



**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES
NOVEMBER 12th, 2024**

The COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION convened in a REGULAR MEETING on November 12th, 2024, at the Austin City Hall, Boards and Commissions Room 1101, 301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas. Some members of the commission participated by video conference.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:

Jose Noe Elias (Vice Chair)
Bertha Delgado
Cynthia Jaso
Jenny Achilles
Raul E. Longoria

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Jo Anne Ortiz
Nyeka Arnold
Tisha-Vonique Hood

Board Members/Commissioners Absent:

Cheryl Thompson (Chair)
Gavin Porter
Julia Woods
Michael Tolliver

Staff Members in Attendance

Nefertitti Jackmon
Angel Zambrano
Ed Blake
James May
Lorena Lopez Chavarin (remotely)

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Elias called the meeting to order at 6:42 pm with 8 commissioners present. Chair Cheryl Thompson, Commissioners Gavin Porter, Julia Woods, and Michael Tolliver were absent. There are currently three vacancies on the board.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first 10 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the October 8th, Community Development Commission meeting minutes.

On Commissioner Bertha Delgado's motion, Commissioner Longoria second, the October 8th, 2024, minutes were approved with corrections to add meeting notes for vote clarification on Item 5, on an 8-0-0 vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Presentation regarding the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) activities and outcomes (Angel Zambrano, Manager, Neighborhood Services Unit, Austin Public Health).

Angel Zambrano presented.

BRIEFING

3. Briefing regarding the status of the Housing Investment Review Committee (HIRC) (James May, Officer, Housing and Community Development).

James May gave briefing.

4. Briefing regarding the Equity Overlay (Alan Pani, Planner Principal, Planning Department and Erica Leak, Officer, Planning Department)

Alan Pani and Erica Leak gave briefing.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

5. Discussion and possible action to approve the Community Development Commission 2025 Meeting Schedule (Edward Blake, Program Manager Housing Department)

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Edward Blake presented. On Commissioner Longoria’s motion, Commissioner Ortiz second, a motion to approve 2025 meeting schedule was approved on an 8-0-0 vote.

6. Discussion and possible action on a recommendation to Council to adopt the Equity Based Preservation Plan (Chair Thompson)

On Commissioner Achilles motion, Commissioner Longoria second, a motion to approve the Equity Based Preservation Plan recommendation was approved on a 5-3-0 vote. Those members voting aye were Commissioner Achilles, Longoria, Jaso, Tisha, and Ortiz. Those voting nay were Vice Chair Elias and Commissioner Delgado and Arnold.

Zenobia Joseph spoke in opposition to the recommendation because relevant backup was not available to review before Commissioners voted on the Equity-Based Preservation Plan. She also testified in the context of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 on the Equity Overlay.

7. Discussion and possible action on recommendations from Community Powered ATX to City Council on the Equity Overlay (Celine Rendon, Community Powered ATX)

Celine Rendon presented. On Commissioner Delgado’s motion, Commissioner Tisha second, a motion to approve recommendations from Community Powered ATX to City Council on the Equity Overlay was approved on an 8-0-0 vote.

PUBLIC HEARING:

None.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- **Discussion from Watershed on Water Forward 2024 from discussing water equity and water equality, and storm drain/watershed accessibility to serve members of the poor.**
- **Discussion from Planning Department on updates regarding Equity Overlay Plan and updates from consultant. (Planning Department)**
- **Updates for Santa Rita Courts and Rosewood. (Housing Authority of the City of Austin)**
- **Updates from Housing Department on Consolidated Plan timeline. (Housing Department)**
- **Updates on the Housing Investment Review Committee reorganization. (James May, Housing & Community Development Officer, Housing Department)**

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- **Cold Weather Preparation Plan for Winter 2024**
- **Presentation from Equity Office on Black Dispossession Study. (Equity Office Department)**

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Elias adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:00 pm.

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