

Quality of Life Council Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

3:00 p.m.

City Hall Media Briefing Room

Members Present: Councilmember Delicia Herrera, *District 6, Chair*
Councilmember Mary Alice Cisneros, *District 1*
Councilmember Diane Cibrian, *District 8*
Councilmember John Clamp, *District 10*

Members Absent: *None*

Staff Present: Jelynn Burley, *Deputy City Manager*; Frances Gonzalez, *Assistant City Manager*; T.C. Broadnax, *Assistant City Manager*; Dennis Campa, *Community Initiatives Director*; Andrew Cameron, *Grants Monitoring & Administration Director*; Robert Peche, *Economic Development Director*; Larry Zinn, *Mayor's Office*; Stephen Whitworth, *Assistant City Attorney*; Denise Monday, *Assistant City Attorney*; Shreya Shah, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: Gordon Hartman, *Mirasol Task Force*; Henry Alvarez, III, *SAHA*; Joe Martinez, *PCI*; D.M. Gonzales, *PCI*; Dr. Sharon Small, *PCI*; Anamaria Suescum, *GDC*; Dan Gostylo, *PTRES*; Melanie Viallobos, *SAHA*; Monica Quiroga, *SAHA*; G. Avila, *SAHA*

I. Regular Business

A. Call Meeting to Order

Chairperson Herrera called the meeting to order.

B. Approval of the Quality of Life Council Committee Meeting minutes from the November 28, 2007 meeting and the May 8, 2007 Urban Affairs Committee Meeting

Councilmember Cisneros moved to approve the minutes from the November 28, 2007 meeting and the May 8, 2007 Urban Affairs Committee Meeting. Councilmember Clamp seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

II. Agenda Item(s)

A. Mirasol Update

Presented by Henry Alvarez, III, CEO, San Antonio Housing Authority

Gordon Hartman reported that the Mirasol Task Force convened for their first meeting on May 9, 2007 and devised a plan to hire an Operations Director, address health issues, and implement a documentation process. He stated that Tony Scarnato was hired as Operations Director in August 2007. He noted that Mirasol residents were surveyed and requested the implementation

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of a Buy Back Program. Eventually, HUD offered a Buy Back Program which would forgive a second lien.

Mr. Hartman informed the Committee that Mr. Scarnato resigned in October 2007 and a new Operations Director, Bart Swider, was hired. He stated that Dr. Fernando Guerra reported that there was no conclusive evidence that would link any health issues to construction concerns. Mr. Hartman reported that the task force approved a budget of \$16,000 per home. He noted that approximately 95 percent of the homeowners wanted their homes repaired, while the remaining 5 percent would pursue buy-back options.

At this time, the Committee addressed Citizens to be Heard.

George Alejos, LULAC 4811, stated that he had contacted Henry Alvarez and was misled about this meeting before the Quality of Life Committee. He noted that he is on the Mirasol Task Force and had not been given a breakdown of the proposed budget for repairs. He also cited a violation of disclosure laws by SAHA for selling used/refurbished homes as new.

Paula Arias, a resident of Woodhill Apartments, stated that SAHA had placed her and her daughter in a hotel for two weeks to repair mold issues. She was, then, was informed that her contract had terminated and eviction proceedings were filed against her. She noted that she did not want to leave the area and remove her daughter from school. She added that she had never been late paying rent and filed an appeal of the eviction.

George Arias stated that Ms. Arias and her daughter were evicted from the apartment because it did not pass inspection and that SAHA would not give her a unit in the same building because she was a bad tenant.

Chairperson Herrera asked Mr. Alvarez to meet with the Arias family in an effort to rectify the situation.

B. Presentation and possible action on the proposed changes to the Parks & Recreation Code Revisions (trails, trailheads, water ways vehicular traffic, ATV use)

Presented by Malcolm Mathews, Director, Parks & Recreation
Frances A. Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager

Frances Gonzalez informed the Committee that staff had met individually with the Council and all were in agreement with the proposed revisions.

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

C. Housing & Community Development – Draft Strategic Plan

Presented by Jesus Garza, Assistant Director, Planning Department
T.C. Broadnax, Assistant City Manager

Richard Mill presented information regarding the San Antonio Strategic Plan for Community Development. He detailed three unique characteristics: Implementation informed by real estate

Market Value Analysis (MVA), Reinvestment Plans focused on resources in targeted areas, and Reporting and Evaluation through a Community Development Team (CDAT). Councilmember Cisneros requested a report on foreclosure rate data for district 1. Chairperson Herrera directed staff to provide the entire Council with a foreclosure rate report for all Districts. Councilmember Clamp stated that he would like additional information regarding said item before forwarding to A Session for consideration.

D. Presentation on City Council District 10 Senior Multi-Service Center

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

Dennis Campa reported that, at the request of District 10, Asset Management staff had surveyed nine properties within District 10 that would be suitable for a Northeast Senior Multi-Service Center. He identified a potential site at 4355 Centergate near Perrin Beitel and cited an estimated recurring annual cost of \$500,000 in addition to a one time capital cost of approximately \$185,000. He added that the proposed project would be forwarded for budget consideration in FY 2009.

E. Presentation and action on the Head Start Program Monitoring Review Action Plan

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

Mr. Campa requested Committee approval of the proposed corrective action plan that would address 13 non-compliance issues cited in the Health and Human Services (HHS) tri-annual monitoring review of the City's Head Start Program. He noted that the Department of Community Initiatives (DCI) contracts the operations of the Head Start Program to Parent Child Incorporated (PCI) and stated that DCI would submit the corrective action plan to HHS on January 4, 2008.

Councilmember Cibrian requested further review of said item at the next Committee meeting.

Councilmember Cisneros moved to approve the proposed Corrective Action Plan. Councilmember Cibrian seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

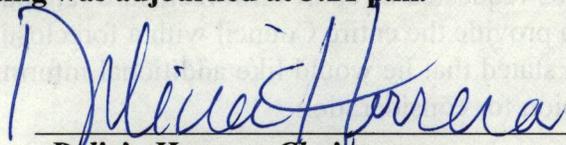
F. Briefing and possible action on the Consolidated Funding for Human Services

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

Item was rescheduled to the January 2008 Quality of Life Committee meeting.

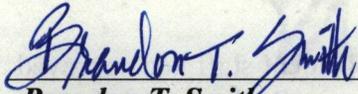
III. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m.



Delicia Herrera, Chairperson

Respectfully Submitted,



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