

**Urban Affairs Council Committee
Minutes**

Monday, April 10, 2006

4:30 p.m.

Municipal Plaza "B" Room

Members Present: Councilmember Patti Radle, Chair, District 5
Councilmember Roger O. Flores, District 1
Councilmember Delicia Herrera, District 6

Members Absent: Councilmember Sheila McNeil, District 2

Staff Present: Frances Gonzalez, *Assistant City Manager*; Leticia Vacek, *City Clerk*; Andrew Cameron, *Housing and Community Development Director*; Peter Zaroni, *Management & Budget Director*; Florencio Pena, *Development Services Director*; Paula Stallcup, *Neighborhood Action Assistant Director*; Manuel Longoria, *Economic Development Assistant Director*; Stephen Whitworth, *Assistant City Attorney*; Denise Monday, *Assistant City Attorney*; Yonnie Blanchette, *City Manager's Office*; Lisa Lopez, *Office of the City Clerk*; Lisa Vasquez, *Office of the City Clerk*; Sonny Torres, *District 6 Staff*; Laura Cabanilla-Cruz, *District 1 Staff*; Chris Headen, *District 2 Staff*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: John Kenny, *SAHT*; Jim Plummer, *Fulbright & Jaworski*; Bobby Perez, *S&V*; Jackie Pepper, *KC Housing*; Roger Fitzgerald, *SAHT*; Ignacio Perez, *SAHT*; Whitney Bailey, *NRP Group*; Ryan Wilson, *FDC*; Lorraine Robles *SAHA*; Mark O'Brien, *Morgan Keegan*; Virginia Nicholas; *SACS*; Erika Blancharte

A. Regular Business:

❖ **Call meeting to Order**

Chairperson Radle called the meeting to order.

At this time item B was addressed.

B. Annual Review of the following District Boards: Board of Adjustment, Board of Appeals, Capital Improvements Advisory Committee, Electrical Examining and Supervising Board, Housing Trust Fund Board of Trustees, Mechanical Board of Appeals, Plumbing Appeals and Advisory Board, Zoning Commission and Small Business Advocacy Committee
Leticia Vacek, City Clerk

Leticia Vacek presented information on the Boards and Commissions that report to the Urban Affairs Council Committee. She stated that several of the boards under the Development Services Department

(i.e. Mechanical, Plumbing and Electrical) could possibly be consolidated. She noted that the Home Improvement Board did not meet at all last year.

Florencio Pena briefed the committee on the possible consolidation of the Mechanical Committees. He suggested consideration be given to Ad Hoc committees as a replacement to several of the boards under Development Services that have not had to hold meetings. It was stated that such a recommendation would be considered by the entire Council.

Councilmember Flores entered the meeting at this time.

Chairperson Radle stated that the committee will continue to monitor the attendance, quorum ratio, responsibilities and lack of workload of said committees.

At this time, the approval of minutes was addressed.

❖ Approval of Minutes from the March 13, 2006 Urban Affairs Council Committee Meeting

Councilmember Herrera moved to approve the minutes of March 13, 2006. Councilmember Flores seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by the committee members present.

At this time, the committee addressed item C.

C. Presentation on the Tax Exempt Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds for the Artisan at Military Project

Andrew Cameron, Director, Housing and Community Development;
Jelyne Le Blanc Burley, Deputy City Manager

Andrew Cameron presented information on a request by the San Antonio Housing Finance Corporation for authorization to issue Tax exempt Multifamily Housing Mortgage Revenue Bonds for the Artisan at Military Project. He noted that the amount of the bonds is not to exceed \$15,000,000 and will not be a debt to the City. Mr. Cameron stated that staff recommends approval.

Chairperson Radle expressed interest in meeting with the San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA) Board to discuss policy, opportunities to maximize funding, and how to proceed with Developments. Mr. Cameron stated that a meeting with the SAHA Board is scheduled for May, 2006.

Councilmember Flores moved to forward said item to the entire City Council for consideration. Councilmember Herrera seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

D. Discussion of possible San Antonio Housing Trust Finance Corporation Spring 2006 Single Family Bond Program

John Kenny, Executive Director, San Antonio Housing Trust

Paula Stallcup reported that said item is merely a briefing and that no direction from the committee is required at this time. She noted that said item will come back to the committee in May, 2006 with Staff recommendation for consideration.

John Kenny informed the committee that the County is considering a Single Family Bond Program and that he would like to explore Council input before proceeding with negotiations. He noted that the 2002 and 2003 Bond Programs were joint ventures with the City of San Antonio and Bexar County. Mark O'Brien presented an overview of the 2002 and 2003 Bond Programs. He cited that programs were very successful and that 366 low to moderate first-time homebuyer families achieved home ownership.

E. Update on the Housing Authority Consolidation

Andrew Cameron, Director, Housing and Community Development;
Jelyne Le Blanc Burley, Deputy City Manager

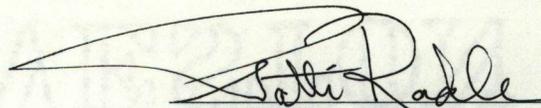
Mr. Cameron stated that he was designated to assist the Urban Affairs Task Force in an effort to rekindle the consideration to consolidate the City of San Antonio and Bexar County Housing Authorities. He noted that the committee dismantled without making any formal recommendation to the City Council. He added that the chairman, Mr. Glen Hartman, has requested the Task Force to reconvene to discuss the consolidation of services from both authorities. Mr. Cameron stated that the meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2006 and stated that he would brief the committee on the meeting in May, 2006.

F. Adjourn

Chairperson Radle requested that Departments submit presentations for the agenda packets no later than the Wednesday prior to the Urban Affairs Council Committee Meeting.

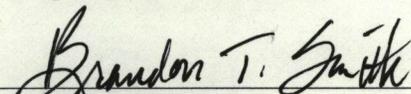
There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Copies of these presentations are made part of the file and are available upon request.



Patti Radle, Chairperson

Respectfully Submitted,



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