



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 29, 2015**

The Council Housing and Community Development Committee convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 29, 2015, at 301 West 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Renteria called the Committee Meeting to order at 9:55 a.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Sabino “Pio” Renteria – Chair
Ann Kitchen – Vice Chair
Gregario Casar
Sheri Gallo

1. Approval of Minutes

The March 25, 2015, minutes were approved on Chair Renteria’s motion, Council Member Kitchen’s second, on a 4-0 vote.

2. Citizen Communication: General

Mark Rogers spoke about the Austin Housing Coalition (formerly the Community Housing Development Organization – CHDO – Roundtable).

Sunshine Mathon spoke about the challenges our community faces regarding household affordability.

Tim Arnt spoke about utility costs regarding household affordability.

Items for Committee Consideration

3. Consider possible action and develop recommendations on a resolution related to the use of homestead preservation districts and homestead preservation reinvestments zones to address affordable housing issues in Austin.

Gina Copic, NHCD, and Greg Canally, Finance Dept., gave a briefing on funding mechanisms relating to homestead preservation districts.

Motion made by Renteria, seconded by Casar, to recommend moving the draft Resolution with the following recommended change to the full Council for consideration. The Committee recommended proceeding with establishing Homestead Preservation Districts in the areas designated as District B, District C, and District D as referenced in Exhibit A:

http://austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Housing/Reports_and_Publications/City_Reports/HPD_Final_Report_12052014.pdf, with the following criteria to guide establishment of Homestead Preservation Districts: Area must meet the requirements established in Local Government Code Chapter 373A. It passed 3-0-1 with Ann Kitchen off the dais.

Discussion and Possible Action

4. **Overview of the preservation of affordable housing: actions underway to include exploration of a housing strike fund.**

Mandy DeMayo, HousingWorks Austin, provided an overview of actions underway to address preservation of affordable housing in Austin.

5. **Austin Housing Finance Corporation scoring process and procedures for the Housing Developer Assistance Program investments.**

Rebecca Giello, NHCD, presented information on the Austin Housing Finance Corporation Housing Developer Assistance Program.

Bill Brice, Program Manager Downtown Austin Alliance, spoke about the Housing First model of permanent supportive housing.

6. **Update on future Austin Housing Finance Corporation Board agenda items.**

There were no updates on future Austin Housing Finance Corporation Board agenda items.

7. **Consider future agenda items**

No items discussed.

Chair Renteria adjourned the meeting at 12:46 p.m. without objection

The minutes were approved on this the 27th of May, 2015 on Council Member Kitchen's motion, Council Member Casar's second, on a 4-0 vote.