

AGENDA



Thursday, June 24, 2010

Public Hearings and Possible Actions
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 152

Subject: Conduct a public hearing to receive citizen comments on the City's Draft Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2010-2011, as required by the required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the Community Development 2010-2011 Program as required by the Texas Local Government Code Chapter 373.

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

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Boards and Commission Action: March 10, 2010 - Community Development Commission (CDC) conducted a public hearing, Draft Annual Action Plan and the Community Development Program; June 14, 2010 – The CDC conducted a public hearing on the Draft Annual Action Plan and the Community Development Program.

Prior Council Action: February 25, 2010 - Set a public hearing, Draft Annual Action Plan and the Community Development Program; March 11, 2010 - Conducted a public hearing, Draft Annual Action Plan and the Community Development Program; June 10, 2010 - Set a public hearing, Draft Annual Action Plan and the Community Development Program.

This action is to conduct a public hearing in accordance with the City of Austin's Citizen Participation Plan, which sets forth the City's policies and procedures for citizen participation in the Consolidated Plan. As required by Chapter 373 of the Texas Local Government Code and the City's Citizen Participation Plan, the steps for public participation in the annual Action Plan and Community Development Program include four public hearings: two before the Austin City Council and two before the Community Development Commission (CDC). There is a 30-day written public comment period on the draft plan. In addition, the Austin City Council takes action on the final Action Plan.

This is the second of the two required public hearings before the Austin City Council takes action on the Action Plan and Community Development Program for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. The Draft Annual Action Plan and Community Development Program are available for written public comment, from June 11, 2010, through July 12, 2010. The Community Development Commission (CDC) conducted its second public hearing on the Draft Action Plan on June 14, 2010. The Austin City Council is expected to take action on the final Action Plan on July 29, 2010.

In fiscal year 2010-2011, the City of Austin expects to receive \$14.1 million through four U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). In order to receive these HUD grants, the City must submit an annual Action Plan that provides the community needs, resources, priorities, and proposed activities regarding housing, community development, economic development and public services. The Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 is due to HUD on or before August 15, 2010.