



URBAN RENEWAL BOARD
DRAFT MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
December 16, 2019

The Urban Renewal Board convened the regular meeting on Monday, December 16, 2019, at the Street-Jones Building, 1000 East 11th Street, Room 400A, Austin TX.

Chair Escobar called the Board Meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Manuel Escobar, Chair
Roxanne Evans, Vice-Chair
Amit Motwani
Danielle Skidmore
Nathaniel Bradford
Jacqueline Watson
Darrell Pierce

Board Members Absent:

None

Staff in Attendance:

Gina Copic
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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the November 18, 2019, Regular Meeting Minutes. **The motion to approve the November 18, 2019, regular meeting minutes, was made by Commissioner Motwani seconded by Commissioner Skidmore and approved on a 6-0-1 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).

Ethan Smith

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Authorize negotiate and execute the fifth amendment to the Escrow Agreement that provides for approval of the fifth extension to the Outside Completion Date for the properties located at 1322-1336 East 12th Street from December 31, 2019 to January 31, 2019.

Matt Harriss, Chief Financial Officer, Butler Family Interests, provided a project briefing, which included a request for the fifth extension.

The motion authorizing the negotiation and execution of the fifth amendment to the Escrow Agreement that provides for approval of fifth extension to the Outside Completion Date for the properties located at 1322-1336 East 12th Street from December 31, 2019 to January 31, 2020, was made by Commissioner Watson with a correction of the date from January 31, 2019 to January 31, 2020, seconded by Commissioner Bradford and approved on a 7-0-0 vote.

- b. Discussion and possible action authorizing the negotiation and execution of a one-day License Agreement with Greater Austin Black Chamber for the properties located at 920 East 11th Street and 913 Juniper Street, Austin TX 78702 on March 15, 2020, to host the SXSW Africa House.

Renata Estes Brown, Director of Special Projects provided a briefing.

The motion authorizing the negotiation and execution of a license agreement with The Greater Austin Black Chamber for the properties located 913 Juniper Street and 920 East 11th Street for March 15, 2020 to host the SXSW Africa House was made by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Motwani and approved on a 7-0-0 vote

Item 4.a, Old Business was heard before Item 3.c

- c. Discussion of design guidelines for Blocks 16 and 18 Request for Proposal
Jana McCann with McCann Adams Studios provided information on design guidelines for Blocks 16 and 18.
No action was taken.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. 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 and staff provided the Urban Renewal Plan/11th Street NCCD Permitted Use comparison; recommendation and rationale for Commercial Uses.
No action was taken.

- b. Update, discussion and possible action regarding development plans for property owned by Eureka/Gilfillan Group within the East 11th and 12th Street's Urban Renewal Plan boundaries, including 1120 E 12th Street.
No update was provided. No action was taken.

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

Discussion and possible action on the following:

- a. Urban Renewal Plan Implementation Committee
Committee activities are on hold.
- b. Stakeholder Engagement Working Group
Working Group activities are on hold.

NEXT MEETING/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next regularly scheduled meeting is on Monday, January 13, 2020, at 6.00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT - Meeting ended at 9:25 p.m.