

QUALITY OF LIFE COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2012

10:00 AM

MEDIA BRIEFING ROOM, CITY HALL

Members Present: Councilmember Ivy R. Taylor, *Chair, District 2*
Councilmember Diego Bernal, *District 1*
Councilmember W. Reed Williams, *District 8*

Members Absent: Councilmember David Medina, Jr., *District 5*

Staff Present: Ed Belmares, *Assistant City Manager*; David Ellison, *Assistant City Manager*; Shanon Miller, *Historic Preservation Director*; Jed Maebius, *Office of the Mayor*; Audrey Zamora, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: *None*

Call to Order

1. Citizens to be Heard

There were no citizens to be heard.

At this time, the Committee addressed Item 3.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

3. Briefing and Presentation on Proposed Changes to the Historic District Creation Process

Shanon Miller, Director of Office of Historic Preservation; David Ellison, Assistant City Manager

Shanon Miller provided an overview of proposed changes to the Historic Creation Process. She reported that the current designation process does not set a required amount of support to move the process forward and allows the process to stop if a majority of owners register their opposition with the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP). She stated that limited support or opposition could move the process forward leaving decision makers in a difficult position. She provided several options highlighting the pros and cons of each, including options to revert back to the Pre-June 2010 Policy or to leave the process unchanged. She noted that the next steps were to: 1) Develop staff recommendations based on the Committee's feedback; 2) Brief the Historic and Design Review Commission and Zoning Commission for their recommendations; and 3) Return to the Quality of Life Council Committee for recommendation for full Council Consideration.

In response to Councilmember Bernal, Ms. Miller responded that Option 1 required a percentage of property owners to consent within an allotted time frame in order to proceed with the designation process. Councilmember Bernal spoke in support of the petition process in Option 2 and an owner support threshold above 25%. He stated that the petition process engaged property owners to communicate with one another.

Councilmember Williams spoke of the significance of identifying property ownership based on the taxable identification number. He stated that a 25% threshold was adequate to initiate the designation process and expressed concern with the term "make" as opposed to "start" in the proposed language. Councilmember Bernal, in an effort to ensure greater citizen involvement, requested a threshold of 33%.

Chairman Taylor spoke in support of Option 2 with a threshold between 25-33%. She also spoke in support of consent notices sent to property owners for information purposes only so that the City Council could make an informed decision.

Councilmember Bernal requested a threshold of 33%. Discussion ensued and it was the consensus of the Committee for staff to proceed with Option 2 with the following amendments:

- ⬇ Petition submission of 30%
- ⬇ Property ownership determined by taxable entity
- ⬇ Information tracking

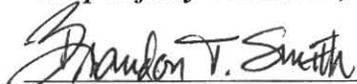
2. Approval of Minutes of the August 21, 2012 Quality of Life Council Committee Meeting

Councilmember Williams moved to approve the Minutes of the August 21, 2012 Quality of Life Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Bernal seconded the motion. Motion carried by those present.

4. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brandon T. Smith
Office of the City Clerk



Ivy R. Taylor, Chair