COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
RECOMMENDATION 20150601-05b

Date: June 5, 2015

Subject: Accessory Dwelling Units

Motioned By: Commissioner Elizabeth Mueller
Seconded By: Vice Chair Karen Paup

Recommendation: See the recommendation below from the Community Development Commission (CDC) concerning accessory dwelling units.

The CDC endorses the proposed code changes 1-5 of the City of Austin Planning Commission's May 26, 2015 recommendations on C20-2014-012 – accessory dwelling units. The CDC understands item 6 to be a continuation of where accessory dwelling units are currently allowed. The CDC recommends that the City of Austin develop additional strategies to lower costs of building accessory dwelling units, and develop resources to help low-income owners finance them, or any owners that will build accessory dwelling units for low-income tenants.

For reference purposes, the proposed changes endorsed by the CDC are featured below.

1) Reduce building separation from 15 feet to 10 feet.
2) Allow an entrance within 10 feet of a property line.
3) Remove driveway placement requirement.
4) Change parking requirement to 1 off street space for all units.
5) Prohibit use as Type 2 Short Term Rental.

Date of Approval: June 1, 2015

Record of the Vote: Approved on a 9-0-0 vote. Those members voting aye were Chair Rivera, Vice Chair Paup, and Commissioners Decierdo, Langley, Mueller, Perry, B. Taylor, C. Taylor, and Valadez.

Attest: *[CDC Chair, Gilbert Rivera]*