

**Infrastructure & Growth Council Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, December 17, 2008

1:30 p.m.

Municipal Plaza B Room

Members Present: Councilmember Diane Cibrian, *District 8*
Councilmember Jennifer Ramos, *District 3*
Councilmember Philip Cortez, *District 4*
Councilmember Lourdes Galvan, *District 5*

Members Absent: *None*

Staff Present: Pat DiGiovanni, *Deputy City Manager*; T.C. Broadnax, *Assistant City Manager*; Sharon De La Garza, *Assistant City Manager*; Leticia Vacek, *City Clerk*; Roderick Sanchez, *Planning & Development Services Director*; Majed Al-Ghafry, *Public Works Director*; Patrick Howard, *Planning & Development Services Assistant Director*; Bill Maddox, *Public Utilities Assistant Director*; Ruby Perez, *Mayor's Office*; Norbert Hart, *Deputy City Attorney*; Ted Murphrey, *Assistant City Attorney*; Susan Guinn, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: Tom DeBrooke, *Downtown Advisory Board*; Steve Hanan, *RECSA*; Gerald Lee, *ACS*; Stephanie Bocanegra, *SAWS*; Steve Clouse, *SAWS*; Gavino Ramos, *TWC*; Manuel Garza, *Edgewood Neighborhood Association*

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Cibrian called the meeting to order.

At this time, the Committee addressed Item 7.

7. Briefing on Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Implementation

Presented by Majed A. Al-Ghafry, Director, Public Works

Majed Al-Ghafry sought Committee support of the mission, goals, and strategy of the City's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Implementation Plan. He noted that the plan encompasses six main goals that have been assigned to lead departments charged with identifying goals, objectives and strategies for implementation. He added that monthly updates would be provided to the City Manager's Office and that staff anticipates final presentation before the City Council in June, 2009.

Councilmember Galvan expressed concern with ADA compliance issues within Main Plaza. Judy Babbitt stated that some of the gravel in Main Plaza would be replaced with pavers within the next six months, along with several other mitigation items.

2. Citizens To Be Heard

Citizens were heard during corresponding items.

3. Approval of Minutes for the November 19, 2008 Infrastructure & Growth Council Committee Meeting

Councilmember Cortez moved to approve the Minutes of the November 19, 2008 Infrastructure & Growth Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Galvan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Recommendation and possible action regarding appointments to the VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority (3 slots)

Presented by Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

Leticia Vacek stated that there were five nominees present to be interviewed by the Committee.

Tom DeBrooke stated that he had served on the Downtown Advisory Board for six years, on the River Oversight Committee for three years and cited a list of other community service accomplishments. He noted that service on the VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority would enhance his experience within the community.

Greg Geis, Corporate Real Estate Manager – AT&T, stated that he has served on the VIA Transit Authority for two years and worked on various committees. He noted the he would like to keep continuity on the Board.

Gerald Lee, Regional Director – American Cancer Society, stated that he would like to serve because of the importance of transportation to the community. He added that a city could not thrive without a strong transit authority.

Lou Miller stated that he looked forward to the challenges ahead for VIA and to the growth of the city. He cited the multitude of jobs coming to Fort Sam Houston and noted that the city should be prepared for rapid transit. He added that San Antonio could soon be ready for light rail transit.

Gavino Ramos stated that he was appointed to the VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority several months ago and that the experience he has gained would be an asset to the Authority.

Councilmember Cortez moved to recommend Gerald Lee, Lou Miller, and Gavino Ramos for appointment to the VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority. Councilmember Ramos seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Briefing and possible action on an Ordinance amending Chapter 28 of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas, by altering the definition of "reface," adding a definition for "sign message area," providing for refacing non-conforming

registered "trademark signs" in order to prevent misidentification with other registered "trademark signs," and providing for publication

Presented by Roderick J. Sanchez, Director, Planning & Development Services Department

Rod Sanchez presented the proposed amendment to Chapter 28 of the City Code that would allow non-conforming trademark signs to be refaced with another trademark. He noted that the refacing of the sign to a different shape would not alter the maximum sign height or width of the original sign.

Councilmember Cortez moved to forward said item to the full Council for consideration. Councilmember Ramos seconded the motion and noted that she would address her concerns during Council consideration.

6. Briefing and possible action on an Ordinance amending Chapter 35 of the municipal Code, the Unified Development Code ("UDC") as part of the biennial program update:

Presented by Roderick J. Sanchez, Director, Planning & Development Services Department

Mr. Sanchez reported that 573 requests for changes to the Unified Development Code were combined into 100 proposed amendments that were submitted to the Planning Commission's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). He noted that after the results of the TAC review, staff withdrew 99 items and seven were denied. The remaining proposed amendments were forwarded to the City South Management Authority (CSMA) for briefing and to the Planning and Zoning Commissions for review and recommendation. He added that both Commissions had suggested accepting the TAC's recommendations regarding the proposed UDC Amendments.

Councilmember Cortez moved to approve the UDC Amendments approved by TAC, and the Planning and Zoning Commissions. He also requested that staff resolve the eight remaining items that were denied. Councilmember Galvan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens to be Heard

Steven Hanan, President Elect – Real Estate Council San Antonio, spoke in support of the proposed UDC Amendments.

Councilmember Cortez requested a status update at the next Infrastructure and Growth Committee meeting regarding the eight remaining items that were denied.

7. Briefing on SAWS Water Conservation Initiatives: "Refreshing Ideas"

Presented by George Flores, VP of Communications, San Antonio Water Systems

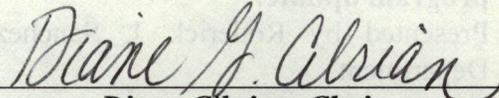
Steve Clouse provided an update on the San Antonio Water System's (SAWS) Sustainability Initiatives and detailed the following:

- ✓ SAWS Environmental Policy
- ✓ Cooperative efforts with City of San Antonio Staff
- ✓ Conservation
- ✓ Large Scale Retrofits
- ✓ Wastewater Systems

Chairperson Cibrian recognized SAWS for their water conservation efforts. Councilmember Cortez stated that he looked forward to the implementation of the proposed initiatives.

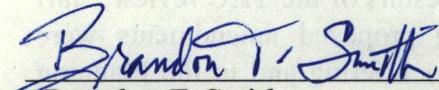
8. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.



Diane Cibrian, Chairperson

Respectfully Submitted,



Brandon T. Smith
Office of the City Clerk