



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (CDC)

### Regular Meeting

April 11, 2017, 6:30pm

Austin Energy Town Lake Center  
721 Barton Springs Rd., Room 130  
Austin, Texas 78704

## MEETING MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

The Community Development Commission (CDC) convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at Austin Energy Town Lake Center, 721 Barton Springs Rd, Austin, TX 78704.

Chair Rivera called the meeting to order at 6:35pm with 12 members present.

<u>Board Members in Attendance:</u>	<u>Members Absent:</u>	<u>City of Austin (COA) Staff in Attendance:</u>
Gilbert Rivera, Chair	Joe Deshotel, Vice Chair	Maria Allen
Fisayo Fadelu	Lisa Hinely	Donna Sundstrom
Fred McGhee		Erica Leak
Karen Paup		Matthew Ramirez
Rocio Villalobos		Rosie Truelove
Michael Tolliver		Angie Sommers
Freddy Zamora		Lizzy Smith
Bertha Delgado		
Ana Villalobos		
Lottie Dailey		
Bettye Taylor		
Rosanne Singer		

### 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.

*No speakers signed up for this item.*

## 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion and possible action on the March 14, 2017 Community Development Commission meeting minutes.

*On Commissioner McGhee's motion and Commissioner Zamora's second, the March 14, 2017 minutes were approved unanimously.*

## 3. PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Briefing and possible action on the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Action Plan Community Needs Assessment process (Erica Leak, NHCD)

*Erica Leak, NHCD, presented.*

*Commissioner McGhee moved to recommend that the city utilize CDBG funds and Housing Trust funds to provide assistance for mobile home residents being displaced from their homes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tolliver, and passed unanimously.*

- b. Conduct a public hearing on community needs in order to develop the annual Fiscal Year 2017-18 Action Plan. Public hearings are 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 following speakers addressed the CDC regarding GO Repair funding:*

1. *Charles Cloutman, Meals on Wheels Central Texas*
2. *Stuart Hersh, pro bono consultant, Austin Housing Repair Coalition*
3. *Cindy Lee, Executive Director of Rebuilding Together Austin*
4. *Billy Whipple, Vice President of Construction, Austin Habitat for Humanity*
5. *Steven Vorndran, Housing Program Manager, Austin Urban League*
6. *Rosa Gonzalez-Abrego, Housing Director, Easter Seals Central Texas*
7. *Simone Talma Flowers, Director, Interfaith Action Coalition of Texas*
8. *John Poyner, Project Manager, Austin Habitat for Humanity*

## 4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Presentation on the South Central Waterfront Plan, and action to nominate a representative from the community with expertise in affordable housing to the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board.

*Lizzy Smith, Senior Planner, City of Austin Planning and Zoning Department, presented. Action on this item was postponed on Commissioner Tolliver's motion, Commissioner McGhee's second, on a 12-0-0 vote.*

- b. Presentation on Tools for Change (Maddie Sloan, Texas Appleseed, and Commissioner Rocio Villalobos)

*Maddie Sloan, Texas Appleseed, and Commissioner Rocio Villalobos presented.*

*Marisa Perales, Communities of Color United (CCU), addressed the board regarding the importance of utilizing the Racial Equity Assessment Tool to guide planning and policy-making processes.*

Commissioner Tolliver left at 8:52pm, Commissioner Taylor left at 9:15pm, and Commissioner Zamora left at 9:40pm.

c. Discussion and possible action on CodeNEXT (Commissioner Paup)

*Commissioner Paup presented the Housing Committee's recommendations and questions regarding CodeNEXT in the form of a draft letter to be forwarded to CodeNEXT Director, Greg Guernsey, and the CodeNEXT Code Advisory Group (CAG).*

*A motion to approve the letter containing recommendations and questions regarding the most current draft of CodeNEXT was made by Commissioner Paup, seconded by Commissioner McGhee, and approved on a 9-0-0 vote, with Commissioners Taylor, Tolliver and Zamora off the dais, and Vice Chair Deshotel and Commissioner Hinely absent.*

d. Election of CDC Officers

*On Commissioner McGhee's motion and Commissioner Paup's second, Chair Rivera was selected to remain as Chair of the CDC, on a 9-0-0- vote.*

*On Commissioner Paup's motion and Commissioner McGhee's second, Vice Chair Deshotel was selected to remain as Vice Chair of the CDC on a 9-0-0 vote.*

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion and possible action on Levander Loop property

*At this time, Commissioner McGhee moved to keep the meeting open past 10:00pm, Commissioner Paup seconded, and the motion to continue the meeting an additional 15 minutes was approved on a 9-0-0- vote.*

*On Commissioner McGhee's motion and Commissioner Paup's second, a recommendation to set aside the city's Levander Loop site as affordable housing for use as a mobile home park was approved on a 9-0-0 vote. Commissioners Taylor, Tolliver and Zamora were off the dais and Vice Chair Deshotel and Commissioner Hinely were absent.*

**6. COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG)**

Briefing and Discussion on the Community Services Block Grant (Maria Allen, Manager, Neighborhood Services Unit, and Mona Allen, Manager, St. John Community Center, Austin Public Health Department)

*Maria Allen presented.*

## **7. UPDATE FROM CDC COMMITTEES, WORKING GROUPS AND APPOINTMENTS**

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

*Commissioner Paup briefed the board.*

- b. Update from Joint Sustainability Committee (Commissioner Fred McGhee)

*Commissioner McGhee briefed the board.*

## **8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- *Update from City of Austin's Equal Employment and Fair Housing Office*
- *Presentation from the Real Estate and Housing Work Group of the Mayor's Task Force on Institutional Racism and Systemic Inequities*
- *Appointment of an affordable housing expert to serve on the South Waterfront Advisory Board*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**The meeting was adjourned without objection at 10:05pm.**

### **NEXT MEETING DATE:**

Tuesday, May 9, 2017, 6:30pm, Street-Jones Building, 1000 E. 11<sup>th</sup> St., Room 400A, Austin, TX 78702

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