

AN ORDINANCE 2009-04-02-0247

**CREATING THE SAN ANTONIO CITIZENS' ENVIRONMENTAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AS REQUESTED BY COUNCILMEMBER
JUSTIN RODRIGUEZ, DISTRICT 7.**

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WHEREAS, the "Mission Verde" sustainability plan for the City of San Antonio lays out a strategy for developing a 21st Century energy infrastructure through the use of efficiency, conservation, and the pursuit of renewable and sustainable energy sources; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Justin Rodriguez issued a Council Consideration Request on July 22, 2008, with the support of Councilmembers Mary Alice Cisneros, Sheila McNeil, John Clamp and Mayor Phil Hardberger, that a Citizens' Environmental Advisory Committee be created to advise City Council with a focus on advancing "Mission Verde" into the future; and

WHEREAS, the proposed eleven member at-large Committee will be named the San Antonio Citizens' Environmental Advisory Committee and the goal shall be to involve the community in advancing the City of San Antonio's "Mission Verde" sustainability plan; and

WHEREAS, the Committee will provide recommendations on effective environmental projects, programs and policies to City staff and City Council and will serve as a forum for the community to offer input concerning environmental sustainability; **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. Creation of the San Antonio Citizens' Environmental Advisory Committee. The San Antonio Citizens' Environmental Advisory Committee is created.

SECTION 2. Appointments. The Committee shall be comprised of eleven members appointed at-large by the City Council.

SECTION 3. Purpose of the San Antonio Citizens' Environmental Advisory Committee. The purpose of the San Antonio Citizens' Environmental Advisory Committee shall be to advise the City Council on the City's environmental efforts with a strong focus on ensuring the advancement of the City of San Antonio's "Mission Verde" sustainability plan. The Office of Environmental Policy, or successor department, shall work with the Committee on a technical and advisory level.

SECTION 4. Terms.

- (a) The members of the Committee shall serve staggered two-year terms in accordance with the City's rules for Boards and Commissions, codified in Chapter 2, Article IX of the City Code of the City of San Antonio.
- (b) Five initial members of the Committee shall serve one year terms and six initial members shall serve two year terms, to be determined at the first meeting of the

Committee. Terms shall commence upon the appointment of the first members of the Committee. Subsequent appointees shall serve two year terms, subject to subsection (a) above. Vacancies shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired terms to which a member was appointed.

SECTION 5. Requirements. To the extent not in conflict with this Ordinance, the City's Rules for Boards and Commissions, codified in Chapter 2, Article IX of the City Code of the City of San Antonio, shall apply to the Committee.

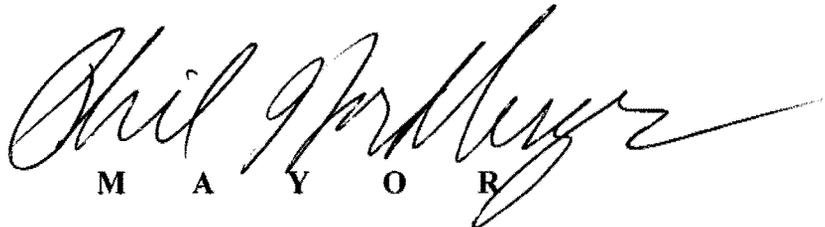
SECTION 6. Compensation. Committee members shall not be entitled to compensation for service on the San Antonio Citizens' Environmental Advisory Committee.

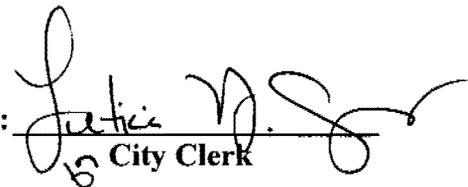
SECTION 7. Chair and Vice Chair of Committee. The Chair and Vice Chair shall be elected by the Committee from among its members. The Chair and Vice Chair shall serve one year terms in that position with no limitation on the number of terms served, but shall comply with the maximum terms for membership on the Committee.

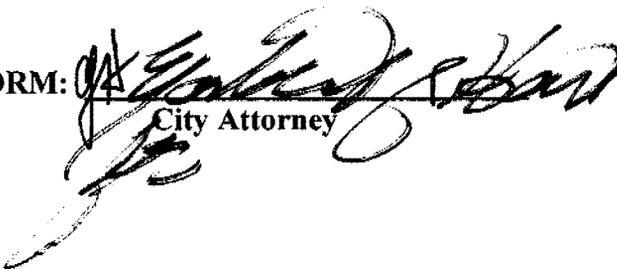
SECTION 8. Advisory Subcommittees. In order to support its work, the Committee may form Advisory Subcommittees or Technical Advisory Groups from time to time in which individuals representing certain technical disciplines or areas of special expertise will provide technical or specific professional assistance to the Committee. Such ad hoc efforts shall be led by two of the Committee members.

SECTION 9. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective immediately after passage upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes, or, in the absence of eight affirmative votes, ten days after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of April, 2009.


M A Y O R
PHIL HARDBERGER

Attest: 
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: 
City Attorney

Agenda Item:	23						
Date:	04/02/2009						
Time:	04:07:11 PM						
Vote Type:	Motion to Approve						
Description:	An Ordinance creating the San Antonio Citizens' Environmental Advisory Committee, as requested by Councilmember Justin Rodriguez. [Richard Varn, Chief Information Officer; Laurence Doxsey, Director, Office of Environmental Policy]						
Result:	Passed						
Voter	Group	Not Present	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Motion	Second
Phil Hardberger	Mayor		x				
Mary Alice P. Cisneros	District 1		x				
Sheila D. McNeil	District 2		x				
Jennifer V. Ramos	District 3		x				
Philip A. Cortez	District 4		x				
Lourdes Galvan	District 5		x				
Delicia Herrera	District 6	x					
Justin Rodriguez	District 7		x			x	
Diane G. Cibrian	District 8		x				x
Louis E. Rowe	District 9		x				
John G. Clamp	District 10	x					

Citizen Environmental Advisory Committee

**Agenda Item # 23
City Council A Session:
Thursday, April 2, 2009**

Background

- **Mayor Hardberger's Mission Verde plan creates a vision and guiding principles for sustainability in San Antonio.**
- **Councilman Rodriguez issued a CCR on 7/22/08 to create the CEAC with the support of the following Council members: Cisneros, Clamp, McNeil, and Mayor Hardberger.**

CEAC Mission

- **“To advise the City Council on its environmental efforts with a strong focus on ensuring the advancement of the City of San Antonio’s ‘Mission Verde’ Sustainability Plan.”**

CEAC Purpose

- **The Committee will provide recommendations on effective environmental projects, programs, and policies to City Council and staff.**
- **CEAC will also serve as a forum for the community to offer input concerning environmental sustainability.**

CEAC/COSA Collaboration

- **CEAC will work with staff, especially the Office of Environmental Policy, to introduce and discuss new policy options for the City.**
- **OEP will serve as a liaison between CAEC, elected officials, and other City departments.**

CEAC Membership

- **Membership will consist of 11 members appointed by Council.**
- **Appointees will serve as open-membership participants.**
- **Terms of membership shall be set forth in the CEAC Governance document.**

Issue

- This ordinance is consistent with issues raised in the Mayor's 2009 State of the City address and Councilman Rodriguez's CCR.
- In addition, it will help ensure that Mission Verde will continue into future administrations.

Alternatives

- This ordinance could be postponed or cancelled. Cancellation of this ordinance would result in not supporting Councilman Rodriguez's CCR.

Staff Recommendation

- **Staff recommends approval of this item, establishing a Citizens' Environmental Advisory Committee.**

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