

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Item(s) to Set Public Hearing(s) RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 31

Subject: Set a public hearing to receive citizen comment on the City's Draft Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2010-2011, as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the Community Development 2010-2011 Program as required by Texas Local Government Code Chapter 373. (Suggested date and time: June 24, 2010, 4:00 p.m., at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX).

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Margaret R. Shaw, Director, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development, 974-3184

Boards and Commission Action: March 10, 2010 - Community Development Commission conducted a public hearing

Prior Council Action: February 25, 2010 - Set a Public Hearing, Annual Action Plan and Community Development Program March 11, 2010 - Public Hearing, Annual Action Plan and Community Development Program

This action is to set the date for a public hearing in accordance with the City of Austin's Citizen Participation Plan, which sets forth the City's policies and procedures for citizen participation in the Consolidated Plan. As required by Chapter 373 of the Texas Local Government Code and the City's Citizen Participation Plan, the steps for public participation in the annual Action Plan and Community Development Program include four public hearings: two before the Austin City Council and two before the Community Development Commission (CDC). There is a 30-day written public comment period on the draft plan. In addition, the Austin City Council takes action on the final Action Plan.

This is the second of the two required Council public hearings before the Austin City Council takes action on the Action Plan and the Community Development Program for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. The Draft Action Plan and Community Development Program are available for written public comment from June 14, 2010, through July 14, 2010. The CDC plans to conduct its second public hearing on the Draft Action Plan in June 2010. The Austin City Council is expected to take action on the final Action Plan on July 29, 2010.

In fiscal year 2010-2011, the City of Austin expects to receive \$14.1 million through four U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs: 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. The Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 is due to HUD on or before August 15, 2010.