

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

PUBLIC HEARING

FOR COMMENT ON

2017 COMPETITIVE HOUSING TAX CREDIT APPLICATIONS

Conference Room
Harlingen Public Library
410 76 Street
Harlingen, Texas

6:03 p.m

Tuesday,
April 18, 2017

PRESIDING: SHANNON ROTH, Housing Specialist

ON THE RECORD REPORTING
(512) 450-0342

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SPEAKER

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Gabriel Gonzalez

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 MS. ROTH: Good evening. Let the record show
3 it is 6:03 p.m. My name is Shannon Roth. I'm here to
4 conduct a hearing on behalf of the Texas Department of
5 Housing and Community Affairs.

6 The Department's mission is to administer its
7 assigned programs efficiently, transparently, and
8 lawfully, and to invest its resources strategically and
9 develop high-quality affordable housing which allows Texas
10 communities to thrive.

11 Through our rental housing programs the
12 Department encourages the new construction or
13 rehabilitation of high-quality housing, primarily through
14 private developers. These developments benefit Texans by
15 providing qualified families and individuals with safe,
16 affordable quality housing.

17 The Department considers public input very
18 important, and to support the significance of comment, the
19 Department is conducting six public hearings around the
20 state of Texas in order to receive public comment for any
21 of the 2017 Competitive Housing Tax Credit Applications.
22 This public hearing is being held in Harlingen, at the
23 City of Harlingen Public Library.

24 You may provide comment for any 2017
25 competitive housing tax credit application. All comment

1 that you provide today will be recorded, and a summary of
2 that comment will be presented to the Department's board
3 prior to the final award recommendations.

4 If you wish to speak but haven't completed a
5 witness affirmation form, please be sure and complete one
6 and hand it to me during the meeting. Also, if you do not
7 wish to speak but would like to provide comment, your
8 witness affirmation form may also serve as comment and
9 will be included in the public comment summary for the
10 Department's board.

11 If you have not signed in, please do so, so the
12 Department will have a record of attendance for the
13 hearing.

14 If you're speaking on behalf of a group, feel
15 free to indicate this by asking all persons in the group
16 to stand. Each person will count as either support or
17 opposition, based on your comments.

18 If there are any elected officials here, we
19 would ask they be given the courtesy of coming up to the
20 podium first. We will try to organize the remaining
21 witness affirmations by project so that folks wishing to
22 speak to the same development are heard at the same time.

23 When you come to the podium, please state your
24 name clearly for the record, as well as the development
25 name and application number for which you're speaking.

1 You must come up to the microphone to speak.
2 Each person is given three minutes to make their comments.
3 Please take this into account when providing your
4 comments so everyone has the opportunity to speak.

5 Any questions?

6 (No response.)

7 MS. ROTH: Okay. So Mr. Gonzalez, since you're
8 our first and only speaker, and I believe your form says
9 you're here for Baxter Lofts. Right?

10 MR. GONZALEZ: Yes.

11 MS. ROTH: Okay. So we've got the name and the
12 number.

13 MR. GONZALEZ: That's project 17010. Is that
14 correct?

15 MS. ROTH: 17010. Yes, sir.

16 MR. GONZALEZ: Yes. My name is Gabriel
17 Gonzalez. I'm the assistant city manager for the City of
18 Harlingen. I'm here to support the Baxter Lofts project.

19 The project will provide great opportunities
20 for affordable housing in the downtown area, great
21 opportunities for economic development as well. And the
22 City has formed a strong partnership with the developer.

23 So I'm here to support the project itself and
24 voice our hopes that you would award the tax credits to
25 that particular project. Thank you.

1 MS. ROTH: Great. Thank you.

2 Anyone else?

3 (No response.)

4 MS. ROTH: No? A detailed log of all the
5 applications is posted to the Department's website.
6 Written and emailed comments outside of this meeting are
7 also encouraged. Such comments may be submitted prior to
8 five o'clock p.m. Austin local time on June 23, 2017.

9 Thank you for your participation. Public input
10 is very important to the Department. Your comments will
11 be included in the board summary for each application
12 considered for an award.

13 The board will make final decisions for all
14 allocations in the 2017 Competitive Housing Tax Credit
15 Applications at the July 27, 2017, meeting.

16 For additional information you can contact
17 Sharon Gamble. Her number is 512-936-7834. We also have
18 her business cards over there if you'd like to pick one
19 up, or you can visit the programs website.

20 This concludes our hearing. Let the record
21 show that it is 6:07 p.m. We have three people in
22 attendance, and the hearing is now adjourned.

23 (Whereupon, at 6:07 p.m., the meeting was
24 concluded.)

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IN RE: TDHCA Public Hearing on 2017 Competitive
Housing Tax Credit Applications

LOCATION: Harlingen, Texas

DATE: April 18, 2017

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(Transcriber) (Date)

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