



**DRAFT MINUTES URBAN RENEWAL BOARD**

**December 16, 2024, 6:00 P.M.**

**PERMITTING AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER, ROOM 1401/1402**

**6310 WILHELMINA DELCO DR.**

**AUSTIN, TEXAS 78752**

**CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS/COMMISSIONERS:**

*Manuel Escobar, Chair*

*Darrell W. Pierce, Vice Chair*

*Amit Motwani*

*Byron Davis*

*Jacqueline Watson*

*Kobla Tetey*

*Tam Hawkins*

**Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:**

Chair Manuel Escobar, Vice Chair Darrell W. Pierce and Commissioners Jacqueline Watson, Amit Motwani, Byron Davis. Commissioner Kobla Tetey arrived at 6:15 pm.

**Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance**

**Remotely:**

Commissioner Amit Motwani attended remotely.

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

Commissioner Tam Hawkins was absent.

Commissioner Kobla Tetey off the dais at call to order.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Chair Escobar, called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.**

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

The first 10 speakers who registered to speak no later than noon the day before the meeting, if speaking virtually, or who signed up prior to the meeting being called to order if speaking in person, will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

**Will Campos, Eureka addressed the URB about item number three.**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the Urban Renewal Board's (URB's) regular-called meeting on November 18, 2024

**On Commissioner Watson's motion, Commissioner Davis's second, the November 18, 2024, minutes were approved on a 5-0-0 vote, Commissioner Kobla Tetey was off the dais.**

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

2. Discussion related to updates on future development of Blocks 16 & 18 from Rally Austin, including project status and anticipated timeline (Anne Gatling Haynes, Rally Austin)

**Anne Gatling Haynes, Rally Austin provided updates.**

3. Discussion related to resident concerns regarding the 1500 block of East 12th Street

**Will Campos, Eureka provided updates. URB requested Liaison to contact resident via email to provide update.**

## **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

4. Discussion and Approval to write a letter of support for historic zoning at 1500 E. 12th Street (JuanRaymon Rubio)

**Chair Escobar requested Liaison contact someone to speak on the item in January's meeting.**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Chair Escobar recessed the regular meeting and called the Executive Session to order at 6:36 pm.**

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 ended executive session and reconvened the regular meeting at 7:44 pm.**

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**No new future agenda items were discussed.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Escobar adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:45 pm.**

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