

**Quality of Life Council Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, September 11, 2007

4:00 p.m.

City Hall Media Briefing Room

Members Present: Councilmember Delicia Herrera, *District 6, Chair*
Councilmember Mary Alice Cisneros, *District 1*
Councilmember Diane Cibrian, *District 8*
Councilmember John Clamp, *District 10*

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Frances Gonzalez, *Assistant City Manager*; T.C. Broadnax, *Assistant City Manager*; Andrew Cameron, *Grants Monitoring & Administration Director*; David Garza, *Housing & Neighborhood Services Director*; Malcolm Matthews, *Parks & Recreation Director*; Charles Pruski, *Metro Health Assistant Director*; Trey Jacobson, *Mayor's Office*; Steve Whitworth, *Assistant City Attorney*; Teresa Sheller, *Assistant City Attorney*; Shreya Shah, *Assistant City Attorney*; Edward Guzman, *Assistant City Attorney*; Melinda Cerda, *City Manager's Office*; Brandon Ross, *Parks & Recreation*; Janice Wehrman, *Community Initiatives*; Paul Jimenez, *District 2 Staff*; Walter Ague, *District 7 Staff*; Albert Eng, *District 1 Staff*; Susan Farris, *District 9 Staff*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: Councilmember Sheila McNeil, *District 2*; John Kenny, *SA Housing Trust*; Rodric Fitzgerald, *SA Housing Trust*; Jackie Pepper, *Kings Court*; Gretchen Kragh, *Seton Home*

I. Regular Business

A. Call Meeting to Order

Chairperson Herrera called the meeting to order.

II. Agenda Item(s)

A. San Antonio Housing Trust, 2008 Budget-Action Required

Presentation by John Kenny, SA Housing Trust

John Kenny detailed the proposed Operating Budget and Administrative Contract for FY 2007-2008. He presented an overview of the San Antonio Housing Trust (SAHT) Board of Trustees, agency organization, SAHT projects, San Antonio Housing Trust Finance Corporation (SAHTFC) City Wide projects, and counseling statistics. He informed the Committee that the SAHTF administrative services budget for FY 2007-2008 was \$355,225.

Mr. Kenny also informed the Committee that the City Council needed to appoint five Council members as the SAHTFC Board as soon as possible. Andrew Cameron stated that he would coordinate arrangements to have the SAHTFC Board appointment item placed on next available City Council Agenda.

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

B. Consideration of a policy to allow for grant funding with CDBG dollars under specified conditions-Action Required

Presented by David Garza, Director, Housing & Neighborhood Services;
T.C. Broadnax, Assistant City Manager

David Garza presented information on an ordinance authorizing City staff to include Grant Funding as an option to make exterior improvements in the District 2 Pilot Makeover Program. He noted that the current pilot program budget is \$168,000 and that staff recommended a maximum budget of \$250,000. He added that Grant Funding be limited to the District 2 Makeover Pilot Program with funds being made available to property owners in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 to make exterior repairs.

Councilmember McNeil spoke in support of the program and cited the opportunity for comprehensive inner city revitalization. She noted that the pilot program would highlight what City Programs could accomplish in a concentrated area.

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

C. Linear Creekway Program Project Update

Presentation by Malcolm Matthews, Director, Parks & Recreation Department;
Frances Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager

Malcolm Matthews presented information on the Linear Creekway Parks Development Program. He noted that approximately \$20,000,000 was collected under Proposition 3 and \$45,000,000 is to be collected under Proposition 2 over a 5 year period. He added that the primary feature would be a multi-use trail that would allow walkers, runners, and bikers to travel alongside Salado Creek, Leon Creek and the Medina River.

Mr. Matthews informed the Committee that land acquisitions for the linear park system are ongoing and expected to total between 1,000 and 1,400 acres. He noted that one trail segment (Salado Creek from Huebner to Blanco Road) was scheduled for City Council consideration later this month and the final design of three additional trail segments would be completed by November 2007. He added that additional trail segments would be designed and constructed between now and 2013. Brandon Ross detailed a map presentation of the project to the Committee.

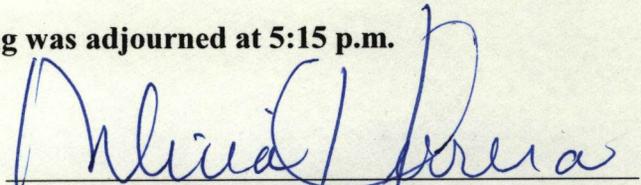
Chairperson Herrera confirmed that the Committee would like to continue quarterly updates on the Linear Creekway Program. Councilmember Cibrian suggested that a presentation on the project be made to the full Council. Mr. Matthews offered to prepare a presentation to the full Council in a B Session. Chairperson Herrera gave direction to make the presentation in an A Session so the project can be televised.

III. Consideration of items for future meetings

There were no items addressed.

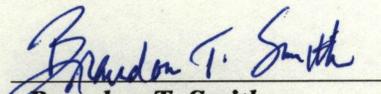
IV. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.



Delicia Herrera, Chairperson

Respectfully Submitted,



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