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RCA	Austin City Council	Item ID	5119
Meeting Date:	4/7/2011	Department:	Neighborhood and Community Development

Subject

Conduct a public hearing to receive citizen input on community needs for comments on the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Action Plan, as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and the Community Development 2011-2012 Program as required by Texas Local Government Code Chapter 373.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	March 24, 2011 - set a public hearing for April 7, 2011, at 4:00 p.m.
For More Information:	Elizabeth A. Spencer, Director, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development, 974-3182.
Boards and Commission Action:	March 8 and 29, 2011 - the Community Development Commission conducted public hearings on the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Action Plan and the Community Development 2011-2012 Program
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

In Fiscal Year 2011-2012, the City of Austin expects to receive continued federal funding through four U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) entitlement grants: 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 with regards to housing community development, economic development and public services.

This action is in accordance with the City of Austin's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), which sets forth the City's policies and procedures for citizen participation in the development of each annual Action Plan. As required by the CPP and Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 373, the steps for public participation includes four public hearings: two before the Austin City Council and two before the Community Development Commission (CDC). There is also a 30-day public comment period on the draft Action Plan and Community Development Program.

The two initial public hearings are conducted to receive citizen input on the community's needs and service gaps. The

public hearing before the CDC was held on March 29, 2011 and the public hearing before the Austin City Council is scheduled April 7, 2011. The CDC conducted an additional public hearing on March 8, 2011, in accordance with the 2008 African-American Quality of Life Final Report. The report recommended that a public hearing be conducted to solicit input from local small businesses and organizations on the use of federal economic funding. Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD) promoted the public hearing through various outreach efforts including direct outreach to the community, local partners, government agencies, the African American Resources Advisory Commission and East Austin businesses.

The draft Action Plan and Community Development Program will be made available for public comment beginning June 1, 2011. During the 30-day public comment period, two public hearings will be conducted, one before the CDC and one before the Austin City Council. It is anticipated that the Austin City Council will take final action on the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Action Plan and the Community Development 2011-2012 Program on July 28, 2011. The Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Action Plan and Community Development 2011-2012 Program is due to HUD on or before August 15, 2011.