



**URBAN RENEWAL BOARD**  
**MONDAY, JULY 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

<p><b>Members in Attendance</b> Manuel Escobar, Chair Darrell Pierce, Vice Chair Amit Motwani Danielle Skidmore Kobla Tetey</p> <p><b>Members Absent</b> Nathaniel Bradford Jacqueline Watson</p>	<p><b>Staff in Attendance</b> Erica Leak Laura Keating Travis Perlman Mandy DeMayo David Colligan Lana Denkeler Megan Santee, URB legal counsel</p>
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**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.

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Escobar called the meeting to order at 5:38pm with 5 members present.  
Commissioners Bradford and Watson were absent.

**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.

*Lee Sherman, Patrick Houck, Clifton VanDyke, Tracy Witte, Susan Oringer and Nate Jones addressed the board.*

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approval of the June 21, 2021, Meeting Minutes.

*On Commissioner Motwani's motion, Commissioner Tetey's second, the URB's June 21, 2021, minutes were unanimously approved.*

## 2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Presentation from Waterloo Greenway Conservancy and discussion regarding history of the organization and recent work.

*Melissa Ayala gave the presentation; she was joined by John Rigdon, Erica Saenz and Lana Denkeler.*

- b. Presentation from Reverend Freddie Dixon and discussion regarding original proposal by the East 11th Street Village Association for the Neighborhood Conservation Combining District, lessons learned, and implications for future inclusion.

*Reverend Freddie Dixon gave the presentation.*

- c. Presentation from Greg Smith with Austin Revitalization Authority and discussion regarding history of the organization and recent work.

*Greg Smith gave the presentation.*

- d. Presentation, discussion, and possible action in response to Planning Commission's recommendations on the proposed modifications to the East 11th and 12th Street Urban Renewal Plan and Neighborhood Conservation Combining Districts.

*Chair Escobar presented. Discussion occurred, but no action was taken.*

- e. Discussion and possible action on the Urban Renewal Board's Annual Internal Review Report.

*On Commissioner Skidmore's motion, Commissioner Motwani's second, the Urban Renewal Board's Annual Internal Review Report was unanimously approved.*

## 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.

*On Commissioner Pierce's motion, Commissioner Motwani's second, a motion to authorize the Chair to sign and execute the license agreement, with any needed non-substantive edits, was unanimously approved.*

- b. Presentation, discussion, and possible action from the Austin Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) and City staff regarding an approach to the property disposition of Urban Renewal Agency owned property (1100 E 11<sup>th</sup> St and 920 E 11<sup>th</sup> St).

*David Colligan addressed the board and answered questions. The full presentation was postponed until a future meeting.*

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

*Austin Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) presentation*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Escobar adjourned the meeting at 8:26pm without objection.**

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