

**Economic & Human Development Council Committee
Minutes**

Thursday, January 20, 2005

8:30 a.m.

City Hall Basement Conference Room

Members Present: Councilmember Enrique M. Barrera, Chair, District 6
Councilmember Ron H. Segovia, District 3
Councilmember Patti Radle, District 5
Council Member Art Hall, District 8

Absent: Councilmember Julian Castro, District 7

Staff Present: Frances Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager; Dennis J. Campa, Community Initiatives Director; Ramiro Cavazos, Economic Development Director

Also Present: Dianne Quaglia, Economic Development; Joe Lazor, UTSA; Jim Parlett, M & A Technology; Brandon Smith, City Clerk's Office

**1. Approval of the Minutes for the November 18, 2004 & January 11, 2005
Economic & Human Development Council Committee Meetings – Action Team**

The committee members present unanimously approved the minutes of the November 18, 2004 and the January 11, 2005 Economic Development Council Committee Meetings.

2. Briefing on the Delegate Agency Funding Level Requirements
Dennis J. Campa, Director, Department of Community Initiatives;
Frances A. Gonzales, Assistant City Manager

Mr. Campa reported 44 Delegate Agencies were requested to substantiate that 35% of their budgets came from external sources by January 7, 2005. Forty-two (42) agencies met the 35% non-city requirement and two (2) agencies not meeting the funding requirement leaving a balance of \$55,100 available for reprogramming. Mr. Campa noted that responses from 3 agencies were not required. Mr. Campa stated the next steps are to consider the amount available for de-obligation, through City Council approval, reprogram funds within Workforce Development and Safety Net funding priority categories or to reallocate to the Human Development Services Fund.

The Economic and Human Development Council Committee recommended the funds be reallocated to the priority categories within the Human Development Services Fund.

3. Presentation on the Report on Algebra/Physics Summit June 04 and Project Bridge

Joe Lazor; Director, Mathematics & Science Project Program for UTSA

Mr. Lazor presented information on an Algebra/Physics Summit in June 2004. Mr. reported thirty-six physicists and mathematicians met with members of the business community to discuss the alignment of classroom curriculum in relation to the business world in San Antonio. Mr. Lazor noted that high school teachers and college professors focused on Algebra II and practical transition from high school to college. Mr. Jim Parlett updated the committee on the current activities as a result of the summit. Mr. Lazor also presented future projects to include teacher internships and a two day conference in Summer 2005. Mr. Lazor requested funding and/or guidance in making such a request from the Economic and Human Development Council Committee to assist in facilitating the Summer 2005 conference.

Discussion ensued on encouraging a relationship with other San Antonio schools other than those listed in the presentation. In response to Councilmember Hall, Mr. Lazor stated nine schools were chosen because there are nine colleges and universities in San Antonio and there were nine schools outlined in the original grant.

4. Big-Tex Project Briefing

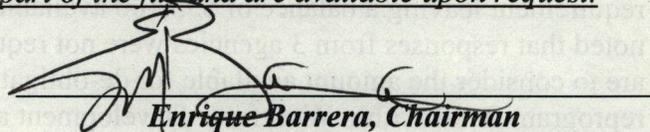
Ramiro Cavazos, Director, Economic Development;
Jelynn Le Blanc Burley, Assistant City Manager

Ms. Dianne Quaglia presented information on the Big Tex Project with regard to a Tax Phase-In agreement for 10 years and a 25 year license agreement. Ms. Quaglia reported that the 7.53 acre site within District 5 comprises 80,000 sq. ft. of buildings, grain silos and warehouses. The project includes adaptive reuse of a historic feed production facility and mixed used residential and retail development. The Tax Phase-In includes exemption of 100% of ad valorem taxes for 10 years on real property improvements of approximately \$21.7 million, a central city multi-housing project and the creation of 5 full time jobs. The License Agreement includes 1.314 acres of Blue Street Row.

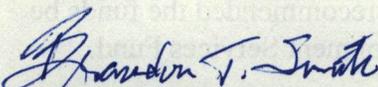
It was unanimously moved and seconded to proceed with said item as presented.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Copies of these presentations are made part of the file and are available upon request.


Enrique Barrera, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,


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Office of the City Clerk