

Public Hearing
Action Plan Needs Assessment
Austin City Council Meeting
June 24, 2010

The following represents a summary of the testimony during the public hearing summarized by NHCD staff. The following is not a complete transcript of public testimony .

Name	Statement	Staff Response
Joella Brooks, Southwest Key Programs	Supports Southwest Keys Social Enterprise Initiative assisting East Austin residents obtain job opportunities. Requests allocating \$180,000 to Southwest Key Programs.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities to promote job creation.
Marc Bell, Southwest Key Programs	Supports Southwest Key Programs' economic development programs and job opportunities. Requests allocating \$180,000 to Southwest Key Programs.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities to promote job creation.
Santos Martinez, Southwest Key Programs	Supports Southwest Key Programs that provided him a job, training, and classes. Southwest Key changed his life for the better.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities to promote job creation.
Rosco Overton, Community Member	Supports Southwest Key Programs. Requests that the City support the initiatives of the African American Quality of Life and Hispanic Quality of Life. Requests allocating \$180,000 for job opportunities.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund activities to promote job creation.
Stuart Hersh, Consultant	Recommends amendments to the Action Plan: 1) The Willows and Sweeny Circle projects have fiscal year 2009-10 funding; 2) HOME, CDBG, General Obligation (GO) Bond Funds, Housing Trust Fund (HTF) be limited to the Anderson Community Development Corporation (ACDC), Juniper Olive Phase III and the East 11th and 12th Street; 3) HOME, CDBG, GO Bond Funds, and HTF be available for permanent supportive housing, rental housing, developer assistance, home ownership and GO Repair! program ; 4) repaid S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ fee waivers be designated for GO Repair! program in fiscal year 2010-11; and 5) all permanent supportive rental opportunities created after March 2010 be included in the Council priority of 350 permanent supportive housing units.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues funding activities that promote affordable housing, economic development and public services in the upcoming fiscal year.
Jo Kathryn Quinn, Caritas of Austin	Implement effective permanent supportive housing. NHCD continue to support the permanent supportive housing initiative and it be reserved for the chronically homeless.	The Austin City Council provided policy direction in March 2010 that NHCD and HHSD prioritize the creation of 350 units of permanent supportive housing. NHCD is committed to funding this initiative in fiscal year 2010-11 and will provide a permanent supportive housing strategy to the Austin City Council by October 1, 2010.

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Isabelle Headrick, Blackland Community Development Corporation (BCDC), CHDO Roundtable	The moratorium of applications for affordable housing has been difficult for CHDOs. Recommends: NHCD begin processing applications immediately received prior to moratorium; prioritize fiscal year 2009-10 funding for the Green Doors project, Easter Seals, the Ivy, Mary Lee project; end moratorium by issuing a Notice of Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA); identify the fiscal year 2009-10 funds for projects.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues funding activities that promote affordable housing, economic development and public services in the upcoming fiscal year.
Mike Mchone, University Area Partners	HUD is not involved in the University Neighborhood Overlay (UNO) process. Recommends that there be a hearing and a full participation in Fall 2010 with student input.	Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD) and the City's Planning and Development Review Department (PDR) will hold stakeholder and community meetings in Fall 2010 to discuss the University Neighborhood Overlay (UNO) District. The Action Plan comment period offered additional opportunities to obtain public feedback.
Rosie Williams, Community Member	Concerned about the proposed development along East 11th and 12th Streets are affecting many residents in East Austin that are on fixed incomes. Homestead exemption and increasing taxes are affecting the residents. Provide the citizens more time to speak with Austin Revitalization Authority (ARA) and Urban Renewal Agency (URA) so that they may consider these concerns.	The City of Austin, ARA, and the URA hosted a Town Hall Meeting on May 26, 2010 providing an opportunity for community dialogue on the redevelopment of East 11th and 12th Streets. The revitalization efforts uses a combination of federal, local and private resources to improve the quality of life for the community.
Toni McGee, Community Member	Many developers do not respect the culture and quality of life in East Austin. City-owned land in East Austin should be converted into affordable housing to serve low-income individuals. The Tri-Party Agreement between the City of Austin, ARA, and URA should continue.	The City of Austin, ARA, and the URA hosted a Town Hall Meeting on May 26, 2010 providing an opportunity for community dialogue on the redevelopment of East 11th and 12th Streets. The revitalization efforts uses a combination of federal, local and private resources to improve the quality of life for the community. The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund projects that promote affordable housing and commercial revitalization in Austin.
Sharlene Harris, Community Member	Requests the City of Austin consider the national make-up of the city. Consider the black and hispanic communities when developing in East Austin, as they are the catalyst to the community.	The City is committed to ensuring the revitalization efforts using a combination of federal, local and private resources improve the quality of life for the community.
Charles Cloutman, Meals on Wheels and More	Requests the funding for home repair be increased to \$3 million for fiscal year 2010-11. Consider deobligating money for projects that are not ready.	Housing repair programs will continue to be funded in fiscal year 2010-11 through Renter Assistance and Homeowner Assistance programs.
Jerry Houchins, Austin/Travis County Reentry Roundtable	Thanked City staff for the FY 2010-11 Draft Action Plan. Reentry Roundtable pledges to remain a community partner to the City in creating 350 permanent supportive housing units. Out of the 350 units, 225 units are designated to serve chronically homeless reentry population.	The Austin City Council provided policy direction in March 2010 that NHCD and HHSD prioritize the creation of 350 units of permanent supportive housing. NHCD is committed to funding this initiative in fiscal year 2010-11 and will provide a permanent supportive housing strategy to the Austin City Council by October 1, 2010.

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Francie Ferguson, Housing Works Austin	Urged Council to open up funding immediately for pre-moratorium projects; recommend funding for homeownership, rental, permanent supportive housing, and the GO Repair! program; all projects should go through the existing projects. Recommends: S.M.A.R.T. fees should be included in the Housing Trust Fund. Complete the carry-forward for fiscal year 2010-11. Define permanent supportive housing and partner with ECHO.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues funding activities that promote affordable housing, economic development and public services in the upcoming fiscal year.
Tane Ward, Community Member	Gentrification in East Austin affects the hispanic and African American community. The City needs to analyze the development in East Austin as the direction the development is assisting higher income and displacing lower income families.	The City is committed to ensuring the revitalization efforts using a combination of federal, local and private resources improve the quality of life for the community.
Tom Spencer, Austin Area Interreligious Ministries	Recommended: 1) Momentum - Housing Repair Coalition is ready to assist clients ;2) Priorities - prioritize the remaining GO Bond funds; and 3) Enlarging the Pie - Austin Interreligious Ministries (AIM) is an advocate in the community and supports affordable housing; the City should partner with AIM to enlarge the pie.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues funding activities that promote affordable housing, economic development and public services in the upcoming fiscal year.
Alan Robinson, College Houses Cooperative	Urges the City to include student feedback in Fall 2010 to discuss UNO.	Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD) and the City's Planning and Development Review Department (PDR) will hold stakeholder and community meetings in Fall 2010 to discuss the University Neighborhood Overlay (UNO) District. The Action Plan comment period offered additional opportunities to obtain public feedback.
Stephanie Thomas, ADAPT of Texas	Believes accessibility and disability is not a priority in the Action Plan.	The FY 2010-11 Action Plan continues to fund the Architectural Barrier Removal (ABR) program. The program remains a priority for the 5-Year Consolidated Plan.