



**URBAN RENEWAL BOARD  
MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2021, 5:30 – 9:30 PM  
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCING**

**CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:**

Manuel Escobar, Chair  
Darrell W. Pierce, Vice Chair  
Danielle Skidmore  
Amit Motwani

Nathaniel Bradford  
Jacqueline Watson  
Kobla Tetey

**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.

**MINUTES**

**Members in Attendance**

Manuel Escobar, Chair  
Darrell W. Pierce, Vice Chair  
Amit Motwani  
Jacqueline Watson

**Staff in Attendance**

Erica Leak  
Travis Pearlman  
Laura Keating

**Members Absent**

Danielle Skidmore  
Kobla Tetey  
Nathaniel Bradford

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Chair Escobar called the meeting to order at 5:37pm with 4 members present.**

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

Speakers who register to speak no later than noon the day before the meeting will be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding agenda items and items not posted on the agenda.

*Speaker who signed up against Item 3a: Mark Vornberg.*

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approval of the March 15, 2021, Meeting Minutes.

*On Commissioner Motwani's motion, Vice Chair Peirce's second, the minutes from the URB's March 15, 2021, meeting were approved on a 4-0-0 vote.*

## **2. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding the extension of the agreement between the Urban Renewal Agency and the City of Austin concerning the implementation of the East 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Streets Urban Renewal Plan.

*Following discussion, on Vice Chair Pierce's motion, Commissioner Watson's second, a motion to renew the agreement for an additional year was approved on a 4-0-0 vote, with a request that the timeline for the deliverables be updated accordingly.*

## **3. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Consideration and possible action regarding request from Capitol View Arts/Rolling Rooster for a license agreement to use Urban Renewal Agency owned property at 1100 E 11<sup>th</sup> Street.

*Clifford Gillard addressed the board and discussion occurred. No action was taken.*

- b. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding background and next steps for property disposition of Urban Renewal Agency owned property (1100 E 11<sup>th</sup> St and 920 E 11<sup>th</sup> St).

*Travis Perlman presented. Following discussion, on Commissioner Watson's motion, Commissioner Motwani's second, a motion passed unanimously to approve Vice Chair Pierce to work with staff on recruiting a community engagement consultant.*

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Escobar adjourned the meeting at 6:53pm without objections.**

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