

**Public Safety Council Committee
Minutes**

Wednesday, October 8, 2008

10:00 a.m.

Municipal Plaza Room B

Members Present: Councilmember Justin Rodriguez, *Chair, District 7*
Councilmember Delicia Herrera, *District 6*
Councilmember John Clamp, *District 10*

Members Absent: Councilmember Philip Cortez, *District 4*

Staff Present: Erik Walsh, *Assistant City Manager*; T.C. Broadnax, *Assistant City Manager*; William McManus, *Police Chief*; Andrew Smith, *Intergovernmental Relations Director*; David Garza, *Housing & Neighborhood Services Director*; Dennis Campa, *Community Initiatives Director*; Jef Hale, *Animal Care Services Director*; Xavier Urrutia, *Parks & Recreation Director*; Nim Kidd, *District Fire Chief*; Richard Varn, *Chief Information Officer*; Ramon Mendez, *Housing & Neighborhood Services Assistant Director*; Cindy Schoenmakers, *Community Initiatives Assistant Director*; Jed Maebius, *Mayor's Office*; Hollis Young, *Deputy City Attorney*; Joe Nino, *Deputy City Attorney*; Chris Hebner, *Assistant City Attorney*; Savita Rai, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: Kelly Bahng, *Shadow*

Call to Order

Chairman Rodriguez called the meeting to order.

1. Citizens to be Heard

There were no Citizens to be Heard.

2. Approval of minutes of the September 16, 2008 Public Safety Council Committee Meeting.

Councilmember Clamp moved to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2008 Public Safety Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Herrera seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Recreation Center Teen Curfew Pilot Program

Presented by Police Chief William McManus

Police Chief William McManus reported that a committee had been formed to explore legal issues associated with detaining juveniles for curfew violations. He noted that the current process was not effective and that the committee was working on a program to enhance the City's Curfew Regulations. Chairman Rodriguez explained that the proposed program would provide for a curfew violator to be held and transported to a recreation facility by a Police Officer. The parent/guardian would then be contacted to pick up the minor. Councilmember Clamp spoke in support of the concept but cautioned staff to be mindful of unintended consequences. Chairman Rodriguez requested status updates on the proposed program.

4. Dangerous Animals in the Community

Presented by Police Chief William McManus and Jef Hale, Animal Care Services Director

Jeff Hale reported that the Animal Care Services Department and the San Antonio Police Department were working together to provide guidelines for more stringent enforcement of Chapter 5 of the Municipal Code to protect the residents of San Antonio and their pets. Chairman Rodriguez requested that staff explore legislative options with the Intergovernmental Relations Department.

5. Review and amend Article X Graffiti Ordinance

Presented by David D. Garza, Housing & Neighborhood Services Director

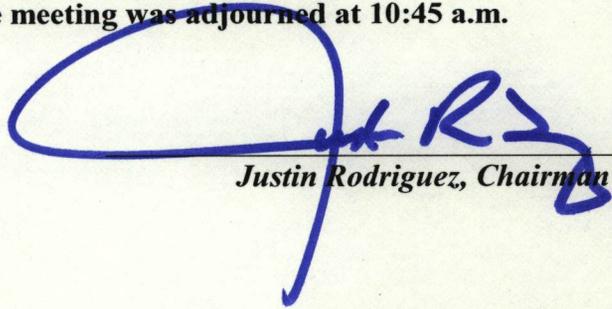
David Garza presented recommendation of the proposed amendment that would require the owners of all properties to abate graffiti on their private property. Councilmember Clamp stated that he would like to discuss said issue with the community before proceeding with the proposed amendment. Mr. Garza recommended that staff work with the City Council to hold District Town Hall Meetings regarding the issue and return to the Committee once a consensus has been gathered. Chairman Rodriguez requested an end-of-the-year timeline with subsequent Council consideration in January 2009. Chairman Rodriguez also provided direction to staff to gather input from Council on suggested changes to the Graffiti Ordinance, prepare a presentation for the Town Hall Meetings, and finalize before presentation at the Town Hall Meetings.

6. Consideration of items for future meetings

Chairman Rodriguez requested an update on the SMART Initiative.

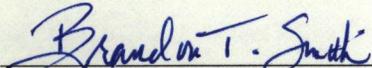
7. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.



Justin Rodriguez, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,



Brandon T. Smith
Office of the City Clerk