

**Infrastructure & Growth  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, January 16, 2008  
1:30 p.m.  
Municipal Plaza C Room**

**Members Present:** Councilmember Sheila McNeil, *Chair, District 2*  
Councilmember Philip Cortez, *District 4*  
Councilmember Lourdes Galvan, *District 5*  
Councilmember Diane Cibrian, *District 8*

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**Members Absent:** None

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**Staff Present:** Frances Gonzalez, *Assistant City Manager*; T.C. Broadnax, *Assistant City Manager*; Roderick Sanchez, *Development Services Director*; Leticia Vacek, *City Clerk*; Jesus Garza, *Planning & Community Development Assistant Director*; Robert Peche, *Economic Development Director*; Leticia Saenz, *Deputy City Clerk*; Fernando De Leon, *Development Services Assistant Director*; Ed Davis, *Economic Development Assistant Director*; Nina Nixon-Mendez, *Planning & Community Development*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

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**Others Present:** Rob Rodriguez, *AQTS*; Randolph Murdock; Mary Briseno

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**Call to Order**

Chairperson McNeil called the meeting to order.

**1. Citizens To Be Heard**

There were no citizens to be heard.

**2. Approval of Minutes for the November 28, 2007 Infrastructure & Growth Council Committee Meeting**

Councilmember Cibrian moved to approve the Minutes of the November 28, 2007 Infrastructure & Growth Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Cortez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Consideration of possible at-large board appointment recommendations for the VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority (2 slots)**

Presented by Leticia Vacek, City Clerk

Leticia Vacek informed the Committee that there were 2 slots available for consideration. She noted that all of the applicants were present with the exception of Rich Pych. She added that Mary Briseno and Rich Pych currently serve on the VIA Metropolitan Transit Board and both were seeking reappointment.

Mary Briseno stated that she currently serves on the VIA Transportation Appeals Committee, VIA Representative for the Austin/San Antonio Community Rail District, Bus Rapid Transit Planning Committee and that she was committed to line service.

Randolph Murdock stated that he serves on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board representing District 7 and serves on the Watershed Improvement & Advisory Committee representing the City of San Antonio. He noted that he served on the 2007 Parks & Recreation, and Community Initiatives Bond Election Committees, and the San Antonio Independent School District Advisory Committee 2008. He cited three areas of concern: 1) Maintaining the level of service inside loop 410; 2) Increased ridership; 3) Economic impact of gas costs.

Roberto Rodriguez stated that he participated in Leadership San Antonio through the SA Hispanic Chamber, served on the transportation committee through the Greater Chamber, served as Commerce Council President, Alamo Area Parkinson's Support Group Vice-President, State Association of Homecare President, and Senior Advocate.

Ms. Vacek read a letter from Rick Pych addressed to the Committee. He stated that he has enjoyed serving on the Board and is seeking reappointment. He acknowledged several initiatives implemented by the VIA Board and noted that if reappointed for a second term, one of his goals would be to ensure that the collaboration between VIA and the City continued to improve citywide issues.

Chairperson McNeil entertained a motion for recommendation of 2 VIA Board appointments.

Councilmember Cortez moved to recommend Mary Briseno and Rick Pych to the full Council for consideration for appointment to the VIA Board. Councilmember Galvan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Consideration of staff's recommendation regarding amendments to Unified Development Code**

Presented by Roderick Sanchez, Development Services Director

Mr. Sanchez presented eight amendments for consideration that provide greater clarity and consistency in the administration of the UDC. He noted that the proposed amendments have been approved by the Planning Commission Technical Advisory Board (TAC), and the City South Management Authority.

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

**5. Consideration of staff's recommendation regarding a request from Von Ormy to incorporate**

Presented by Jesus Garza, Planning & Community Development Assistant Director

Jesus Garza presented information on a petition requesting the City of San Antonio's consent for the residents of the Von Ormy area to initiate municipal incorporation proceedings. He noted

that incorporation of the Von Ormy area would allow that community to apply for federal and state grants to add and improve utility infrastructure, collect taxes for municipal services, hold elections, and adopt and implement city codes. He added that staff recommended forwarding to City Council with favorable recommendation to grant consent to the Von Ormy Incorporation Committee to initiate incorporation proceedings.

Councilmember Cortez stated that he would like staff to assist the Von Ormy community in meeting deadlines for incorporation.

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

**6. Consideration of staff's recommendation regarding a comprehensive revision of the Entertainment District special zoning district and assessment of areas adjacent to the AT&T Center, Alamodome, and along E. Commerce for potential rezoning as an Entertainment District, or other appropriate zoning district, to provide for mixed use and enhance the aesthetic quality of the area**

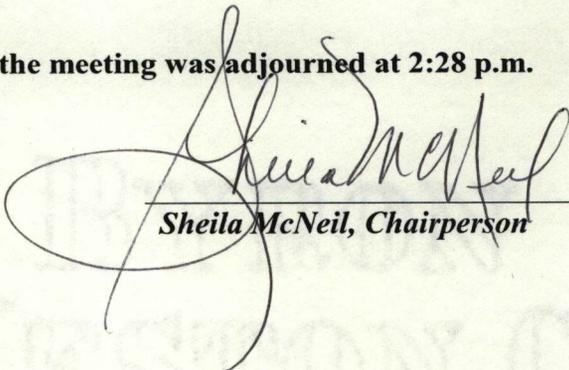
Presented by Jesus Garza, Planning & Community Development Assistant Director

Nina Nixon-Mendez requested authorization from the Committee to move forward with proposed revisions to the Entertainment District provisions. She noted a rezoning case that would include the area around the Alamodome, the AT&T Center/Freeman Coliseum/Willowsprings Golf Course and East Commerce Street between the Alamodome and the AT&T Center that would create an arts and entertainment district. She also noted that the proposed area revisions would serve as a model for future "ED" developments throughout the City.

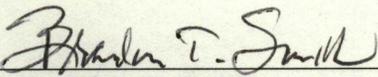
Councilmember Cibrian moved to authorize staff to move forward with said item. Councilmember Galvan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

  
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*Sheila McNeil, Chairperson*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

  
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*Brandon T. Smith*  
*Administrative Assistant II*  
*Office of the City Clerk*