Thursday, September 30, 2010

Neighborhood Housing and Community Development RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 16

Subject: Authorize the negotiation and execution of an interim agreement with the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Austin (URA) relating to roles, responsibilities and processes for the redevelopment of E. 11th and 12th Street.

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

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The Acquisition Development and Loan Agreement between the City of Austin, Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Austin (URA) and the Austin Revitalization Authority (known as the Tri-Party Agreement) identified the roles and responsibilities related to the implementation of the East 11th and 12th Street Revitalization project ("Urban Renewal Project" or "Project"). The Tri-Party was originally approved by the Austin City Council in December 1999 to implement the East 11th and 12th Streets Urban Renewal Plan (Plan). The agreement was an element of the financing package for the \$9,035,000 Section 108 Loan Guarantee Assistance Program from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to redevelop the East 11th and 12th Street Corridors. The Tri- Party is currently scheduled to expire October 1, 2010.

The City and the URA intend to continue their cooperative efforts to complete the Urban Renewal Project.

The parties, in the shared interest of completing the Urban Renewal Project, intend to cooperate in establishing a long-term agreement setting forth each party's roles and responsibilities for the completion of the Project. The Long-Term Agreement shall include procedures for modifying the Urban Renewal Plan, for disposing of properties currently held by the Agency that were acquired in furtherance of the Project, and any and all other terms necessary for successful completion of the Project.

This item will approve an interim agreement that will establish each party's roles and responsibilities with respect to the Project for the period beginning October 1, 2010 and ending on the effective date of the Long-Term Agreement. This interim agreement shall be effective for an initial term of 6 months and may be renewed by mutual agreement of the parties for a period not to exceed an additional 6 months.