



**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
APPROVED MINUTES**

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2010**

The Community Development Commission convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, July 22, 2010 at the Street-Jones Building room 400A, 1000 East 11th Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Limon called the Board Meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

John Limon, Chair
Karen Paup, Vice Chair
Susana Almanza
Mario Flores
Reuben Montoya
Elridge Nelson
Gilberto Rivera
Ruby Roa
Ken Shepardson
Myron Smith

Staff in Attendance:

Letitia Brown
Gina Copic
Diana Domeracki
Rebecca Giello
Rebecca Post
Patricia Rodriguez
Kathleen Saenz
Anthony Snipes
Betsy Spencer

1) CITIZEN 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.)

- **Greg Smith – 1) Liaison for the African American Resource Advisory Commission – the Commission is pleased with the funds allocated to the African American Cultural & Heritage Facility; 2) representing ARA – ask for consideration of “bridge funding” for planned town homes just east of 1115 East 12th Street.**
- **Joe Catherine Quinn, Director Housing Services, CARITAS – Asks that the 350 units of permanent supportive housing be targeted to the chronically homeless.**
- **Stuart Hersh – Regarding a series of proposed amendment to the Action Plan.**

- Joella Brooks, Southwest Key, spoke regarding their workforce development proposal.
- Marc Bell, Southwest Key, spoke regarding their workforce development proposal.

2) OLD BUSINESS

- a) Discussion and possible action to make recommendations to the Austin City Council on the Draft Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2010-2011, required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and the Community Development 2010-2011 Program as required by Texas Local Government Code Chapter 373.

- i) Discussion and possible action on how public testimony is incorporated into the Action Plan.

Chairman Limon recused himself from this item due to a conflict of interest.

The motion to using the chart of proposed changes from Vice Chair Paup and the Content Change section of the Change Log as a road map for discussion of the item was approved on Commissioner Shepardson's motion, Commissioner Roa's second on a 9-0-0 vote.

The motion that all housing projects go through the standard application and review process was approved on Commissioner Almanza's motion, Commissioner Smith's second on a 8-0-1 vote.

The motion that funding for the Juniper/Olive project be reviewed and that staff use its best efforts to find other sources of funding other than the Housing Trust Fund failed on Commissioner Almanza's motion, Commissioner Smith's second on a 7-2-0 vote.

The motion to approve the FY 2010-11 Action Plan subject to the following recommendations: that transparency be added to the project approval process to clearly identify those projects that will be developed by the City and those that effects the remaining allocated funds to be used for public/private development; that a GO Bond policy be developed to identify funding priorities for the use of such funds before the City Council can earmark GO funds for supportive housing; review the budget process to bring the CDC in at least three months prior to the current process; have those non-profits who receive CDBG allocations come to the CDC on a quarterly basis to provide reports on the use and administration of such funds; have legal make a presentation as to the City's obligation as it relates to CDBG funds and describe the City's contractual obligations failed on Commissioner Flores's motion, Commissioner Shepardson's second on a 3-4-2 vote.

The motion that from the remaining GO bonds and additional half million is used for GO repairs failed on Commissioner Almanza's motion, Commissioner Smith's second on a 5-2-2 vote.

The motion to restore refunded waived fees to the Housing Trust Fund as opposed to fees going back to the departments and the General Fund failed on Commissioner Rivera's motion, Commissioner Nelson's second on a 7-2-0 vote.

The motion to reconsider the vote on restoring refunded waived fees to the Housing Trust Fund as opposed to fees going back to the departments and the General Fund failed on Commissioner Shepardson's motion, Commissioner Rivera's second on a 7-2-0 vote.

The motion to accept the Change Log as presented approved on Commissioner Rivera's motion, Commissioner Montoya's second on a 9-0-0 vote.

The motion that the CDC recommend the FY 2010-11 Action Plan to the City Council with the changes approved by the CDC approved on Commissioner Almanza's motion, Commissioner Elridge's second on a 9-0-0 vote.

3) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Appointment of a CDC parliamentarian
- Presentation on the process of de-obligating fund

4) ADJOURN

Vice Chair Paup adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m. without objection.