



URBAN RENEWAL BOARD

APPROVED MINUTES

Work Session

November 5, 2019

The Urban Renewal Board convened the Work Session on Tuesday, November 5, 2019, at the Street-Jones Building, 1000 East 11th Street, Room 400A, Austin TX.

Chair Escobar called the Board Meeting to order at 5:09 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Manuel Escobar, Chair

Roxanne Evans, Vice-Chair

Amit Motwani

Darrell Pierce

Danielle Skidmore

Board Members Absent:

Nathaniel Bradford

Jacqueline Watson

Staff in Attendance:

Mandy DeMayo

Sandra Harkins

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. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Presentation and discussion regarding East 11th and 12th Street Urban Renewal Plan modifications.

NHCD staff and Jana McCann with McCann Adams Studios provided a presentation of the following:

- **History of Urban Renewal Agency**
- **What Powers do Urban Renewal Agencies have or do not have**
- **Who defines the scope/role of Urban Renewal Agency**
- **Past and Current Actions of the Agency**

- **Overview of the East 11th Street Urban Renewal Plan and the East 11th Street Neighborhood Conservation Combining District (NCCD) and East 12th Street NCCD**
- **East 11th and 12th Street Urban Renewal Plan (URPlan) recommended changes**
- **Policy on Property Disposition**

Comments below are from the Urban Renewal Board Commissioner's:

1. Community Parking
 - a) Is this in conflict with sustainability to require additional “community” parking? Consider reducing parking requirement.
2. Authority, Purpose and Scope
 - a) Should/Could Sales proceeds (from Blocks 16 & 18) be used for property acquisition within the Urban Renewal Plan boundaries?
 - b) Block 18 is it restricted (in terms of federal funds/requirements)?
 - c) Could the Board use such proceeds more creatively?
3. Is the URPlan is outdated? Does the URPlan meet the “slum and blighted” definition?
4. Let’s be sure we don’t repeat missed opportunities / mistakes, i.e. on the tract the Butler Family purchase then was sold to Eureka...the vision of this block was not/will not be achieved (see page 9 of URPlan)
5. Would like to see updates to language, i.e. Purpose of Urban Renewal Board
6. The Board’s task/critical path is to align 11th St NCCD with the URPlan.
7. The purpose of the URB discussion could wait but the 11th St NCCD & URPlan alignment and Request for Proposals for Block 16 and 18 cannot.
8. We’ll need a very-well orchestrated effort with Law, Planning Commission, Zoning Staff, etc.
9. Staff should provide rationale for deleting elements of the URPlan
10. Need transition on Page 10 and 11 of the edited URPlan.

Staff and Consultant are to prepare a comparison chart for November 18th Urban Renewal Board Regular meeting, to include, but not be limited to, the following:

Existing URP Tear Sheets and Project Controls (definitions)	Existing NCCD Controls	Proposed 11 th St NCCD Controls	Rationale for Change
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NEXT MEETING/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 18, 2019, at 6.00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting ended at 9:10 p.m.