Thursday, November 20, 2008

Public Hearings and Possible Actions RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 104

Subject: Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance modifying the East 11th and 12th Streets Urban Renewal Plan.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Boards and Commission Action: July 21, 2008, Urban Renewal Board approved a recommendation on the proposed modifications regarding the 900 Blk of East 11th Street (Blk 16) and 1425 East 12th Street; August 18, 2008, Urban Renewal Board recommended that City Council not approve the proposed modifications regarding the 1100 Blk of East 11th Street (Blk 18); September 23, 2008, Planning Commission approved a recommendation on the proposed modifications regarding 900 Blk of East 11th Street (Blk 16) and approved a modified version of the proposed modifications regarding 1100 Blk of East 11th Street (Blk 18) that was presented as a Neighborhood and Business Consensus; October 14, 2008 Planning Commission approved a recommendation on the proposed modifications regarding 1425 East 12th Street.

Prior Council Action: January 14, 1999, approval of East 11th and 12th Streets Urban Renewal Plan; August 2, 2001, Approval of the East 11th and 12th Streets Urban Renewal Plan First Modification; July 31, 2003, Approval of East 11th and 12th Streets Urban Renewal Plan Second Modification; April 7, 2005, Approval of East 11th and 12th Streets Urban Renewal Plan Third Modification; February 28, 2008, Approval of East 11th and 12th Street Urban Renewal Plan Fourth Modification.

This public hearing is to receive public comment regarding the proposed modifications to the Urban Renewal Plan for the East 11th and 12th Streets Urban Renewal Area as required by Chapter 374.014 (e) of the Texas Local Government Code. Proposed modifications regarding the East 11th Street corridor include, but are not be limited to, increases in height limits, Floor to Area Ratio (FAR), maximum square footage, and in number of housing units. Proposed modifications regarding the East 11th Street corridor also include, but are not limited to, changes in parking requirements, specifically as they apply to the 900 Block of East 11th Street (Block 16), and to the 1100 Block of East 11th Street (Block 18), changes in the definition of community parking and in permitted uses, the deletion of project controls, and other changes as defined in Exhibit A to the related ordinance. Proposed modifications for the East 12th Street corridor will include but not be limited to changes in permitted uses for 1425 East 12th Street and as further defined in Exhibit A to the related ordinance.

The East 11th and 12th Streets Urban Renewal Plan (URP) defines the official public policy guidelines of the City of Austin for the redevelopment of the East 11th and 12th Streets Urban Renewal Area. The changes proposed for Blocks 16 and 18 and 1425 East 12th Street were presented to the community at numerous events held between April and July, 2008. Between April and May 2008, the ARA facilitated several community meetings with area businesses, property owners, and adjacent Neighborhood Associations to receive input on proposed changes to the URP. In July and August 2008, the URA held two public hearings on the proposed modifications.