

Urban Renewal Agency of the
City of San Antonio
City Manager's Conference Room
City Hall, San Antonio, Texas
August 13, 1958

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Roy Baines, Chairman, Mr. E. C. Parker, Dr. W. A. Schaefer, Rev. J. A. Kemple, and Mr. M. Winston Martin, Urban Renewal Administrator.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Henry Guerra, Sr., Mr. R. A. Nelson, Mr. Edwin Schroeder, Mr. Clarence Thorne, and Mr. Frank Valdez.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Jack Shelley, Assistant City Manager, Mr. Jerry Fox, Operations Analysis Division, and Mayor J. Edwin Kuykandall.

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A meeting of the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of San Antonio was called for 4:00 p.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room. A quorum was not present and no action was taken.

Mayor Kuykandall asked Mr. Bains the present status of the application being prepared for submittal to the Housing and Home Finance Agency in Fort Worth.

Mr. Baines replied that after the City Council had designated the selected site as a slum and blighted area, Mr. Martin and the Legal Staff had completed what had been thought would be the complete "package". It was then a legal technicality had arisen which required Agency action and that was the purpose of the meeting today.

Mayor Kuykandall was interested in what effect this delay would have on action taken by the Housing and Home Finance Agency in Fort Worth on San Antonio's application.

Mr. Baines replied that this Agency had discussed changing the designated area because they were anxious to get the application in process. However, Fort Worth had advised that if pending legislation in Washington were approved, the

"neighborhood plan" would be done away with. This Agency had accepted the Fort Worth recommendation that the original plan not be changed, and that is the plan which was approved by City Council. Mr. Baines added that one of the items needing the action of this Agency was the authorization of someone to sign checks so an application could be filed for money necessary to hire a staff.

Mr. Baines digressed at this point to express the Agency's pleasure in having Mayor Kuykandall present at its meeting and the hope he would be able to meet with them in the future, and extended the Agency's welcome to its new member, Rev. J. A. Kemple. He expressed the Agency's feeling that the program has much to offer San Antonio, that the citizens have shown much interest in the program and the hope it will reach the point of fruition and success.

Mr. Baines requested Mr. Jack Shelley, Assistant City Manager, to clarify the resolution necessary for completion of the application for the members of the Agency present.

Mr. Shelley explained that the position of the director is that of an "acting" or "temporary" capacity and it was felt there could be a definite question on the point of an "acting" director signing legal papers and other documents; therefore, it is requested that the Board appoint a director.

Mr. Parker felt that this program was like a large business and required a full-time director similar to that of the Housing Authority and for that reason would not be willing to vote on the resolution to make the City Manager the Director of the Urban Renewal Agency without reservations.

Mr. Baines pointed out that if this Agency decided that they need, and could do better work with, a director without all the responsibilities the City Manager

has, they would want the City Manager to step down and the Agency not be placed under any obligation to retain the City Manager as Director.

It was Mr. Bains' understanding that they were discussing two points at this time: 1) that the operation of the Agency should be kept as close as possible to the City Administration and City Council as it is at the present time and if in the future it should become necessary to replace the City Manager as Director, the staff should still be kept close to the City Administration and remain a City operation; and 2) the appointment of a director should not affect the application, that the title "Acting Director" should be just as affective as "Mayor Pro-tem" on all documents. He also felt that the Agency should not be delayed by Council action everytime they wanted to do anything or be placed in the position of having Council say to the Agency that they have to act in a certain way because Council wants it that way.

Dr. Shaefer noted that the Agency had discussed at length the appointment of the City Manager as temporary director for various and sundry reasons and personally felt that the position should remain in a temporary status, however, if it were felt that the City Manager should be appointed Director he would be in favor of it.

Mr. Baines suggested that the Agency could take the middle-of-the-road action by appointing the City Manager as Director of Urban Renewal Agency if that action were necessary for a valid signature on documents and checks since the Agency has the authority to make a change at any time it so desires.

Mr. Parker suggested that a resolution be prepared naming the City Manager as Director of the Urban Renewal Agency so that this agency might take action on this matter. He then inquired when Mr. Andrews would return to San Antonio and be avail-

able to sign documents to be included in the application.

Mr. Martin advised the Board that Mr. Andrews had already signed the necessary documents in both the application and the request for recertification and all that was necessary now was the action on the resolution.

Mr. Bains noted that the feeling of the group was still strong about the designated title and he wanted Mr. Shelley and Mr. Andrews to know that the feeling was not toward Mr. Andrews personally but to the phrase "to make the City Manager director".

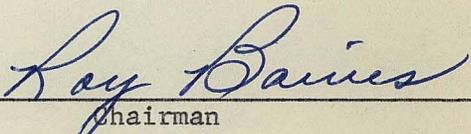
Mr. Martin told the Board that both Mr. Thorne and Mr. Valdez could be contacted Thursday morning if the Agency desired to set a meeting at that time for action on the resolution.

Mr. Baines directed that a resolution be prepared naming the City Manager as Director of the Urban Renewal Agency, that Mr. Thorne and Mr. Valdez be contacted and a meeting be scheduled for 8:30 a.m., Thursday, August 14, 1958, in the City Manager's Conference Room for the purpose of taking action on the proposed resolution.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

ATTEST:


Executive Secretary


Chairman