AURORA URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 10, 2024

Time: 4:45 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Mayor Mike Coffman called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL: Kadee Rodriguez, Deputy City Clerk

PRESIDING:	Chairman Coffman
COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:	Bergan, Coombs, Hancock, Gardner, Jurinsky, Lawson, Medina, Murillo, Sundberg, Watson, Zvonek
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:	Baca
COMMISSIONERS ARRIVING AFTER ROLL CALL:	
OFFICIALS PRESENT:	Jason Batchelor, AURA Executive Director Andrea Amonick, AURA Manager Laura Perry, Deputy City Manager Teri Velasquez, AURA Treasurer

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS

4.a. Proposed Grant for the El Alba Cooperative

AURA R2024-04 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE AURORA URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY APPROVING THE REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN AURA AND DAE GEE MONTVIEW BLVD ONE, LLC REGARDING REDEVELOPMENT OF A PORTION OF THE FITZSIMONS URBAN RENEWAL AREA

Andrea Amonick presented the proposed $256,000 grant for the El Alba Cooperative for the purpose of establishing a catering kitchen/restaurant in 1,100 SF at 11690 E. Montview Blvd. The El Alba Cooperative is made up of caterers who become members and benefit from utilizing this facility to grow their businesses in a commissary kitchen. El Alba has been working with the Aurora South Metro Small Business Development Center for assistance with their business plan, financial checks, and providing operational guidance. The focus was on how the cooperative can help food truck operators by providing necessary kitchen facilities.

Commissioner Watson commented with support for the El Alba project and hopes it will expand beyond the campus. He asked if the project would help the food truck businesses and provide them with food to support growth in that industry.

City Manager Jason Batchelor noted that many of the El Alba members have food trucks but are currently limited in access to a kitchen. The food trucks must return to their commissary kitchen to do their prep at the end of the day so that this project would benefit them.

Commissioner Bergan asked if there is a fully developed business plan.

Andrea Amonick responded, yes.

Chairman Coffman mentioned a different program from 2019, in which the city supported four restaurants, but two of them are gone.

Commissioner Jurinsky commented that she was against putting money into vacant kitchens.

Chairman Coffman asked for the roll call on whether to approve the grant.

VOTE ON BOARD RECOMMENDATION:

Voting Aye: Bergan, Coombs, Gardner, Hancock, Lawson, Medina, Murillo, Watson, Sundberg, Zvonek.

Voting Nay: Coffman, Jurinsky

Motion passes to adopt the Resolution.

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5. Regular AURA Meeting

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6. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Coffman adjourned the meeting of the Aurora Urban Renewal Authority at 5:02 p.m.

Mike Coffman, Chair

ATTEST:

Jason Batchelor, Executive Director/Secretary