

URBAN RENEWAL BOARD MINUTES
Monday, November 13, 2023



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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023

The URBAN RENEWAL BOARD convened on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 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 6:08p.m.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:

Chair Manuel Escobar, Commissioners Kobla Tetey, Danielle Skidmore, and Amit Motwani were present.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

None.

Board Members Absent/off the dais:

Vice Chair Darrell Pierce, Commissioner Tam Hawkins and Commissioner Watson were absent.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

No speakers signed up to speak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the URB's special-called meeting on October 16, 2023.

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.

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 was led by Chair Escobar. Mandy DeMayo provided an update in response to the Chair's questions.

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 and Anne Gatling Haynes, AEDC)

Anne Gatling Haynes and Jose Lopez gave an update and responded to questions.

Chair Escobar recessed the meeting at 6:14p.m. for an Executive Session regarding items 4 and 5. At 6:17pm, the Chair postponed the Executive Session and called a return to item 3.

Item 3, continued. Commissioner Motwani moved to approve the appointment of Michael Rhone to the Stakeholder Working Group regarding future development of Blocks 16 and 18 on East 11th Street. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tetey and passed by a unanimous vote of 4-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Escobar recessed the meeting at 6:23pm for an Executive Session to discuss items 4 and 5.

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 6:37p.m.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items were requested.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Escobar adjourned the meeting at 6:38p.m. without objection.

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The minutes of the November 13, 2023, regular meeting of the URB were approved unanimously at the December 16, 2023, regular meeting on Commissioner Watson's motion, Commissioner Motwani's second on a 4-0-0- vote.

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