



***URBAN RENEWAL BOARD MEETING
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2024***

The URBAN RENEWAL BOARD convened in a SPECIAL CALLED MEETING on MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 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 6:04 p.m.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:

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

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Commissioner Danielle Skidmore attended remotely.

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

Commissioner Tam Hawkins was absent.

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 Tetey's motion, Commissioner Motwani's second, the January 22, 2023, minutes were approved with the following amendment, on a 6-0-0 vote. The amendment was to correct the spelling of Vice Chair Pierce's first name.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

2. 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, Theresa Alvarez, and Jose Lopez, AEDC)

Anne Gatling Haynes gave the update.

3. 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 Theresa Alvarez, and Jose Lopez, AEDC)

Anne Gatling Haynes gave the update. Commissioner Motwani requested that the minutes include confirmation from staff from the Housing Department that AEDC's fees are reasonable and in-line with the market. Mandy DeMayo, Interim Director of the Housing Department, confirmed. On Commissioner Motwani's motion, Commissioner Tetey's second, the amended Memorandum of Understanding with Austin Economic Development Corporation was approved with the fee structures discussed on a 6-0-0 vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Escobar recessed the meeting for Executive Session at 6:11 p.m.

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 closed the Executive Session and reconvened the public session of the Urban Renewal Board at 7:38 p.m. and revisited item #3.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No new agenda items were requested.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Escobar adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m. without objection.

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On Commissioner Watson's motion, Commissioner Motwani's second, the January 29, 2024, special called meeting minutes were approved on a 5-0-0 vote, with Commissioner Hawkins absent.