



URBAN RENEWAL BOARD
DRAFT MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
August 19, 2019

The Urban Renewal Board convened the regular meeting on Monday, August 19, 2019, at the Street-Jones Building, 1000 East 11th Street, Room 400A, Austin TX.

Chair Ellis called the Board Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

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

Board Members Absent:

Nicole Sunstrum

Staff in Attendance:

Sandra Harkins
Travis Perlman

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 July 15, 2019, Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion to approve the July 15, 2019, regular meeting minutes with corrections, was made by Commissioner Watson, seconded by Commissioner Bradford and approved on a 6-0-0 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 regarding the development at 1322-1336 East 12th Street.

Discussion occurred. Chair Ellis asked staff to find out what the process would be to add a roof-top deck.

- b. Discussion and possible action regarding the City-owned community parking lot located at 1400 East 12th Street.

Discussion occurred. No action was taken.

4. STAFF BRIEFING

- a. None

5. OLD BUSINESS

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

Staff provided a written update from Trey Salinas.

- 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 September 16, 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.

Jana McCann with McCann Adams Studios, provided the Board an explanation as to how the Land Development Code, Urban Renewal Plan and Neighborhood Conservation Combining District (NCCD) work together, to include how their actions impact them.

Jana McCann with McCann Adams Studios, provided a presentation of Comparison of Urban Renewal Plan and City of Austin Land Development Code Definition that included staff recommendations.

An agreement was made by the Urban Renewal Board on staff's recommendation to delete Urban Renewal Plan definitions, 1, 2, 7, 10, 14, 15, 17, 21, 22, 27, and 30 and to retain Urban Renewal Plan definitions, 13, 25 and 26, with all remaining items to be discussed at the September 16, 2019.

- d. Update, discussion and possible action regarding the developments at 1120 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. Urban Renewal Plan Implementation Committee

- **Held first meeting August 16, 2019.**
- **Staff informed the committee that a kick off meeting was held in March with representatives from the departments the Board is charged to work with over the next 5 years and points of contacts have been established.**
- **A draft work plan with activities has been draft and the committee will work with staff to continue to add and refine what those tasks and activities are to include not just the very hard and concrete tasks such as RFP's and property disposals but qualitative items as well that we feel was pretty clear from the direction Council gave the Board in December.**
- **Chair stated performance metrics will be ready for Board approval by end of year.**

b. Stakeholder Engagement Working Group

Working Group activities are on hold.

NEXT MEETING/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 16 19, 2019, at 6.00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting ended at 8:27 p.m.