



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
**DRAFT** MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, July 9, 2013

The Community Development Commission convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at the Street-Jones Building, 1000 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Austin, Texas.

Chair Rivera called the Board Meeting to order at approximately 6:45 p.m.

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Gilbert Rivera, Chair  
Karen Paup, Vice Chair  
Karen Langley  
Reuben Montoya  
Elridge Nelson  
Angelica Noyola  
Edward Reyes  
Dorcas Seals  
Cassandra Taylor

**Staff in Attendance:**

Maria Allen, HHSD  
Rebecca Giello  
Kelly Nichols  
Kathleen Saenz  
Betsy Spencer  
Jonathan Tomko  
Alex Zamora

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 13, 2013 regular meeting minutes.**

The motion to approve the June 13, 2013 regular meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Noyola and approved on a 9-0-0 vote.

**2. 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.)

- Stuart Hersh, Self
- Rachel Fischer, Austin Apt. Assoc.

**3. UPDATE FROM THE HOUSING COMMITTEE AND POSSIBLE ACTION.**

Vice Chair Paup gave the update.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Presentation, discussion and possible action on the FY 2013-14 NHCD budget.**

Rebecca Giello gave the presentation.

One Speaker: Charles Cloutman, MOWAM

**b. Discussion and action on recommendations to the Austin City Council on the Draft Fiscal Year 2013-14 Action Plan, required by 1) the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and 2) the Texas Local Government Code Chapter 373 Community Development 2013-14 Program.**

The motion to approve the following recommendations to Council was made by Vice Chair Paup, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved on a 9-0-0 vote:

The CDC recommends approval of the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Action Plan. The Commission recognizes the City's support of the Housing Trust Fund (HTF), Housing Tax Credit projects, and support of other local resources. We note the findings in the Action Plan that the number of extremely low-income households in Austin has increased. Similarly, we note Austin's status on the attached chart of poverty rates. We also note Austin's robust housing programs such as the GO Repair Program which is a low-income program that helps low-income families who are predominantly seniors. With this demonstration of need coupled with our ability to meet this need, the CDC strongly recommends that the City Council increase local funding for housing programs to a total of \$12 million dollars, with \$3 million dollars allocated to the GO Repair Program, and the balance of funds to be allocated following additional public input.

**c. Discussion and possible action on Council Resolution 20130523-069 directing the City Manager to collect data on multi-family units participating in Austin Energy's Multi-Family Energy Efficiency Program.**

Debbie Kimberly and Liz Chambord, Austin Energy, gave the presentation.

**d. Briefing on the African American Cultural and Heritage Facility.**

Natalie Cofield, Capital City African American Chamber of Commerce, gave the briefing.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Presentation, discussion and possible action on the Urban Farm Ordinance.**

Heather Frambach and Kate Vickery, PARD, gave the presentation.

The motion to extend the meeting past 10:00 p.m. for 10 minutes was made by Commissioner Montoya, seconded by Commissioner Noyola and approved on a 9-0-0 vote.

**6. NHCD UPDATE**

The update was not given.

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/NEXT MEETING DATE**

- **The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 13, 2013.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**The Chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:10 pm without objection.**