

**Economic & Community Development Council Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, January 27, 2011

9:00 AM

Municipal Plaza Room B

Members Present: Councilmember Mary Alice P. Cisneros, *Chair, District 1*
Councilmember Ray Lopez, *District 6*
Councilmember Elisa Chan, *District 9*
Councilmember John G. Clamp, *District 10*

Members Absent: *None*

Staff Present: A.J. Rodriguez, *Deputy City Manager*; Leticia Vacek, *City Clerk*;
Rene Dominguez, *International & Economic Development
Director*; Elizabeth Costello, *International Relations Director*;
Ed Davis, *International & Economic Development Assistant
Director*; Reynaldo Cano, *International & Economic
Development Assistant Director*; Ray Rodriguez, *Assistant City
Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Also Present: Earl Jackson, Jr., *FAA*; Raul Rodriguez, *UIW*; Victoria Garcia,
Bracewell & Giuliani; Kelly Terry, *Sentier Strategic*; Hong
Deng, *FEDITC*; John Yoggerst, *LYI*; Bill Anderson, *HEB*; Kristi
Pena, *BBB*

Call to Order

Chairperson Cisneros called the meeting to order.

1. Citizens to be Heard

There were no citizens to be heard.

2. Approval of Minutes of the October 28, 2010 Economic and Community Development Council Committee Meeting

Councilmember Clamp moved to approve the Minutes of the October 28, 2010 Economic and Community Development Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Chan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Consideration of Applicants to the Airport Advisory Committee and the San Antonio Economic Development Corporation

Presented by Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk, TRMC/CMC

Leticia Vacek presented Mr. Earl Jackson, Jr. to the Committee as the lone applicant for appointment to the Airport Advisory Committee FAA category and stated that he had 29 years of Federal Aviation Administration experience. Chairperson Cisneros spoke of the time and commitment required of the appointment and thanked Mr. Jackson for his service to the Airport Advisory Committee.

Councilmember Clamp moved to recommend Mr. Earl Jackson, Jr. for appointment to the Airport Advisory Committee FAA category. Councilmember Chan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Vacek provided the slate of applicants for the San Antonio Economic Development Corporation as follows: Christine S. Dunn, Michael T. Dwyer, Kristi G. Pena, Aaron J Seaman, and A. John Yogerst. She reported that the applicants were not present and that there was one slot open for appointment. Councilmember Lopez asked of the staff recommendation for the appointment. Rene Dominguez reported that staff had conferred with Michael T. Dwyer and noted that he was highly qualified for appointment.

Councilmember Lopez moved to recommend Michael T. Dwyer for appointment to the San Antonio Economic Development Corporation. Councilmember Chan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Briefing and possible action on the China Ad Hoc Committee

Presented by Elizabeth Costello, Director, International Relations Office

Elizabeth Costello reported that Councilmember Chan held the China Ad Hoc Committee Meeting on October 20, 2010 to lend form and substance to San Antonio-China Relations. She stated that the Committee recommended the creation of the China Advisory Subcommittee of the Economic and Community Development Council Committee. She provided an overview of the Subcommittee's Charge and Goals; Composition; Lead Agency; Coordination; and Budget. She noted that the China Advisory Subcommittee will meet the first Friday of the month beginning on February 4, 2011. Ms. Costello introduced the following members of the China Advisory Subcommittee: Bill Anderson, HEB; Victoria Garcia, Bracewell & Giuliani; Raul Rodriguez, UIW; Kelly Terry, Sentier Strategic; and Hong Deng, FEDITC. Ms. Costello added that the Subcommittee was structured as a 15-member Advisory Subcommittee and that there was flexibility in adding members.

Councilmember Chan thanked her ECDC Committee Members for supporting said initiative and stated that the goal of the Subcommittee was not to duplicate or compete with the efforts of other agencies, but a synergy to provide a face to Chinese businesses and other entities.

Councilmember Clamp spoke in support of the initiative and the relationships built between the City of San Antonio and China. He stated that the City must capitalize on those relationships and spoke of additional funding to facilitate those efforts. A.J. Rodriguez indicated that there was adequate funding/staffing and that staff had prepared a list of activities to forward to the Subcommittee for recommendation.

Councilmember Lopez asked of the City's Budget and International Affairs Staffing. Ms. Costello responded that the Department had a healthy Protocol Budget to cover travel and hosting expenses. A.J. Rodriguez stated that there were three International Relations Staff positions and that Rene Dominguez was developing a Strategic Plan regarding International Business Relations.

Chairperson Cisneros requested that staff petition members of the Asian Chamber of Commerce and University Interns to serve on the Subcommittee. She thanked the HEB Corporation for their progress and acknowledged that they ship directly from China to Mexico and San Antonio.

Chairperson Cisneros recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 10:00 a.m. She reconvened the meeting at 10:43 a.m. and announced that no action had been taken.

5. Consideration of items for future meetings:

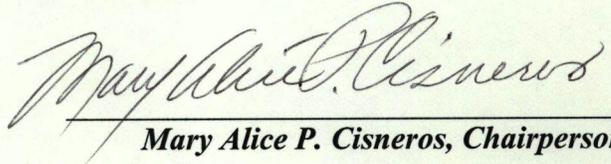
Chairperson Cisneros stated that the next meeting would be held on February 2, 2011.

Councilmember Chan requested a briefing on the ECDC Project Matrix and a subsequent monthly briefing. She also requested an update on economic development policies to assist existing small businesses.

Councilmember Lopez requested a historic overview of economic development past policy (2 years) and their progress.

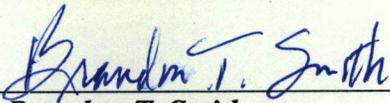
6. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.



Mary Alice P. Cisneros, Chairperson

Respectfully Submitted,



Brandon T. Smith
Office of the City Clerk