

## Quality of Life Council Committee

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 20, 2007

3:00 p.m.

City Hall Media Briefing Room

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

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**Members Absent:** Councilmember Mary Alice Cisneros, *District 1*

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**Staff Present:** Frances Gonzalez, *Assistant City Manager*; T.C. Broadnax, *Assistant City Manager*; David Garza, *Planning & Neighborhood Services Director*; Jeffrey Hale, *Animal Care Services Director*; Dennis Campa, *Community Initiatives Director*; Leticia Saenz, *Deputy City Clerk*; Mike Gonzaba, *Parks & Recreation Assistant Director*; Steven Baum, *Park Police Chief*; Dionne Roberts, *Housing & Neighborhood Services Assistant Director*; Charles Pruski, *Metro Health Assistant Director*; Ramon Mendez, *Housing & Neighborhood Services Assistant Director*; Hollis Young, *Deputy City Attorney*; Chris Hebner, *Assistant City Attorney*; Shreya Shah, *Assistant City Attorney*; Monica Hernandez, *Assistant City Attorney*; Edward Guzman, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

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**Others Present:** John Bochman, *Voice for Animals*; Joel Hailey, *Citizen*

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#### I. Regular Business

##### A. Call Meeting to Order

Chairperson Herrera called the meeting to order.

##### Citizens To Be Heard

Joel Hailey stated that he served on the Chapter 5 Adhoc Committee and that he supported a law that would require pets to be spayed and neutered. He noted that the proposed law would bring a decline in the euthanization of unwanted pets.

Councilmember Cibrian entered the meeting.

John Bochman, Voice for Animals, stated that he supports increased enforcement and the ability to respond to dangerous animals. He addressed pet permits and cited a limit of 8 pets and suggested that the sale of dogs and cats be prohibited in pet stores.

##### B. Approval of the Quality of Life Council Committee Meeting minutes from the October 9, 2007 meeting.

Councilmember Cibrian moved to approve the minutes from the October 9, 2007 meeting. Councilmember Clamp seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

## II. Agenda Item(s)

### **A. Consideration of possible board appointment recommendations to the Head Start Policy Commission and the Noise Abatement Advisory Committee**

Presented by Leticia Vacek, City Clerk

Leticia Saenz reported that the number of applicants received for appointment to the Head Start Policy Commission and the Noise Abatement Advisory Committee were exact and had no opposition. She recommended that all of the applicants listed be forwarded to the full Council for consideration. The slate of applicants is attached as part of the minutes.

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

### **B. Consideration of staff's recommendation and possible action regarding revisions to chapter 5 of the City Code dealing with animals**

Presented by Jeffrey L. Hale, Director, Animal Care Services Department

Jef Hale informed the Committee that the proposed changes to Animal Care Services Article IV addressed the need for proactive legislation regarding vicious animals and focused on specific behaviors and actions of animals. He noted that the ordinance created new definitions of what a vicious animal was and created new requirements for animal owners. More importantly, he added that the process is complaint driven, allowing citizens to voice concerns before an incident occurs.

Councilmember Cibrian asked if fines could be assessed. Mr. Hale replied that fines would be addressed in the licensing aspect of the proposed process.

Councilmember Clamp expressed his support of the ordinance and thanked Mr. Hale for his efforts.

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

### **C. Presentation and possible action on the regulation and operation of Boarding Houses – Council Consideration Request CD2**

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

David Garza reported that Councilmember McNeil initiated a request for City Council support of HB 1168 which would provide for the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) to create a pilot program that would regulate boarding homes wherein three or more elderly or disabled persons reside. He noted that the City must adopt an ordinance regulating boarding homes to be a part of the proposed pilot program.

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

At this time, the Committee addressed item E.

**E. Presentation and possible action on the proposed changes to the Parks & Recreation Code Revisions (trails, trailheads, water ways, vehicular traffic, ATV use)**

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

Mike Gonzaba detailed revisions to Chapter 22 of the San Antonio Municipal City Code regarding City Parks and Recreation facilities. Councilmember Cibrian expressed concerns with revisions regarding overnight camping and cooking fires. She felt the proposed limits would impede family outings. Mr. Gonzaba responded that the proposed revisions would not affect family outings (i.e. Easter Camping). Frances Gonzalez stated that the revised language had been simplified for presentation and confirmed that an un-simplified copy of the proposed revisions would be distributed to the Committee for review. She noted that the proposed revisions required Council approval before the end of the calendar year and stated that said item would return to the Committee on December 11, 2007.

At this time, the Committee addressed item D.

**D. Historic Gardens Property Update**

Presentation by David D. Garza, Director, Housing & Neighborhood Services Department

Mr. Garza informed the Committee that the Department of Housing & Neighborhood Services (DHNS) inherited the six-phase Historic Garden Project when the San Antonio Development Agency was defunded in 2006. He reported on phase III of the project and noted that thirteen of the proposed thirty-two homes had been constructed and sold. He added that the DHNS had committed to ensure the completion of the remaining nineteen homes.

Councilmember Cibrian spoke in support of the completion of the Historic Gardens Project and suggested that Claude W. Black be honored with a street bearing his name within the project. Mr. Garza affirmed staff's commitment bring the Historic Gardens Project to fruition and to return to the Committee with recommendations for completion.

**F. Update on 2007 Project Homeless Connect**

Presented by: Dennis J. Campa, Director, Department of Community Initiatives; Frances A. Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager

Dennis Campa reported that the 2007 Project Homeless Connect would be held on Saturday, December 8, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., coinciding with Christmas under the Bridge. He noted that the one-day community-wide event would provide immediate, tangible, and direct services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

Councilmember Cibrian recognized Mr. Campa for an outstanding job moderating a conference session at the National League of Cities in New Orleans regarding the City's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program. Councilmember Cibrian also cited a conversation with New Orleans

Mayor Nagin regarding the location and well being of Katrina and Rita victims. She requested a report be sent to Mayor Nagin regarding the status of Katrina and Rita victims in San Antonio with an emphasis on mental health.

### **III. Consideration of items for future meetings**

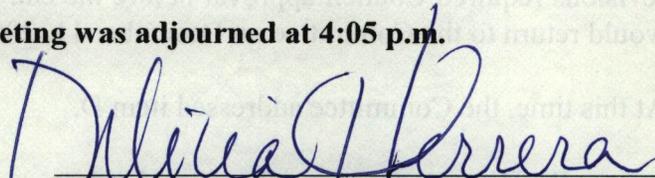
- ❖ Mirasol Update (Housing & Neighborhood Services) – Scheduled for December

Mr. Gonzalez stated the T.C. Broadnax secured arrangements with Mr. Alvarez, Chairman Hartman, and Chairman Nelson to attend the December meeting.

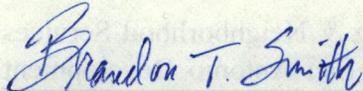
- ❖ CD 10 Senior Center (DCI)
- ❖ Housing & Community Development-Draft Strategic Plan
- ❖ Day Labor

### **IV. Adjournment**

**There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.**

  
**Delicia Herrera, Chairperson**

**Respectfully Submitted,**



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