

**Quality of Life  
Council Committee Meeting  
Minutes**

**Tuesday, October 14, 2008**

**3:00 p.m.**

**Municipal Plaza Room B**

**Members Present:** Councilmember Delicia Herrera, *District 6, Chair*  
Councilmember Mary Alice Cisneros, *District 1*  
Councilmember Jennifer Ramos, *District 3*  
Councilmember Diane Cibrian, *District 8*

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**Staff Present:** A.J. Rodriguez, *Deputy City Manager*; Frances Gonzalez, *Assistant City Manager*; T.C. Broadnax, *Assistant City Manager*; Drew Cameron, *Grants Monitoring & Administration Director*; Xavier Urrutia, *Parks & Recreation Director*; Leticia Saenz, *Deputy City Clerk*; Ruby Perez, *Mayor's Office*; Enid Howard, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

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**Others Present:** John Kenny, *San Antonio Housing Trust*; Ron Macias, *Salvation Army*; Lucy Gale, *Salvation Army*; Danny Hermosillo, *Salvation Army*; Bobby Perez, *Shelton-Valadez*; Don Shupe, *KSAT*; Jill Christie, *KSAT*; Danny Hermosillo, *Salvation Army*; Catherine, Cisneros, *Healy Murphy Urban-15*; George Cisneros; Maj. Albert Villafuente, *Salvation Army*; Nettie Hinton, *Dignowity Hill Neighborhood Association*; Barbara Witte-Howell, *San Antonio Conservation Society*; Reid Meyers, *MGA-SA*; Elaine Ayo, *Express News*; Jose Macias, *Salvation Army*; Tom Garren, *Dignowity Hill Neighborhood Association*; Ray Knox, *Friends of the Parks*

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**Call to order**

Chairperson Herrera called the Meeting to order.

**1. Citizens to be Heard**

There were no citizens to be heard.

**2. Approval of the Minutes of the August 5, 2008 Quality of Life Special Meeting and the August 12, 2008 Quality of Life Council Committee Meeting**

Councilmember Ramos moved to approve the Minutes of the August 5, 2008 Quality of Life Special Committee Meeting and the August 12, 2008 Quality of Life Committee Meeting. Councilmember Cibrian seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. The Quality of Life Council Committee will review and recommend one (1) appointment to the Municipal Golf Association – SA (MGA-SA)**

Presented by Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

Leticia Saenz reported that three applicants, Elijio Aguillon, Irene Maldonado, and Robert Wilmore, were interviewed at the last Committee Meeting. She noted that Irene Maldonado was unable to attend today's meeting and read a letter on her behalf.

Councilmember Cibrian moved to recommend Irene Maldonado to the full Council for consideration. Councilmember Ramos seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Recommendation and possible action on the sale of Healy Murphy in Council District 2**

Presented by Xavier Urrutia, Interim Director, Parks & Recreation Department

Xavier Urrutia requested authorization for staff to proceed with the sale of Healy Murphy Park and return to the Committee with the process outcome and present a recommendation.

Barbara Witte-Howell, San Antonio Conservation Society, spoke in opposition to the sale of the park and expressed concern regarding the Dulnig House, an official City historic landmark, located within the park.

Nettie Hinton, Dignowity Hill Neighborhood Association, spoke in opposition to the sale of the park. She requested information regarding the transfer of the Dawson property from Public Works to the Parks and Recreation Department and questioned the Parks and Recreation Department bringing the issue to the Governance and Quality of Life Council Committees.

Tom Garney, Dignowity Hill Neighborhood Association, spoke in opposition to the sale of Healy Murphy Park. He requested that the Committee reconsider the proposal.

Major Albert Villafuente, Salvation Army, spoke in opposition to the sale of Healy Murphy Park. He stated that the proposed sale of the Park went against the intent of sale by the Salvation Army to the City of San Antonio.

Ray Knox, Friends of the Parks President, spoke in opposition to the sale of Healy Murphy Park. He noted that the Park could realize its full potential with proper patrolling and revitalization.

Catherine Cisneros spoke in opposition to the sale of Healy Murphy Park.

George Cisneros spoke in opposition to the sale of Healy Murphy Park. He noted that a liquor license could not be obtained for commercial development on the property.

Councilmember McNeil stated that the purpose of the proposed initiative was to consolidate Healy Murphy Park into a larger park under the Hays Street Bridge and noted that proceeds from the sale of the property would go toward development of the larger park. She explained that the sale of said property would provide for economic development opportunities and bring employment to the area.

In response to Councilmember Cisneros, Mr. Urrutia explained that the proposed request would initiate the process for consideration of the sale of Healy Murphy Park and that staff return to the Committee with the results and a possible recommendation to the full Council for consideration.

Chairperson Herrera recessed the meeting into Executive Session to discuss said item at 4:10 p.m. She reconvened the meeting at 4:24 p.m and stated that no action had been taken in Executive Session.

Councilmember Cibrian requested information regarding the use of the park. Mr. Urrutia reported that individuals slept in the park over night and noted documentation of criminal activity. He added that park staff reported that there was no traditional usage of the park.

Councilmember Cisneros moved to proceed with said item as recommended by staff. Councilmember Cibrian seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Presentation and action on the 2008-2009 Budget for the San Antonio Housing Trust Program**

Presented by Andrew Cameron, Director, Grants Monitoring & Administration

John Kenny presented the San Antonio Housing Trust Foundation proposed budget of \$355,225 using the following revenue sources:

- \$89,050 – Interest income from the Trust Fund
- \$138,500 – Estimated collected funds returned to the Trust
- \$77,000 – Outside Grants
- \$7,200 – SAHT Finance Corporation
- \$46,570 – SAHT Foundation Operating Funds

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

**6. Presentation and action on the 2008-2009 Funding Round for the San Antonio Housing Trust Foundation**

Presented by Andrew Cameron, Director, Grants Monitoring & Administration

Mr. Kenny reported that Housing Trust Funds were used to maintain and promote decent and affordable housing and to maximize the investment of public and private resources. He cited three major areas of preference: 1) Environmental and energy efficient projects; 2) Projects residing in the Targeted Areas of the City of San Antonio Strategic Plan for Community Development; 3) Projects that use the facilities of the San Antonio Housing Trust Finance Corporation.

Councilmember Cisneros moved to authorize the Funding Round and return to the Quality of Life Council Committee with the proposed Plan. Councilmember Ramos seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

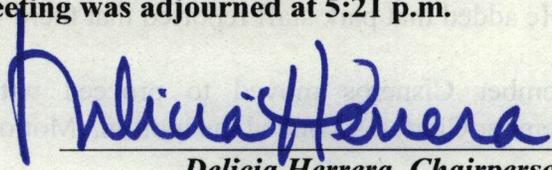
**7. Consideration of items for future meetings**

- a. Special QOL Meeting**
- b. November 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting – To be rescheduled**

Frances Gonzalez made note of the Special Quality of Life Council Committee Meeting on October 22, 2008 and the November 18, 2008 Committee Meeting.

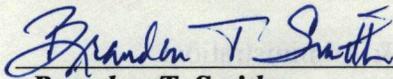
**8. Adjournment**

**There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m.**



**Delicia Herrera, Chairperson**

**Respectfully Submitted,**



**Brandon T. Smith**

**Office of the City Clerk**