

QUALITY OF LIFE COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2012

10:00 AM

MEDIA BRIEFING ROOM, CITY HALL

Members Present: Councilmember Ivy R. Taylor, *Chair, District 2*
Councilmember Diego Bernal, *District 1*
Councilmember W. Reed Williams, *District 8*

Members Absent: Councilmember David Medina, Jr., *District 5*

Staff Present: Ed Belmares, *Assistant City Manager*; David Ellison, *Assistant City Manager*; Maria Villagomez, *Management & Budget Director*; Xavier Urrutia, *Parks & Recreation Director*; John Dugan, *Planning & Community Development Director*; Thomas Schlenker, *Metro Health Director*; Lawrence Trevino, *Emergency Management Chief*; Marc Castro, *Development Services Assistant Director*; Barbara Ankamah, *Housing Manager*; Stephen Whitworth, *Assistant City Attorney*; Denise Monday, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Also Present: Arrie Porter, *Wheatley Choice Neighborhood Initiative*; Vicente Garcia, *Eastside Resident*; Mary Garcia, *Eastside Resident*; Betty Eckert, *Eastside Resident*; Ernesto Iglesias, *Roberts Resorts*; Brenda Vaupel, *Traveler's World RV*; Terrance Vaupel, *Carefree RV Resorts*; Christian Bove, *KTSA*; Maria Foley, *Applewhite Estates*; Joseph Foley, *Applewhite Estates*; C.J. Littlefield, *HCS*; Jeremy Gray, *Yes Communities*; Jeff Rodriguez, *Yes Communities*; Moe Cazares, *Yes Communities*; Ray Seta, *Club Woodlawn Sailing*

Call to Order

1. Citizens to be Heard

Vincente Garcia, Eastside Resident, expressed concern that he was being harassed by Code Compliance Officers and stated that they had vehicles removed from his property. He noted that he had not been given the opportunity to address various issues in court and requested resolution to said issue with Code Compliance.

2. Approval of Minutes of the March 20, 2012 Quality of Life Council Committee Meeting

Councilmember Williams moved to approve the Minutes of the March 20, 2012 Quality of Life Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Bernal seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

BRIEFING ITEMS

3. Briefing and Presentation on Wheatley Choice Neighborhood Initiative

Arrie Porter, Manager, Wheatley Choice Neighborhood Initiative, San Antonio Housing Authority

Arrie Porter provided an overview of the Wheatley Choice Neighborhood Initiative. She reported that the San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA) received a Planning Grant on March 18, 2011 to revitalize the Eastside of San Antonio. She noted that the grant was awarded to redevelop the Wheatley Courts Property and revitalize the surrounding community. She noted that SAHA was requesting a five-year, \$30 million Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to implement a Transformation Plan created around People, Neighborhood, and Housing. She outlined priorities identified throughout the community and presented drafts from a Design Charrette Vision Concept that was held on March 3, 2012. Next Steps include the following:

- ✚ Choice Implementation Grant Submission
- ✚ Continue Planning
- ✚ Continue Community Engagement
- ✚ Strengthen Partnerships
- ✚ Work on Actionable Items
- ✚ Choice Award announcements in September, 2012

Councilmember Bernal asked if other funds would be provided in tandem to the \$30 million grant. Ms. Porter confirmed that other funds would be provided in addition to the award of \$30 million. She stated that a very competitive application was submitted that indicated partnerships, interests, and energy around said effort. Councilmember Bernal asked of the four phase process to develop new units and placement of current residents during construction. It was stated that a timeline had not yet been identified and the focus was to target off-site construction first, so that no one would be displaced through the process.

Chairperson Taylor asked of the site visit timeline. Ms. Porter stated that the proposed timeline would include the initial announcement and site visit in late Summer/September 2012. She noted that the final announcement to confirm the application was scheduled for December, 2012.

4. Briefing and Presentation on HOME & CDBG Housing Policy Update

John Dugan, Director, Planning & Community Development; David Elision, Assistant City Manager

John Dugan provided an overview of proposed revisions to the HOME and CDBG Housing Policy regarding: 1) First Time Homeowner Down Payment Assistance; 2) Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation/Reconstruction; and 3) Rental Rehabilitation Housing Programs. He stated that the next steps were to present a revised policy document to City Council and explore amending the policy to address said issues.

In response to Chairperson Taylor, Barbara Ankamah stated that the vision was to establish a competitive Request for Applications Process to capture necessary information to assess appropriate projects for funding. Mr. Dugan spoke of exploring options to develop a two-tier funding system to appropriately address requests for larger projects and smaller projects. He

stated that currently, funding requests are on a first come basis. He noted that no criteria had been established to appropriate funds for both larger and smaller projects.

ACTION ITEM

5. Briefing and Possible Action on HUD Technical Assistance Memorandum of Understanding

John Dugan, Director, Planning & Community Development; David Ellison, Assistant City Manager

Mr. Dugan reported that the City needs an integrated Housing Policy and Plan. He stated that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Technical Assistance would provide the needed support to accomplish said objectives. He noted that staff recommended entering into an agreement with HUD for the provision of technical assistance,

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

6. Briefing and Possible Action on Proposed Park Code Changes/Corrections/Clarifications for Woodlawn Lake Park and San Antonio River Walk

Xavier Urrutia, Director, Parks & Recreation, Ed Belmares, Assistant City Manager

Xavier Urrutia provided an overview of proposed revisions to Chapter 22 of the City Code to implement: 1) A park curfew at Woodlawn Lake Park; 2) Remove the Woodlawn Lake Park Sailing Club Building from the list of park locations exempted from alcohol restrictions; and 3) Define the boundaries of the San Antonio Riverwalk exempt from park curfew.

Councilmember Bernal asked if there was a difference in night usage between weekends and weeknights. Mr. Urrutia responded that park activity ceased at midnight. He stated that staff would make further observations during the summer months and provide recommendations for amendments at that time if necessary. In response to Councilmember Bernal regarding the Riverwalk, Mr. Urrutia responded that the City Code exempts the Riverwalk from the park curfew. He stated that due to the Riverwalk expansion, it was necessary to redefine geographic boundaries regarding a park curfew.

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

7. Briefing and Possible Action on Proposed Changes to City Code Chapter 18 Related to Mobile Living Parks

Roderick Sanchez, Director, Development Services; David Ellison, Assistant City Manager

Marc Castro reported that the proposed revisions to Chapter 18 of the City Code would protect and promote health, safety and general welfare of mobile park residents, visitors and those living near the parks. He stated that the revisions directly impacted existing mobile living parks include:

- ⬇ Flood and safety measures

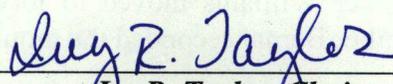
- ⚡ Minimum hot water temperature requirements to provide comfort stations
- ⚡ Redirection of license denial, suspension and revocation appeals from a City employee-staffed appeals board to Municipal Court
- ⚡ Transition of authority from Metro Health to Development Services

Councilmember Williams expressed concern with the language regarding the blending of mobile homes and recreational vehicles. He requested additional time for review of said item.

Councilmember Williams moved to delay consideration of said item for additional review. Councilmember Bernal seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

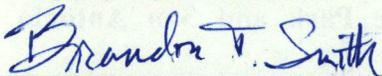
8. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.



Ivy R. Taylor, Chair

Respectfully Submitted,



Brandon T. Smith
Office of the City Clerk