

**Economic & Community Development Council Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, August 28, 2008**

**9:00 AM**

**Media Briefing Room**

**Members Present:** Councilmember Mary Alice Cisneros, *Chair, District 1*  
Councilmember Sheila McNeil, *District 2*  
Councilmember Lourdes Galvan, *District 5*  
Councilmember Louis Rowe, *District 9*

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**Members Absent:** *None*

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**Staff Present:** A.J. Rodriguez, *Deputy City Manager*; Beth Costello, *International Affairs Director*; Mark Webb, *Aviation Director*; Ed Davis, *Economic Development Assistant Director*; Leticia Saenz, *Deputy City Clerk*; Reynaldo Cano, *International Affairs Assistant Director*; Veronica Zertuche, *Deputy City Attorney*; Camila Kunau, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

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**Also Present:** David Marquez, *Bexar County*; John Ortiz, *Universal Music*; Jose Amador; Diana Arevalo, *Ticketmaster*

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**Call to Order**

Chairperson Cisneros called the meeting to order.

**1. Citizens to be Heard**

There were no citizens to be heard.

**2. Approval of Minutes of the May 22, 2008, Economic and Community Development Committee Meeting**

Councilmember Rowe moved to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2008 Economic & Community Development Committee Meeting. Councilmember McNeil seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

At this time, the Committee addressed Item 4.

**4. Recommendation and possible action regarding appointments to the Convention and Visitors Commission (1 slot) and the Fort Sam Houston Community Advisory Board (4 slots)**

Presented by Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

Leticia Saenz presented the applicants for nomination to be interviewed by the Committee.

Jose Amador, retired Military Intelligence Officer, stated that he had vast travel experience and has gained insight into ground, air, and transportation services.

Diana Arevalo, Ticketmaster Marketing Manager, stated that she desired to promote the opportunities that San Antonio had to offer and to serve the community.

John Ortiz, Universal Music Vice-President, stated that he would like to give back to the community.

Chairperson Cisneros recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 9:30 a.m. to discuss said item. She reconvened the meeting at 9:34 a.m. and stated that no action was taken.

Councilmember McNeil moved to recommend Diana Arevalo to the full Council for consideration. Councilmember Rowe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Saenz announced that there were four applicants for nomination to the Fort Sam Houston Community Advisory Board and recommended that the Committee accept said applicants for appointment.

Councilmember McNeil moved to recommend said applicants to the full Council for consideration. Councilmember Rowe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Review of the annual reports from the following At-Large Boards: Convention & Visitors Commission, Air Transportation Advisory Commission, Noise Abatement Advisory Committee, RiverWalk Capital Improvements Advisory Board and the Downtown Advisory Board; recommend reauthorization or sunset for each board in accordance with City Code, Chapter 2, Article IX, Section 2-542**

Presented by Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

Mark Webb recommended consolidating the function of the Noise Abatement Advisory Committee as part of the Air Transportation Advisory Commission. He noted that staff was working with the City Attorney's Office and the Office of the City Clerk on the logistics of the transition and would report back to the Committee with the appropriate recommendation.

Ms. Saenz reported that the RiverWalk Capital Improvements Advisory Board met four times last year and that there were no issues with quorum or attendance.

Robert Peche recommended leaving the Downtown Advisory Board in place during the completion of the development of the Center City Partnership. He noted that once the new entity had been formulated and staffed, the Board would proceed.

Councilmember McNeil moved to reauthorize said items as recommended by staff. Councilmember Rowe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. International Affairs Staff Briefing**

Presented by Beth Costello, Director, International Affairs Department

David Marquez presented a PowerPoint entitled "The Texas/Northeastern Mexico Vehicle Manufacturing Industry." He provided an overview of the Region and the access it facilitates between the Mexican Automotive Retail Market and the State of Texas. In response to Councilmember Galvan, Mr. Marquez stated that the 20 largest OEM Tier 1 Supplier Plants were globally owned and that several of the Plants were Mexican Owned and operated.

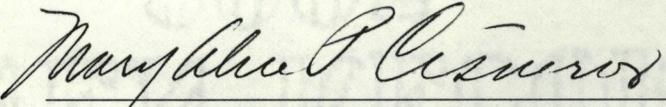
**6. Consideration of items for future meetings**

Councilmember McNeil requested the inclusion of BRAC on the next Committee Agenda. A.J. Rodriguez proposed the following:

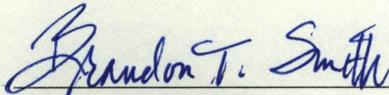
- ❖ Center City Partnership
- ❖ West-Side Development Corporation
- ❖ EDIF and CIED Funding
- ❖ Vocational Training and Aerospace presentation

**7. Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

  
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*Mary Alice Cisneros, Chairperson*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

  
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*Brandon T. Smith*  
*Office of the City Clerk*