# Eureka Development Group Urban Renewal Board Meeting November 18, 2019

### **November Updates:**

## 1. Connect Waller Creek & Boggy Creek

Rebecca Leonard and her Lionheart team are reviewing and analyzing adopted plans related to the Boggy Creek and Waller Creek green space to evaluate how a potential connection would impact East Austin and the greater Austin community. This study will consider Eureka's desire to improve East/West connections along the East 12<sup>th</sup> Street corridor for all modes of traveling (walking, cycling, scooters, cars, public transportation, etc). The study may also consider recommended tools that have been used on Waterloo/Waller Greenway to successfully see the Boggy Creek project reach completion.

#### 2. Cultural and historical study

Eureka Development Group hired Donna Carter to conduct a cultural and historic preservation study on the entire East 12<sup>th</sup> Street area, including key properties owned by Eureka and others. The study will consider on-going operations and maintenance needs of the IQ Hurdle House and the W. H. Passon House to determine if partnerships can be built for long-term sustainability. The study will be completed in 5-7 months.

#### 3. Meeting with Neighborhood Housing and Community Development

Eureka Development Group has been discussing potential re-development opportunities and partnerships with NHCD. We were inspired by the Chalmers Court redevelopment with the Housing Authority of the City of Austin and hope to accomplish similar success. This is more long-term for Eureka, but we feel there are lots of exciting opportunities the community could benefit from.

## 4. Property clean-ups

Eureka is continuing efforts to clean up several properties along the East 12<sup>th</sup> Street corridor.

Eureka has installed new fencing at the corner of Salina and East 12<sup>th</sup> Street. At the request of the Building and Standards Commission, we will be removing the building at 2949 E 12<sup>th</sup> Street. The demolition permit will be reviewed by the Historic Landmark Commission.

Eureka is working with city staff and the Historic Landmark Commission on the possibility of removing the abandoned structure at 3001 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street.