



URBAN RENEWAL BOARD (REGULAR MEETING)
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023

The URBAN RENEWAL BOARD convened on MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023, at the Permitting and Development Center - 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr. in Austin, Texas.

Chair Manuel Escobar called the Urban Renewal Board meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:

Chair Manuel Escobar, Vice Chair Darrell Pierce, Commissioner Kobla Tetey, Commissioner Amit Motwani, and Commissioner Jacqueline Watson were present.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Commissioner Danielle Skidmore.

Board Members Absent/off the dais:

Commissioner Tam Hawkins was absent.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Melvin Wrenn signed up to speak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Urban Renewal Board's May 22, 2023, special called meeting.

The minutes from the meeting of August 7, 2023, were approved on Commissioner Motwani's motion, Commissioner Tetey's second, on a 6-0 vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Discussion and possible action to approve an amendment extending the license agreement between the Urban Renewal Agency and Diverse Arts.

The motion to approve the amendment extending the license agreement between the Urban Renewal Agency and Diverse Arts and allowing Chair Escobar to execute and sign the amendment was approved on Commissioner Motwani's motion, Commissioner Watson's second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioner Hawkins was absent.

3. Discussion and possible action to approve an amendment extending the license agreement between the Urban Renewal Agency and Capitol View Arts

The motion to approve an amendment extending the license agreement between the Urban Renewal Agency and Capitol View Arts and allowing Chair Escobar to execute and sign the amendment, so long as the month was updated in the last Whereas from September to August, was approved on Commissioner Watson’s motion, Commissioner Tetey’s second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioner Hawkins was absent.

4. Discussion and possible action to approve a recommendation regarding the extension of the agreement between the Urban Renewal Agency and the City of Austin concerning the implementation of the East 11th and 12th Streets Urban Renewal Plan which ends September 30, 2023 (Megan Santee, URB Counsel)

The motion to approve the recommendation regarding the extension of the agreement for an additional year between the Urban Renewal Agency and the City of Austin concerning the implementation of the East 11th and 12th Streets Urban Renewal Plan and authorizing Chair Escobar to execute if approved by City Council, was approved on Commissioner Watson’s motion, Commissioner Motwani’s second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioner Hawkins was absent.

5. Discussion and possible action related to updates on future development of Blocks 16 & 18 from Austin Economic Development Corporation, including the distribution of the Request for Proposals and approval of candidates for the Stakeholder Working Group (Anne Gatling Haynes, AEDC)

The motion authorizing Chair Escobar to approve the candidates for the Stakeholder Working Group, if remaining vacant position is recommended prior to the next regular called Urban Renewal Board Meeting, was approved on Commissioner Tetey’s motion, Commissioner Motwani’s second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioner Hawkins was absent.

6. Discussion and possible action on amending the Memorandum of Understanding between the Urban Renewal Agency and Austin Economic Development Corporation (Anne Gatling Haynes, AEDC)

The motion to approve the amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Urban Renewal Agency and Austin Economic Development Corporation, with two additional changes identified (1. updating a section reference, and 2. increasing the potential size of a stakeholder working group from 11 to 13) was approved on Commissioner Skidmore’s motion, Commissioner Motwani’s second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioner Hawkins was absent.

Chair Escobar recessed the meeting at 7:07 p.m. without objection.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

7. Discuss legal matters related to the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of an interest in Blocks 16 and 18 located on East 11th Street in Austin (Private consultation with legal counsel - Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code)
8. Discuss real estate matters related to the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of an interest in Blocks 16 and 18 located on East 11th Street in Austin (Real Property - Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code)

Chair Escobar reconvened the Urban Renewal Board Meeting at 8:16 p.m.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Manuel Escobar adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m. without objection.

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