



***URBAN RENEWAL BOARD MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2023***

The URBAN RENEWAL BOARD convened on MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 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 6:09p.m.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:

Chair Manuel Escobar, Commissioners Kobla Tetey, Tam Hawkins, Jacqueline Watson and Amit Motwani were present.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Commissioner Danielle Skidmore

Board Members Absent/off the dais:

Vice Chair Darrell Pierce

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

No speakers signed up to speak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the amended minutes of the URB's regular meeting on October 16, 2023.

On Commissioner Watson's motion, Commissioner Tetey's second the October 16, 2023, minutes were approved, on a 5-0-0 vote. Vice Chair Pierce and Commissioner Skidmore were off the dais.

2. Approve the minutes of the URB's regular meeting on November 13, 2023.

On Commissioner Tetey's motion, Commissioner Motwani's second the November 13, 2023, minutes were approved, on a 5-0-0 vote. Vice Chair Pierce and Commissioner Skidmore were off the dais.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

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

Mandy DeMayo and Chair Escobar updated the board.

4. 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 anticipated process related to Phase Two of the Request for Proposals (Anne Gatling Haynes and Jose Lopez, AEDC)

Anne Gatling Haynes and Jose Lopez gave an update and suggested items be discussed in the Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Escobar recessed the meeting at 6:15p.m. for an Executive Session regarding items 5 and 6. Commissioner Skidmore joined the meeting at 6:15pn. Commissioner Hawkins recused herself from items 5 and 6 due to a conflict of interest and left the dais.

5. 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)
6. 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 closed the Executive Session and reconvened the public session of the Urban Renewal Board at 7:03p.m.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No new agenda items were requested beyond the standing items regarding development of Blocks 16 and 18.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Escobar adjourned the meeting at 7:03p.m. without objection.

The minutes of the URB's December 18, 2023, regular meeting were approved at the January 22, 2024, regular meeting on Commissioner Motwani's motion, Commissioner Tetey's second, on a 5-0-0 vote.

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