

## URBAN RENEWAL BOARD REGULAR MEETING November 15, 2021 at 6:00PM 1000 East 11th Street, Room 400A

#### **CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:**

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

Amit Motwani

Nathaniel Bradford Jacqueline Watson Kobla Tetey

#### **Members in Attendance**

Manuel Escobar Darrell W. Pierce, Vice Chair

Amit Motwani Jacqueline Watson Nathaniel Bradford Danielle Skidmore

#### **Members Absent**

Kobla Tetey

## **Staff in Attendance**

Mandy DeMayo Laura Keating

Megan Santee, URB legal counsel

**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 6:09pm with 6 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.

### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approval of the October 18, 2021, regular meeting minutes.

On Commissioner Motwani's motion, Commissioner Bradford's second, the October 18, 2021, minutes were unanimously approved.

### 2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Presentation from the East Austin Creative Coalition regarding the organization's work and Resolution #20210902-048, and discussion.

Harold McMillan addressed the board. Discussion occurred.

#### 3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Presentation from City staff on the status of the Urban Renewal Plan and Neighborhood Conservation Combining District amendments, discussion, and possible action.

On Chair Escobar's motion, Commissioner Watson's second, the memo with the additional statement and clarification discussed was unanimously approved with Commissioner Bradford off the dais.

b. Discussion regarding letter from Austin Revitalization Authority (ARA) to the Urban Renewal Agency (URA) related to URA owned property (1100 E 11<sup>th</sup> St and 920 E 11<sup>th</sup> St), procedure around unsolicited proposals for property disposition, and the response the Board received related to the letter.

Discussion occurred.

c. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding Memorandum of Understanding and Interlocal Agreement Addendum with AEDC related 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).

On Chair Escobar's motion, Commission Skidmore's second, the approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with AEDC failed 3-2. Those voting aye were: Chair Escobar, Commissioners Skidmore and Watson. Those voting nay were: Vice Chair Pierce and Commissioner Motwani. Commissioner Bradford was off the dais.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Escobar adjourned the meeting at 8:48pm without objection.

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