



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

August 26, 2015

The Council Housing and Community Development Committee convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 26, 2015, at 301 West 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Renteria called the Committee Meeting to order at 3:12 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Sabino “Pio” Renteria – Chair

Ann Kitchen – Vice Chair

Gregorio Casar

Sheri Gallo

1. Approval of Minutes

The June 24, 2015, minutes were approved on Council Member Renteria’s motion, Council Member Gregorio Casar second, on a unanimous vote.

2. Citizen Communication: General

Stuart Hersh spoke about socioeconomic changes in Austin and opportunities for providing public testimony before Council.

Jon Woodley spoke about new workforce housing in Oak Hill.

Discussion and Possible Action

6. Update on Homestead Preservation Districts (Resolution # 20150604-051).

Jessi Koch, Neighborhood Housing & Community Development, provided information on tasks accomplished to date and a timeline with anticipated actions relating to Homestead Preservation Districts B, C, and D.

Greg Canally, Finance, presented on the status of a work plan to create a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone for Homestead Preservation District A.

Council Member Casar moved to accept the staff work plan to create a proposed Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) in Homestead Preservation District A, and to direct staff to initiate the process to allow Council to create the TIRZ in District A by the end of the year. Council Member Kitchen seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0, with Council Member Gallo off the dais.

5. Update on fee-in-lieu option for the affordable housing requirement for Planned Unit Developments (Resolution # 20140925-090).

Jessi Koch, Neighborhood Housing & Community Development, updated the Committee on the status of staff recommendations to amend the affordable housing requirement of Planned Unit Developments.

7. Presentation and discussion on a proposed Development Information Template, designed to inform decision making on affordable housing developments.

Lauren Avioli, Neighborhood Housing & Community Development, presented on the proposed Development Analysis Information Template to be provided to Council on future affordable housing projects.

4. Presentation and discussion of the City of Austin Code Department Repeat Offender Program (Ordinance # 20130926-012).

Carl Smart, Director of the Austin Code Department, presented on Austin Code Department's response to the University of Texas at Austin School of Law Entrepreneurship and Community Development Clinic's report regarding the City of Austin's Repeat Offender Program.

Heather Way, Director of the University of Texas at Austin Entrepreneurship and Community Development Clinic, presented on the report regarding the City of Austin's Repeat Offender Program.

Stuart Hersh spoke about potential solutions for code enforcement.

Paul Cauduro, Austin Apartment Association, spoke about the Austin Apartment Association's willingness to participate in discussions about the Repeat Offender Program.

3. Discussion and possible recommendation of the Housing and Community Development Committee nominee to Land Development Code Advisory Group

The Committee approved the nomination of Mandy DeMayo to the Land Development Code Advisory Group made by Council Member Gallo and seconded by Council Member Kitchen, on a unanimous vote.

Future Items

9. Consider agenda items for next regular meeting, scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 23, 2015, or at the call of the committee chair.

Council members discussed potential agenda items for the next committee meeting, including a neighborhood contact team item from Council Member Renteria's office and a staff update on the comprehensive housing study.

Discussion and Possible Action

8. Update on future Austin Housing Finance Corporation Board or Austin City Council agenda items

Rebecca Giello provided an update on future Austin City Council agenda items and Austin Housing Finance Corporation board agenda items. The next scheduled Austin Housing Finance Board meeting will be on September 10, 2015.

Chair Renteria adjourned the meeting at 6:02 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this 23rd day of September, 2015 on Council Member Casar's motion, Council Member Kitchen's second, on a 3-0 vote. Council Member Gallo was off the dais.