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Austin Revitalization Authority Announces Community Meetings

ARA to Facilitate Community Dialogue Regarding Proposed Development and Zoning Modifications in Central East Austin

AUSTIN, Texas, March 24, 2008 – The Austin Revitalization Authority invites you to participate in a community dialogue about proposed development plans for Blocks 16 and 18 on E. 11th Street and other proposed projects on E. 12th Street. The conceptual development plan for Block 18 (bounded by E. 11th, Waller, Juniper and Lydia Streets) consists of four major components: rehabilitating, adding 1,300 SF and relocating the historic East Room (Travis County Negro Agricultural Extension Service Office) one block from Lydia and Juniper to Waller and Juniper Streets; a 3-story, 28 unit multi-family low-income housing development targeted at households earning 40-60% of Austin's MFI (\$29,850 for a single person and \$42,650 for a family of four); constructing a 74,200 SF mixed-use office building along E. 11th and Lydia Streets; and adding a 3-level underground parking structure with 325 spaces, 58 of which will be made available for shared community parking.

Also to be discussed is the conceptual development proposal for Block 16 on E. 11th Street (bounded by E. 11th, Branch, Juniper and Curve Streets). The City of Austin's Neighborhood Housing & Community Development Office and Urban Renewal Agency staff will solicit feedback from the community regarding its values for desired development. These values include encouraging mixed-use development; increasing economic opportunities; increasing affordable housing; increasing public parking; and meeting vertical mixed use standards. Additional goals for this development include respecting the historical character and existing properties of the area, as well as, respecting the existing community context and not detracting from the viability of adjacent neighborhoods. Finally, the URB seeks to encourage compatibility with other development along E. 11th Street.

The City of Austin's Austin Housing Finance Corporation will present proposals related to its plan for residential development in the 110 Block of E. 12th Street. At least one private developer is expected to propose amendments related to the 1400 block of E. 12th Street.

Several modifications to the E. 11th & 12th Street Community Redevelopment Plan (CRP)/Urban Renewal Plan (URP) and Neighborhood Conservation Combining District (NCCD) for E. 11th Street are required to implement the proposed plans. The proposed development plans and modifications will be discussed during a series of community consensus-building meetings, the first of which will be held on Tuesday, April 1st from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. The second and third community dialogue meetings will take place on Saturday, April 26th and Saturday, May 17th from 9:30 am – 12:00 noon. All of the meetings will be held in Room #400A of the Street-Jones Building located at 1000 E. 11th Street. Light refreshments will be available 30 minutes before the start of each meeting.

About the Austin Revitalization Authority. The Austin Revitalization Authority is the Central East Austin community working to restore the cultural and economic viability of our neighborhoods. We are a private, non-profit community development corporation with a Board that is representative of the diverse population of the area. Through ARA, the community developed the Central East Austin Master Plan and the E.11th and 12th Streets Community Redevelopment Plan which guide development of the area bounded by I-35, Airport Blvd, E. 7th Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. For more information, visit ARA's web site at www.austinrev.org.

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