

URBAN RENEWAL BOARD DRAFT MINUTES
Monday, October 16, 2023



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MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023

The URBAN RENEWAL BOARD convened on MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 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 6:14 p.m.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:

Chair Manuel Escobar, Commissioner Kobla Tetey, Commissioner Danielle Skidmore, Commissioner Amit Motwani, and Commissioner Jacqueline Watson were present.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

None.

Board Members Absent/off the dais:

Vice Chair Darrell Pierce and Commissioner Tam Hawkins were absent. Commissioner Amit Motwani joined the dais at 6:19 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the URB's special called meeting on September 28, 2023.

The minutes from the special called meeting of September 28, 2023, were approved on Commissioner Tetey's motion, Commissioner Watson's second, on a 4-0 vote. Vice Chair Pierce, Commissioner Motwani, and Commissioner Hawkins were absent.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

2. Discussion and possible action regarding the City Manager's evaluation of the continued need for the URP and the URA, and the URA's recommendation to Council (Chair Escobar).

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Discussion led by Chair Escobar and requested staff follow up with the Assistant City Manager.

3. Discussion and possible action related to updates on future development of Blocks 16 & 18 from Austin Economic Development Corporation, including the Request for Proposals process, and meetings of and updated approval of additional candidates for the Stakeholder Working Group (Jose Lopez, AEDC).

Jose Lopez led the discussion. The motion to approve Paul Staples and Pam Owens to the Stakeholder Working Group was approved on Commissioner Watson's motion, Commissioner Skidmore's second, on a 5-0 vote. Vice Chair Pierce and Commissioner Hawkins were absent.

Chair Escobar recessed the meeting at 6:26 p.m. without objection.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

4. 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)
5. 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 6:43 p.m.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future items were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Manuel Escobar adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m. without objection.

The minutes from the regular October 16, 2023, meeting were approved on Commissioner Motwani's motion, Commissioner Skidmore's second, on a 4-0 vote. Vice Chair Pierce and Commissioners Hawkins and Watson were absent.

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