

Quality of Life Council Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 10, 2009
10:00 AM
Media Briefing Room

Members Present: Councilmember Jennifer V. Ramos, Chair, *District 3*
Councilmember Mary Alice P. Cisneros, *District 1*
Councilmember Ivy R. Taylor, *District 2*
Councilmember David Medina, Jr., *District 5*

Members Absent: *None*

Staff Present: T.C. Broadnax, *Assistant City Manager*; David McCary, *Solid Waste Management Director*; David Garza, *Housing & Neighborhood Services Director*; Liz Garcia, *Housing & Neighborhood Services Assistant Director*; Charles Pruski, *Metro Health Assistant Director*; Melody Woosley, *Community Initiatives Assistant Director*; Nina Nixon-Mendez, *Grants & Monitoring Administration Interim Administrator*; Patrick Howard, *Planning & Development Services Assistant Director*; Jed Maebius, *Mayor's Office*; Beth Graham, *Library*; Veronica Zertuche, *Deputy City Attorney*; Chris Hebner, *Assistant City Attorney*; Denise Monday, *Assistant City Attorney*; Edward Guzman, *Assistant City Attorney*; Carri Wiggins, *Office of the City Clerk*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Also Present: Jim Plummer, *Fulbright & Associates*; John Kenny, *SAHT*; Tommy Camden, *SAMHD*; John Condit, *American OPD*

Call to order

1. Citizens to be Heard

There were no citizens to be heard.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Quality of Life Council Committee Meeting on October 13, 2009

Councilmember Medina moved to approve the Minutes of the October 13, 2009 Quality of Life Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Consideration of Applicants for the Head Start Policy Council

Presented by Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

Carri Wiggins reported that five applications had been submitted for recommendation to the Head Start Policy Council for approval: Dr. Adelita Cantu, Darryl Balderrama, Ana DeHoyas O'Connor, Linda L. Williams, and Fred Cardenas. She stated the Melody Woosley would address revisions to the appointment process.

Ms. Woosley reported that the Head Start Act was signed in 2007 and revised the appointment process of Community Members to the Head Start Policy Council. She explained that the revised process provided for the recommendation of Community Members by the Head Start Governing Body (Quality of Life Council Committee) to the Head Start Policy Council for approval. She stated that the Head Start Policy Council was comprised of 14 Parent Members and eight (8) Community Members. She noted that said recommendations would be approved by the Policy Council on December 1, 2009.

In response to Councilmember Medina, Ms. Woosley stated that Community Members serve three one-year terms and that Parent Members could serve as long they had children enrolled in the Head Start Program.

Chairperson Ramos asked of the participation of the Head Start Contractors in appointment process. Ms. Woosley indicated that advertisements for the Head Start Policy Council were forwarded to all partners and that the Head Start Contractors conducted the election of Parent Members.

Councilmember Taylor moved to recommend said applicants to the Head Start Policy Council for approval. Councilmember Medina seconded the motion.

4. Illegal Dumping: Cost analysis and fee assessment recommendation

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

David Garza reported that 75% (\$21,998) of the \$29,225 in fees assessed for illegal dumping were unpaid. He stated that said analysis was of the 164 code violation cases for FY 2008 and FY 2009. He noted that the closed cases had received the following: Probation recommended in 33% (54) cases; 49% (80) - deferred disposition; 18% (18) - other types of disposition such as plea bargains. He added that staff would be working with other departments to evaluate the percentage of illegal dumping code violation fees paid and explore options to increase the percentage. He stated that staff recommended that illegal dumping code violation fees collected remain in the City's General Fund.

5. San Antonio Housing Trust Annual Budget

Presented by Nina Nixon-Mendez, Interim Administrator, Grants & Monitoring Administration and John Kenny, San Antonio Housing Trust

Nina Nixon-Mendez stated that staff was seeking approval of the administrative services budget of the San Antonio Housing Trust Foundation, Inc. (SAHTF) in the amount of \$227,500 and the supplemental activities budget paid out of grants and other income in the amount of \$49,430.

John Kenny indicated that the SAHTF returned \$138,500 of principal and interest collected during FY 2008 - 2009 and deposited it back into the Trust Fund. He stated that the SAHTF was expecting to return \$147,505 to the Trust for FY 2009 - 2010 and reduce the amount of the contract to \$79,995 which is a 10% reduction from FY 2008 - 2009.

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

6. Consideration and approval of the creation of the SAHT Public Facility Corporation

Presented by Nina Nixon-Mendez, Interim Administrator, Grants & Monitoring Administration and John Kenny, San Antonio Housing Trust

Ms. Nixon-Mendez requested approval of the creation of the San Antonio Housing Trust Public Facility Corporation (SAHTFC). She stated that the SAHTFC would expand the City's ability to provide additional incentives for public/private partnerships to facilitate affordable housing developments.

In response to Councilmember Taylor, Jim Plummer clarified that the SAHTFC would be used as a parent corporation and that a single member LLC would be created for each individual project.

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

7. Approval of San Antonio Finance Corporation Resolution 09FIN-11-01 concerning the issuance of up to \$6,500,000 in housing refunding bonds

Presented by Nina Nixon-Mendez, Interim Grants Administrator, Grants & Monitoring Administrator

Ms. Nixon-Mendez reported that staff was seeking approval of a Resolution authorizing the San Antonio Housing Trust Corporation to issue tax-exempt and taxable Multifamily Housing Revenue Refunding Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$6,500,000 for the Marbach Manor Apartments Project in City Council District 6.

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

8. Optional Dog-friendly dining restaurants

Presented by Dr. Fernando Guerra, Director, San Antonio Metropolitan Health District

Charles Pruski reported that Councilmember Clamp had submitted a CCR to explore options for dog-friendly dining restaurants. He stated that the Governance Committee had recommended implementation of a pilot program. He noted that the City Code and the Texas Food Establishment Rules (TFER) prohibited pets in restaurants; however, the TFER allowed for variances to be made. He added that staff had reviewed practices in the cities of Austin and Dallas and indicated that three restaurants in San Antonio had expressed interest in participating in a pilot program. Mr. Pruski stated that staff recommended continuing with the project and receiving input from other entities such as the Restaurant Association. He would report back to the Committee in approximately six months.

Councilmember Cisneros moved to proceed with the staff recommendation. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

9. "One in a Million" Library Campaign Update

Presented by Ramiro Salazar, Director, San Antonio Library

Ramiro Salazar reported that the San Antonio Public Library had kicked off the "Be One In A Million Library Card Campaign" on January 24, 2009. He stated that the event was led by Councilmembers Justin Rodriguez and John Clamp with a goal to increase the number of registered library cardholders.

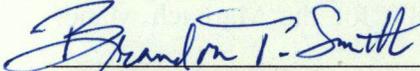
Beth Graham reported that the campaign goal was to create one million registered library cardholders and that the Library had seen a 12% increase (91,340 cards) in the number of new library cardholders.

She stated that the Library had conducted a number of outreach efforts to include the School Library Card Challenge led by Councilmember Jennifer Ramos and former Councilmember Diane Cibrian; and library card sign-up events at Valero, USAA, and CitiBank.

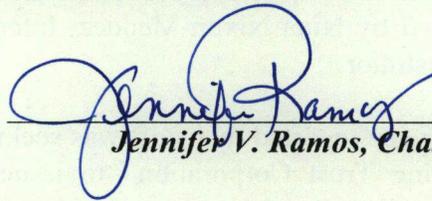
10. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brandon T. Smith
Office of the City Clerk



Jennifer V. Ramos, Chairperson