Absent:

Nathaniel Bradford
Nicole Sunstrum

Staff in Attendance:

Sandra Harkins
Gina Copic

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 January 14, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion to approve the January 14, 2019, regular meeting minutes with corrections, was made by Commissioner Escobar, seconded by Commissioner Watson 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).

None

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action for recommendations regarding the City of Austin Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget.

Presentation was provided by Katie Stewart, Budget Analyst III, City of Austin's Budget Office. The Urban Renewal Board requested this item be placed on the December 2019 agenda and to provide copies of other Board's and Commission's recommendations. No action was taken.

- b. Discussion and possible action concerning correspondence to be addressed to the Historic Landmark Commission, stating the Urban Renewal Board's strong preference for current historic landmarks, potential or recommended historic landmarks within the boundaries of the East 11th and 12th Street Urban Renewal Plan be renovated in their current location and not be moved.

A motion to finalize and distribute a letter from the Urban Renewal Board to the Historic Landmark Commission stating the Urban Renewal Board's strong preference for current historic landmarks, potential or recommended historic landmarks within the boundaries of the East 11th and 12th Street Urban Renewal Plan be renovated in their current location and not be moved and voted to authorize Vice-Chair Ellis to attend the Historic Landmark Commission meeting on behalf of the Urban Renewal Board was made by Commissioner Escobar and seconded by Commissioner Watson and approved on a 5-0-0 vote.

- c. Update from Eureka/Gilfillan Group regarding development plans for property owned within the East 11th and 12th Street's Urban Renewal Plan boundaries.

Sandra Harkins provided a letter from J. Rebecca Leonard, Lionheart Places, LLC that stated she has recently been retained by Eureka to work on a vision for the Eureka-owned East Austin properties. The Urban Renewal Board directed staff to provide a map of Eureka-owned properties within the East 11th and 12th Street Urban Renewal Plan boundaries and to request, that at a minimum, the following information be provided by Eureka at the Urban Renewal Board's May 20, 2019 meeting:

- **Specify which East Austin properties, those within the East 11th and 12th Street boundary or those owned by Eureka in all of East Austin.**
- **What other entities make up the team for Eureka?**
- **Timeline for development, if any.**
- **What are Eureka's priorities for the neighborhood or how are they going to identify those priorities?**

No action was taken.

4. STAFF BRIEFING

- a. None

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Update, discussion and possible action concerning the City of Austin Code Departments, Code Complaint issued for the property located at 1106 East 11th Street.

Sandra Harkins provided the update that all Code Complaints had been addressed and the case has been closed. No action was taken.

- 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.

Item postponed until May 20, 2019 meeting.

- c. Presentation, discussion and possible action on recommended modifications to the East 11th and 12th Street Urban Renewal Plan and the East 11th Street Neighborhood Conservation Combining District (NCCD) to parallel the structure of the current East 12th Street NCCD.

Sandra Harkins and Jana McCann, McCann Adams presented the recommended modifications the East 11th and 12th Street Urban Renewal Plan, specifically to the East 11th Street. Discussion occurred but no action was taken.

- d. Update, discussion and possible action regarding the developments at 1120 East 12th Street and 1322-1336 East 12th Street.

No action was taken.

6. UPDATE FROM URBAN RENEWAL BOARD COMMITTEES, WORKING GROUPS AND APPOINTMENTS

Discussion and possible action on the following:

- a. To be approved, Urban Renewal Plan Implementation Committee
- b. Stakeholder Engagement Working Group

NEXT MEETING/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 20, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting ended at 8:16 p.m.