



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-3362, **Agenda Item #:** 50.

10/21/2021

Posting Language

Conduct a public hearing and approve an ordinance adopting the twelfth modification to the Urban Renewal Plan for the East 11th and 12th Streets Urban Renewal Area to align with proposed amendments to the East 11th and 12th Street Neighborhood Conservation Combining Districts. Related to Items 51 and 52.

Lead Department

Housing and Planning Department.

Fiscal Note

This item will have no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

Council adopted the Urban Renewal Plan (URP) for the East 11th and 12th Streets Urban Renewal Area on January 25, 1999 and has modified it 11 times since.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

January 19, 2021 - Urban Renewal Board recommended modifying the Urban Renewal Plan for the East 11th and 12th Streets Urban Renewal Area.
February 8, 2021 - Urban Renewal Board amended its January 19, 2021 recommendation.
June 22, 2021 - Planning Commission recommended an amended staff recommendation on a vote of 12-0.

Additional Backup Information:

Council adopted the Urban Renewal Plan (URP) for the East 11th and 12th Streets Urban Renewal Area on January 25, 1999. Since the original adoption of the URP, Council has adopted 11 modifications to the URP that have largely focused on development regulations for properties within the URP boundaries. The 11th modification extended the URP for 10 years with an evaluation in five years to determine whether there is a continued need for the URP.

Beginning in late 2018, Austin's Urban Renewal Board (URB) began the process to update the URP and simplify the East 11th Street Neighborhood Conservation Combining District (NCCD). The URP and the East 11th Street NCCD are not aligned and include inconsistent development standards for properties that fall within their boundaries. Additionally, the East 11th Street NCCD consists of multiple ordinances and is almost 200 pages long. The length and complexity of these regulatory documents make it difficult for people to understand what they can do with their property and difficult for staff to administer. During the update process, the URB also recommended amendments to the East 12th Street NCCD to reflect the recommended modifications to the URP.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.