

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

Monday, December 14, 2009

9:00 a.m.

Media Briefing Room

Members Present: Councilmember Mary Alice Cisneros, *Chair, District 1*
Councilmember Ray Lopez, *District 3*
Councilmember Elisa Chan, *District 9*
Councilmember John Clamp, *District 10*

Members Absent: *None*

Staff Present: Sheryl Sculley, *City Manager*; Pat DiGiovanni, *Deputy City Manager*; Paula Stallcup, *Downtown Operations Director*; Robert Murdock, *Military Affairs Director*; Colleen Swain, *Downtown Operations Assistant Director*; Ed Davis, *Economic Development Assistant Director*; Barbara Ankamah, *Economic Development Manager*; Carri Wiggins, *Office of the City Clerk*; Veronica Zertuche, *Deputy City Attorney*; Chris Hebner, *Assistant City Attorney*; Edward Guzman, *Assistant City Attorney*; Ray Rodriguez, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Also Present: Trey Jacobson, *Drenner & Golden*; John Archer, *Urban Marketing Collaborative*; David Feehan, *CIVITAS*; Tom Long, *CPS Energy*; Ben Brewer, *Downtown Alliance*; Angel Mena, *Site B*; Fred Reyes, *Site B*; Fernando Reyes, *Site B*; Don Hancock; Les Hobgood; Orlin Kolm; Barbara Loomis; Eleanor Sprowl; Michael Wolfe

Call to Order

Chairperson Cisneros called the meeting to order.

1. Citizens to be Heard

Citizens will address the Committee during corresponding Item.

2. Approval of Minutes of the November 17, 2009 Economic and Community Development Council Committee Meeting

Councilmember Lopez moved to approve the Minutes of the November 17, 2009 Economic and Community Development Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Chan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Consideration of Applicants for the Airport Advisory Commission

Presented by Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

Carri Wiggins informed the Committee that there were two slots vacant and that the applicants present would address the Committee.

Community Category

Don Hancock stated that his qualifications for consideration included his experience, skills and attitude. He noted his extensive travel experience, professional communication skills and indicated that he was supportive of all San Antonio had to offer.

Leslie Hobgood stated that he was a Retired Commander – Kelly Air Force Base and that he was an accredited Airport Executive. He noted that he had served as Acting Deputy Director for two years and also served on several boards and commissions.

Orline Kolm stated that she had been employed as a school teacher and realtor and that she had served on the Airport Noise Abatement Commission. She noted that she resides near the airport and that she was a concerned citizen and wanted to be involved.

Barbara Loomis stated that she had served on the Air Transportation Advisory Commission (ATAC) prior to the formation of the newly formed Airport Advisory Commission (AAC). She noted that she also served as an Airport Ambassador in a volunteer capacity. She added that her knowledge of passenger needs and airport operations would be an asset to the Commission.

Eleanor Sprowl stated that her volunteer service as an Airport Ambassador and Airport Police Volunteer would provide a different perspective to the AAC. She noted that she had served as a member of the ATAC and would appreciate Committee consideration for appointment to the AAC.

Taxi Industry Category

Michael Wolfe stated that he had worked in the Taxi Industry for fourteen years and indicated that a different prospective was needed on the AAC. He expressed a desire to bring cooperation between the Airport Administration and the Taxi Industry.

Councilmember Lopez moved to recommend Barbara Loomis - Community Category and Michael Wolfe - Taxi Industry Category for appointment to the Airport Advisory Commission. Councilmember Clamp seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Briefing on the La Villita and Market Square Retail Management Studies

Presented by Paula Stallcup, Director, Downtown Operations Department

John Archer provided a summary of consultant evaluation recommendations for La Villita and Market Square. Sharon De La Garza stated that staff's recommendation was the formation of two separate ad-hoc committees to create implementation plans to transition both venues out of City Management. Pat DiGiovanni stated that staff would work closely with stakeholders and charge the ad-hoc committees to review the management study recommendations and provide their own recommendation to the City Council. Subsequently, a public process would be incorporated to involve the community in the recommendations established.

Yvette Ramirez, Market Square Tenant, requested that the Committee keep an open mind toward the management study and to require City Staff to keep an open dialogue with Market Square tenants. She stated that open communication and input from the tenants would bring a positive change to Market Square.

Jaime Herrejon, El Mercado Merchants Association President, spoke in support of the consultant recommendations. He stated that the Market Square Tenants were not in agreement with all of the recommendations but were willing to work together to make Market Square a great place.

Mary Ann Turner, San Antonio Conservation Society, stated that she had served as the La Villita Committee Chair for two years and provided background information La Villita.

Angie Gonzalez, Lulac, stated that her interest as a stakeholder was to preserve San Antonio culture and spoke of the significance of Market Square.

Councilmember Lopez moved to accept said recommendations as presented. Councilmember Chan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Briefing and possible action on the Center City Partnership

Presented by Sheryl Sculley, City Manager

Sheryl Sculley reported that Downtown San Antonio had a \$10 billion impact on the City's economy and employed over 74,000 individuals with earnings of approximately \$2.4 billion. However, she stated that San Antonio ranked low in comparison to other Texas cities and noted efforts to build on the strengths of Downtown and enhance opportunities for economic development.

David Feehan presented a proposal to create a public private partnership to oversee and facilitate development and revitalization in the center city guided by a unified vision.

Ben Brewer, Downtown Alliance, spoke in support of the Center City Partnership concept.

Walter Martinez spoke in support of the Center City Partnership and noted that he was pleased that downtown parking issues would be addressed. He requested further evaluation of the impact of private downtown parking.

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

6. Briefing on the Site B Grant Agreement

Presented by Pat DiGiovanni, Deputy City Manager, Interim Director, Center City Development Office

Barbara Ankamah presented staff's recommendation for approval of an Economic Development Loan and Grant Agreement in the amount of \$200,000 with the Site B Data Services, Inc.

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

Councilmember Clamp requested future discussion on data centers, CPS Energy, and strategic goals for the City.

7. Briefing on the Fort Sam Houston Community Development Office

Presented by Pat DiGiovanni, Deputy City Manager, Interim Director, Center City Development Office

Items 7-10 were not addressed.

8. Briefing on Camp Bullis Initiatives

Presented by Bob Murdock, Director, Office of Military Affairs

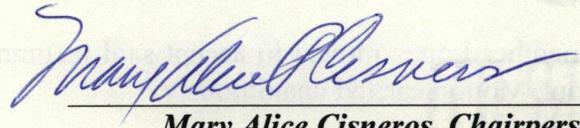
9. Discussion on Committee Strategic Plan

Presented by Pat DiGiovanni, Deputy City Manager

10. Consideration of items for future meetings

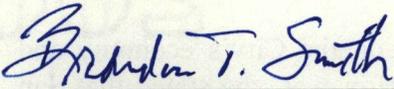
11. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.



Mary Alice Cisneros, Chairperson

Respectfully Submitted,



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