

**Infrastructure & Growth Council Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, October 19, 2010

11:00 a.m.

Media Briefing Room

Members Present: Councilmember Philip A. Cortez, *District 4, Chair*
Councilmember David Medina, Jr., *District 5*
Councilmember Elisa Chan, *District 9*

Members Absent: Councilmember W. Reed Williams, *District 8*

Staff Present: T.C. Broadnax, *Assistant City Manager*; Leticia Vacek, *City Clerk*; Christopher Looney, *Development Services Interim Assistant Director*; Audrey Zamora-Johnson, *Assistant City Attorney*; Carri Wiggins, *Office of the City Clerk*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: Bobby Perez, *Shelton & Valadez*; Amy Hartman, *Planning Commission*; Andi Rodriguez; Former Councilmember Lynda Billa-Burke; Henry Posadas; Paul Kinnison, Jr.; James Griffin, *Brown & Ortiz*; Ashley Farrimond, *Kaufman & Killen*

Call to Order

Chairman Cortez called the meeting to order.

1. Citizens to be Heard

Citizens addressed the Committee during corresponding items.

2. Approval of Minutes from the September 15, 2010 Infrastructure and Growth Council Committee Meeting

Councilmember Medina moved to approve the Minutes of the September 15, 2010 Infrastructure and Growth Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Chan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Briefing and possible action for consideration of applicants for 5 available slots on the Planning Commission

Presented by Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk, TRMC/CMC

Leticia Vacek presented the applicants for consideration: Lynda Billa-Burke, Paul Kinnison, Jose R. Limon, Marcello D Martinez, James McNamara, Henry Posadas, Andrea F. Rodriguez, and Robert Rodriguez. She stated that Jose Limon, Marcello Martinez, and James McNamara had submitted statements and were not present for interview. Statements were provided to the Committee for review.

Citizens To Be Heard

Amy Hartman, Planning Commission Chair, spoke in support of the applicants: Lynda Billa-Burke, Jose R. Limon, Marcello D. Martinez, and Andrea F. Rodriguez for reappointment. She stated that it was important to have a Commission with balance that represented the citizens of San Antonio.

Henry Posadas stated that he was a Draftsman and Subdivision Coordinator and was familiar with all aspects of Planning, Zoning, and Traffic Sections. He added that his skills would be an asset to the Commission and submitted a letter of recommendation from his previous employer.

Former Councilmember Lynda Billa-Burke stated that she was seeking reappointment to continue the work she had begun on the Commission. She noted that she had an idea to keep San Antonio great and a vision for the entire city. She added that she was a facilitator for the desires of the City Council.

Councilmember Chan asked Mr. Posadas what he would like to accomplish on the Planning Commission. Mr. Posadas responded that it was important to him to show compassion to the public and take time to address their issues.

Councilmember Chan thanked Ms. Billa-Burke for her service to the City of San Antonio and asked for her input regarding the Commission. Ms. Billa-Burke replied that she would like work with staff to accomplish goals and meet the direction of City Council.

Andrea Rodriguez thanked the Committee for their time and consideration and stated that her volunteer efforts, expertise as a generalist, and experience in advocacy and community issues had allowed her a great deal of time to communicate with people. She noted that her greatest asset was the ability to listen and that communication with the public was the highest priority of the Commission.

Paul Kinnison stated that he was an Architect, Past-President of the American Institute of Architects – San Antonio Chapter, and had been involved in numerous planning projects. He noted that he was interested in becoming more involved in the San Antonio planning process and could bring an interesting perspective to the Commission.

Councilmember Chan thanked Mr. Kinnison for his interest in serving on the Commission and asked of the role of the Planning Commission in relation to the Hemisfair Park Area Redevelopment Corporation. Mr. Kinnison stated that he was not familiar with the specifics of the project but noted that there were many historic buildings in the area that should be considered in the Master Plan. He added that parking and traffic had always been an issue and that those aspects should also be addressed.

Robert Rodriguez stated that he was a life-long resident of San Antonio; received an MBA from UTSA; and owned of a small healthcare company. He cited three critical issues for San Antonio: Education, Water, and Infrastructure. He noted that he would like to create an environment for the community and small businesses to succeed.

Chairman Cortez thanked the applicants for their commitment and noted that if not selected, he and the Committee would appreciate their continued participation in the public process. He

stated that he would continue the vacant position for four weeks to the November 16, 2010 Meeting to allow for participation from Councilmember Williams.

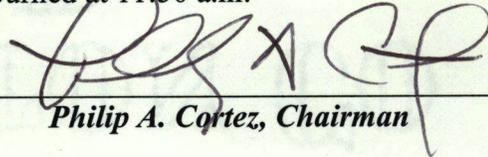
Councilmember Chan thanked Amy Hartman for chairing the Planning Commission and for her support of the Commissioners seeking reappointment. She moved to recommend Lynda Billa-Burke, Jose R. Limon, Marcello D. Martinez, and Andrea F. Rodriguez for reappointment to the Planning Commission. Councilmember Medina seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration for future meetings

Chairperson Cortez stated that the next meeting would be held November 16, 2010.

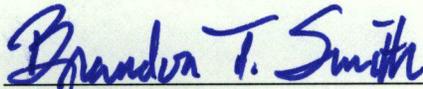
5. Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.



Philip A. Cortez, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,



Brandon T. Smith
Office of the City Clerk