



URBAN RENEWAL BOARD MEETING
***DRAFT* MEETING MINUTES**
MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024

The URBAN RENEWAL BOARD convened on MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024, 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 6:05 p.m.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:

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

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Commissioner Danielle Skidmore attended remotely. Commissioner Hawkins logged into the meeting at 6:47pm, recused herself and left the dais due to a potential conflict of interest on items 5 and 6. Vice Chair Pierce joined the meeting at 7:05pm.

Board Members Absent/off the dais at call to order:

Commissioners Darrel Pierce and Tam Hawkins

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

No speakers signed up to speak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the amended minutes of the URB's regular meeting on December 18, 2023.

On Commissioner Motwani's motion, Commissioner Tetey's second, the December 18, 2023, minutes were approved, on a 5-0-0 vote. Vice Chair Pierce and Commissioner Hawkins were off the dais.

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 URB's recommendation to Council (Chair Escobar)

Mandy DeMayo gave the update and relayed that a memorandum is currently under review before going to Council.

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 focused on the evaluation criteria and program requirements related to Phase Two of the Request for Proposals (Anne Gatling Haynes and Jose Lopez, AEDC)

Anne Gatling Haynes and Jose Lopez gave the update. On Commissioner Watson's motion, Commissioner Motwani's second, the URB voted to authorize Chair Escobar as the Designated Representative to authorize and approve the final form of the Phase Two Request for Proposals prior to its release. Commissioner Pierce was off the dais; Commissioner Hawkins recused herself and was off the dais.

4. Discussion and possible action on amending the Memorandum of Understanding between the Urban Renewal Agency and Austin Economic Development Corporation to add the Project fee schedule as an exhibit in relation to the development of Blocks 16 & 18 (Anne Gatling Haynes and Jose Lopez, AEDC)

Anne Gatling Haynes gave the update.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Escobar recessed the meeting for Executive Session at 6:44 p.m.

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 8:04 p.m. and revisited item #3.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No new agenda items were requested.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Escobar adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m. without objection.

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