

Quality of Life Council Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 8, 2008
3:00 p.m.
City Hall Media Briefing Room

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

Staff Present: Frances Gonzalez, *Assistant City Manager*; T.C. Broadnax, *Assistant City Manager*; Michael Bernard, *City Attorney*; Dennis Campa, *Community Initiatives Director*; Malcolm Matthews, *Parks & Recreation Director*; Charles Pruski, *Metropolitan Health District Assistant Director*; Peter Zaroni, *Budget Director*; Janet Martin, *Parks & Recreation Interim Assistant Director*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: Yolanda Arellano, *SA Restaurant Association*; Dr. Sharon Small, *PCI*; Lilly Matthews, *PCI*; Joe Segura, *PCI*

I. Regular Business

A. Call Meeting to Order

Chairperson Herrera called the meeting to order.

B. Approval of the Minutes from the March 11, 2008 Quality of Life Council Committee Meeting

Councilmember Ramos moved to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2008 Meeting. Councilmember Cibrian seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

II. Agenda Item(s)

A. Citizens to be Heard

To be addressed during corresponding item.

B. Update on the Public Fitness Project

Malcolm Matthews, Director, Parks and Recreation Department
Frances A. Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager

Malcolm Matthews presented an overview of the Public Fitness Project publication layout. He noted that 10,000 copies would be published and distributed in early June 2008. Mr. Matthews clarified that all free services would be highlighted and that a map distinguishing each location would be included within the publication.

C. Update and Action on Proposed Revisions to the Food Code (Action Required)

Charles Pruski, Assistant Director, San Antonio Metropolitan Health Department
Frances A. Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager

Charles Pruski informed the Committee that the Food Code had not been reviewed since the 1950's. He noted that the Food Environmental Health Division would undergo automation and that all revisions should be updated prior to the installation of the software. He added that a public meeting was held to receive input from the public regarding the proposed revisions and that a draft of the proposed revisions had been posted online. Mr. Pruski clarified that inspection results would be available to the public beginning January 1, 2009. Councilmember Cibrian recommended that staff confer with the San Antonio Restaurant Association regarding the impact of any proposed revisions prior to Council consideration.

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

D. Update and action on the After School Challenge Program

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

Dennis Campa presented information on the implementation of the After School Challenge Program (ASCP) Sliding Scale Fee for spring 2008 and cited a 27% decrease in program participants due to the fee increase. He noted that staff was evaluating the Program and that a corrective action plan had been initiated to address the decrease in participation.

E. Presentation on the Head Start Delegate Agency RFP process

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

Citizens to be Heard:

Honey Bishop spoke in opposition to a Request for Proposals (RFP).

Terrance McKoy spoke in opposition to an RFP.

Mindy Silvestre spoke in opposition to an RFP.

Rudolph Benavides, Sr. spoke in opposition to an RFP.

Courtney Gardiner spoke in opposition to an RFP.

Pamela Watts spoke in opposition to an RFP.

Brisa Salas spoke in opposition to an RFP.

Laura Morari spoke in opposition to an RFP.

Tommie Nalls spoke in opposition to an RFP.

Joe Gardener spoke in opposition to an RFP.

April Washington spoke in opposition to an RFP.

Cynthia Benavides spoke in opposition to an RFP.

Dr. Sharon Small stated that the monitoring began January 9, 2008 to February 29, 2008. She noted that of 77 Centers visited, 64 were in compliance. She added that the Corrective Plan of Action was supposed to be developed with technical assistance from the Department of Community Initiatives (DCI) and would be submitted upon completion. She also noted that Parent Child Incorporated (PCI) Early Head Start was 100% in compliance.

Councilmember Cibrian stated that she had to attend a Town Hall Meeting and would have to be excused from the meeting. She expressed great concern that 41 Centers were out of compliance and that it was the responsibility of the City to provide the best Early Learning Program possible.

Mr. Campa provided a status report on the Federal Prism Review Corrective Action Plan and updated the Committee on the research regarding the issuance of an RFP. He noted that DCI would continue to: 1) monitor the Head Start Program for compliance with Federal and Licensing Regulations; 2) work with PCI staff to make any immediate corrections of any identified areas; 3) provide technical assistance and training to PCI regarding federal regulations and administrative efficiencies; 4) provide additional training to the Quality of Life Committee and the Policy Council.

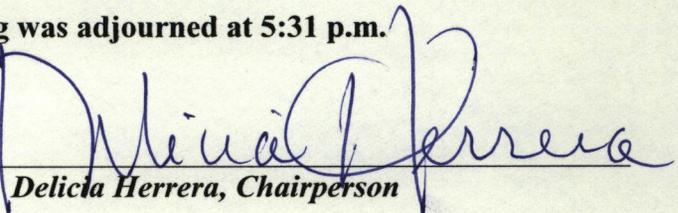
Chairperson Herrera stated that the Committee would not take any action at this time and directed staff to bring said item back to the Committee at a later date.

III. Consideration of items for future meetings: (Next Meeting May 13, 2008)

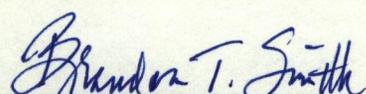
Chairperson Herrera will confer with staff.

IV. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.


Delicia Herrera, Chairperson

Respectfully Submitted,



Brandon T. Smith
Office of the City Clerk