

Quality of Life Council Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

9:00 AM

Media Briefing Room, City Hall

Members Present: Councilmember Jennifer V. Ramos, Chair, *District 3*
Councilmember Mary Alice P. Cisneros, *District 1*
Councilmember Ivy R. Taylor, *District 2*

Members Absent: Councilmember David Medina, Jr., *District 5*

Staff Present: Peter Zaroni, *Assistant City Manager*; T.C. Broadnax, *Assistant City Manager*; Leticia Vacek, *City Clerk*; David Garza, *Code Enforcement Services Director*; Maria Villagomez, *Office of Management & Budget Director*; Gloria Hurtado, *Community Initiatives Director*; Cindy Schoenmakers, *Community Initiatives Assistant Director*; Melody Woosley, *Community Initiatives Assistant Director*; Edward Gonzalez, *Community Initiatives Assistant Director*; Audrey Abed, *Head Start Administrator*; Brian James, *Center City Development Department*; Joe Nino, *Deputy City Attorney*; Samuel Garcia, *Assistant City Attorney*; Shreya Shah, *Assistant City Attorney*; Ted Murphree, *Assistant City Attorney*; Denise Monday, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Also Present: Dr. Lloyd Potter, *UTSA*; Kala Curtis, *SAISD*; Evonne Mabry, *SAISD*; Rebecca Garcia, *SAISD*; Brian Chasnoff, *Express News*; Mikel Brightman, *SAISD*; C.J. Littlefield, *HCS*; Teri Bilby, *SAAA*; Everett Ives, *CRTF*; Cosima Colvin, *BHANA*; Sylvia De La Pena, *Avance-SA*; Kathy Bruck, *Harlandale ISD*; Rebecca Cervantez, *Avance-SA*; Nancy Hard, *Family Services*; Raymond Lucas, *Lucas & Assoc.*; Saul Hinojosa, *Somerset ISD*; Lloyd Verstuyft, *SWISD*; Carl Scarbrough, *Somerset ISD*; Phillip Chavez, *Southside ISD*; Rick Alvarado, *ESC-20*; Jennifer Martinez, *ESC-20*; Carol Morgan, *ESC-20*; Alexandria North, *SSISD*; Reid Myers, *MGA-SA*; Marc Ross, *SAAA*; Kevin Brown, *Alamo Heights ISD*; Betty Burks, *SAISD*

1. Citizens to be Heard

Citizens were addressed during corresponding items.

2. Approval of Minutes of the March 8, 2011 Quality of Life Council Committee Meeting

Councilmember Cisneros moved to approve the Minutes of the March 8, 2011 Quality of Life Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

INDIVIDUAL BRIEFING

3. Consideration of applicants for the Municipal Golf Association Board (MGA-SA) Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

Leticia Vacek reported that Gabe Farias, George Fernandez, Henry Galindo, Lou Miller, Louis Terrazas, and Ricardo Villasenor were seeking reappointment to the Municipal Golf Association-SA (MGA-SA). She stated that staff recommended, for continuity purposes, reappointment of the above-stated applicants. She noted that of the reappointment applicants, Louis Terrazas was present.

Mr. Terrazas thanked the Committee for their support of the MGA-SA and noted the improvements completed by the MGA-SA.

Councilmember Cisneros moved to recommend Gabe Farias, George Fernandez, Henry Galindo Lou Miller, Louis Terrazas, and Ricardo Villasenor for reappointment to the MGA-SA. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Briefing and possible action to contract with KGBTexas, in partnership with Booz Allen Hamilton for consultant services to assist with Senior Center Services Study Peter Zaroni, Assistant City Manager

Gloria Hurtado reported that the Department of Community Initiatives (DCI) would begin negotiations with KGBTexas in partnership with Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc. to present for City Council consideration on May 12, 2011. She stated that consulting services would begin May 12, 2011 and be completed no later than August 31, 2011. She noted that KGBTexas and Booz Allen Hamilton would be responsible for the development of a Senior Center Services Improvement Plan and facilitate community presentations. They will also gather information ensure outreach to the community regarding the Senior Center Improvement Plan.

Councilmember Cisneros asked of the RFPs received in January 2011. Ms. Hurtado responded that the two proposals received were not responsive or comprehensive. She reported that staff contacted five agencies that they felt had the expertise to develop a plan. She stated that Deloitte Consulting and KGBTexas were the only respondents of the five agencies contacted.

Councilmember Cisneros moved to forward said item to the full Council for consideration. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Ramos asked if the issue would be resolved to incorporate into the FY 2012 Budget. Ms. Hurtado responded that the bulk of the recommendation should be implemented during the budget process and that recommendations having a long-term impact would be phased-in.

5. Briefing and possible action on the San Antonio Property Maintenance Code (SAPMC) and the reconstruction of the Dangerous Structures and Determination Board (DSDB) in the Building Standards Board (BSB)

David Garza, Director, Code Enforcement Services; T.C. Broadnax, Assistant City Manager

David Garza reported that the City's current minimum Property Maintenance Standards have not been updated since 2001 and that the proposed changes to the standards would strengthen, clarify and broaden the code to help achieve City Goals and objectives. Additionally, the proposed SAPMC would eliminate the need for the City Code Chapter 6 Article IV, Housing Code and Article X, Commercial and Industrial Buildings. He noted that the Quality of Life Council Committee requested that staff consider development of a Citizen Review Process to review and address minimum property maintenance code violations. He added that staff does not recommend prescribing membership categories for the proposed Building Standards Board (BSB) and to provide the Mayor and City Council the flexibility to appoint representatives they feel best reflect the concerns of their districts.

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Marc Ross, San Antonio Apt. Assoc., thanked City Staff for their work and cited the only contention was the composition of the Building Standards Board. He urged the QOL Committee to support the recommendations of the Code Review Task Force (CRTF).

Everett Ives, CRTF, spoke in support of the CRTF recommendations. He stated that the proposed recommendations created balance of input from Real Estate Professionals and citizens.

Cosima Colvin, BHANA, spoke in support of the CRTF recommendations. She stated that citizens should be allowed a fair Review Board of their peers to address possible violations.

Mr. Garza corrected a statement regarding the CRTF vote. He noted that the first vote of 4-4-1 regarding prescription of the CRTF would not have passed. Consequently a second vote of 5-4 passed. He noted that the votes were not unanimous, but were split votes.

Councilmember Taylor moved to proceed with staff recommendation regarding the SAPMC and also revamp of the Dangerous Structures Determination Board to become the Building Standards Board to include 14 members with three prescribed appointments in addition to the Mayor's appointment to include the categories of: Single Family Property Management; Multi-Family Property Management; Retail Office Management; and Historic Preservation. Councilmember Cisneros seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Briefing and possible action on Head Start Program items to include an update on progress with the Head Start Allocation Plan

Gloria Hurtado, Director, Community Initiatives; Peter Zanoni, Assistant City Manager

Ms. Hurtado reported that slot reallocation was recommended to align Head Start Services with the areas of the community that were in greatest need. She stated that a slot reallocation proposal would have been presented to the Head Start Policy Council and the Quality of Life Committee in April 2011; but based on additional feed back from key stakeholders and the community, the proposed reallocation plan will be provided to the Head Start Policy Council and the Quality of Life Council Committee in May 2011. Ms. Hurtado provided staff's recommendation for

approval of the proposed revisions to three Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment, and Attendance (ERSEA) Policies that clarify the process used by San Antonio and Bexar County Head Start Program to:

- ✦ Determine eligibility
- ✦ Recruit
- ✦ Enroll and re-enroll children

In response to Chairperson Ramos, Ms. Hurtado responded that 16,000 to 22,000 students had been identified to be in need of Head Start Services. She stated that the Head Start Program was only funded to serve 6,789 students.

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Lloyd Verstryft, SWISD, expressed his appreciation with what the city is doing. He also expressed concern with the data reviewed for the assessment study. He stated that the four school districts identified utilized a different data-set than the remaining school districts reviewed.

Saul Hinojosa, Somerset ISD, reiterated that 22,000 students were in need of Head Start Services and that there was only funding to accommodate only 6,789 students. He stated that regardless of how the slots were realigned; students would still be left out.

Kevin Brown, Alamo Heights ISD, expressed concern that Alamo Heights was being completely eliminated from the Head Start Program. He noted that there was no law or requirement that provided for slot realignment and expressed concern with the margin of error regarding the assessment study.

Betty Burks, SAISD, cited the loss of State Funding for the school district and requested that the Committee reconsider removing any Head Start slots from SAISD.

Philip Chavez, Southside ISD, expressed concern with the data regarding the economically disadvantaged. He stated that 280 of 388 Pre-K students enrolled met the 100% poverty level. He requested that the Committee review the assessment data.

Councilmember Cisneros spoke in support of the realignment of Head Start slots and admonished attendance at the Head Start Policy Council Meeting this evening.

Councilmember Taylor acknowledged the importance of the reallocation of slots and expressed concern with the data analysis utilized in the study. She stated that she looked forward to clarification of the data-sets provided at the next staff presentation.

Chairperson Ramos asked of the impact of slot reallocation to the upcoming school session. Ms. Hurtado responded that there would be a minor impact to the upcoming school session and phased-in over several years. She indicated that there would be no impact to students currently enrolled in Head Start.

Councilmember Cisneros moved to approve the ERSEA Policy Revisions as recommended by staff. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Briefing on the updated FY 2012 Budget Calendar and progress on the budget for four Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Entitlement programs; Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnership Grant (HOME), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Programs

Nina Nixon-Mendez, Grants Monitoring Administrator, Office of Management & Budget

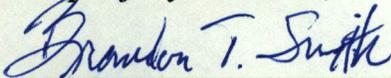
Maria Villagomez provided a briefing on the staff recommended 2012 Budget Development Calendar for four Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Grant Programs. She stated that the City had not received correspondence from HUD regarding the City's Entitlement for the upcoming year due to the fact that the Federal Budget is still in the development stages. She noted the possibility of federal reductions and that staff was reviewing other major cities across the nation to identify how they are handling this challenging issue. She outlined an Entitlement Grant Funding Budget reflecting a 25% reduction in CDBG Funding and a 9.5% reduction in HOME Funding.

Chairperson Ramos requested a list of the funding applications submitted. Ms. Villagomez stated that staff would present recommendations to the Committee in May 2011.

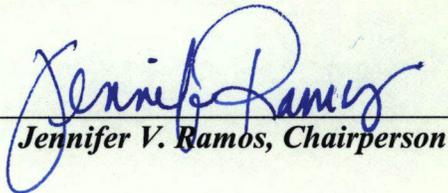
8. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brandon T. Smith
Office of the City Clerk



Jennifer V. Ramos, Chairperson