



***URBAN RENEWAL BOARD MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024***

The URBAN RENEWAL BOARD convened on MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024, at the Permitting and Development Center - 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr. in Austin, Texas.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Manuel Escobar called the Urban Renewal Board meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. with six members present.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:

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

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

No commissioners attended remotely

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

Commissioner Tam Hawkins joined the dais at 6:40pm. Since the last meeting, Commissioner Danielle Skidmore resigned from the board.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Nook Turner of Jump On It (BAC) addressed the board regarding the future development of Blocks 16 and 18.

Bill Wallace of Tomorrow's Promise addressed the board regarding the future development of Blocks 16 and 18.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the URB's special-called meeting on January 29, 2024

On Commissioner Watson's motion, Commissioner Motwani's second, the January 29, 2024, minutes were approved, on a 5-0-0 vote. Commissioner Hawkins was off the dais.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Discussion related to updates on future development of Blocks 16 & 18 from Austin Economic Development Corporation, including the Request for Proposals process underway and the teams under consideration (Austin Revitalization Authority and Legacy Real Estate Developers; Servitas and Guadalupe Neighborhood Development Corporation, AKA Pleasant Hill Collaborative) (Anne Gatling Haynes and Jose Lopez, AEDC)

Anne Gatling Haynes and Jose Lopez, Austin Economic Development Association (AEDC), addressed the board.

3. Presentation by Team One regarding their response to the Request for Proposals for Blocks 16 & 18
Team One, (Austin Revitalization Authority and Legacy Real Estate Developers) presented. Following the Team One presentation, Chair Escobar called a recess at 7:10pm.
4. Presentation by Team Two regarding their response to the Request for Proposals for Blocks 16 & 18

Chair Escobar reconvened the meeting at 7:17pm. Team Two, (Guadalupe Neighborhood Development Corporation, AKA Pleasant Hill Collaborative) presented.

Following the Team Two presentation, Chair Escobar called a recess at 8:08pm. The Chair reconvened the meeting at 8:26pm.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

5. Approve a recommendation to City Council related to the FY 2024-25 annual budget for the Urban Renewal Board

The motion to approve the recommendation to increase the URB's FY 2024-25 budget from \$52,000 to \$152,000 was approved on Commissioner Watson's motion, Commissioner Motwani's second, on a 6-0 vote, with one seat vacant. The amendments were to approve an increased FY 2024-25 budget for the Urban Renewal Board (URB) from \$52,000 to \$152,000 to provide for additional strategic planning for the URB and to provide for planning for the activation of the African American Cultural Heritage District within the plan boundaries and adjacent properties.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

6. 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)

No executive session was held on this item.

7. 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)

No executive session was held on this item.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Escobar adjourned the meeting at 8:49p.m. without objection.

On Commissioner Tetey's motion, Commissioner Motwani's second, the March 18, 2024, minutes were approved at the April 15, 2024, meeting, on a 4-0-0 vote with Commissioner Hawkins absent and Commissioner Watson off the dais.

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