

# **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (CDC)**

**Regular Meeting** 

July 11, 2017, 6:30pm Street-Jones Building 1000 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 400A Austin, Texas 78702

# **MEETING MINUTES**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Community Development Commission (CDC) convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at the Street-Jones Building, 1000 E. 11<sup>th</sup> St., Room 400A, Austin, TX 78702.

Chair Rivera called the meeting to order at 6:38pm with 10 members present.

<b>Board Members in Attendance:</b>	Members Absent:	City of Austin (COA) Staff in
Gilbert Rivera, Chair	Rosanne Singer	Attendance:
Joe Deshotel, Vice Chair	Bettye Taylor	Maria Allen
Bertha Delgado	Freddy Zamora	Matthew Ramirez
Fisayo Fadelu		Jonathan Tomko
Fred McGhee		Rebecca Giello
Karen Paup		Greg Guernsey
Michael Tolliver		Angela Sommers
Ana Villalobos		
Rocio Villalobos		
Lottie Dailey		
Lisa Hinely		

### 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 regarding items not posted on the agenda.

Philip Thomas spoke about the need to preserve existing affordable housing in Austin.

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion and possible action on the June 13, 2017 Community Development Commission meeting minutes.

On Commissioner McGhee's motion and Commissioner Dailey's second, the June 13, 2017 minutes were approved unanimously.

#### 3. NEW BUSINESS

### Presentation and possible action on the East Austin Historic Resource Survey

This item was postponed to a later meeting.

#### 4. OLD BUSINESS

a. Discussion and possible action on recommendations regarding CodeNEXT

Commissioner Paup briefed the commission on CodeNEXT recommendations from the Housing Committee. No action was taken at this time; however, the board agreed to call a special meeting of the Housing Committee and/or full CDC for a presentation from CodeNEXT consultants, Planning and Zoning staff and NHCD staff in order to allow the CDC another opportunity to provide its recommendations on the current draft of CodeNEXT.

b. Discussion and possible action on the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Draft Action Plan (NHCD staff)

Rebecca Giello and Jonathan Tomko presented. Marisela Barrientos spoke about her challenges in accessing services. Carol Stall spoke about maintaining funding for programs that preserve existing affordable housing.

On Commissioner Fadelu's motion and Commissioner Deshotel's second, the CDC approved the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Draft Action Plan, recommending that the plan be forwarded to City Council for approval. The motion passed on 11-0-0 vote.

c. Discussion and possible action on the 2016-17 Annual Internal Review and Work Plan, and to set goals and priorities for Fiscal Year 2017.

On Commissioner Paup's motion and Commissioner Tolliver's second, the 2016-17 Annual Internal Review and Work Plan was approved unanimously with the following friendly amendments, and one deletion: Added goals and objectives:

- Require and monitor quarterly production reports from NHCD staff on affordable housing programs
- Develop a study investigating the scope and scale of residential displacement in Austin
- Monitor and make recommendations regarding the City's 2018 Bond Election
- Monitor and make recommendations on CodeNEXT

### Deleted objective:

• Explore micro lending as a tool to achieve more affordability (or aid individuals' transitions out of poverty) through low cost, free or forgivable auto title and payday loans.

# 5. COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG)

Briefing, discussion and possible action on the Community Services Block Grant (Maria Allen, Manager, Neighborhood Services Unit, and Jill Smith, Program Supervisor, Austin Public Health Department)

Maria Allen and Jill Smith briefed the Commission.

Commissioner Hinely proposed a recommendation to City Council regarding the creation of a contingency fund to protect services provided under the CSBG grant-funded programs in the face of potential budget cuts at the federal level.

On Commissioner McGhee's motion, Commissioner Tolliver's second, a motion to approve the recommendation with friendly amendments passed unanimously.

# 6. UPDATE FROM CDC COMMITTEES, WORKING GROUPS AND APPOINTMENTS

Briefing from the CDC Housing Committee, discussion and possible action (Karen Paup, CDC Commissioner)

*Commissioner Paup briefed the commission on a National Day of Action regarding affordable housing. No action was taken at this time.* 

# 7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- *East Austin Historic Survey (previously postponed)*
- Presentation from Travis County Constable on data regarding evictions
- Presentation on the affordable housing component of the 2018 Bond Election and other components that affect the poor
- Training from City Clerk's office on policies and procedures for running board meetings
- Training/educational presentation regarding NHCD programs
- NHCD programs production report

# ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 9:20 pm.

### NEXT MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, August 8, 2017, 6:30pm, City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Room 1029, Austin, Texas 78701

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