

Quality of Life Council Committee Meeting

Minutes

Thursday, March 23, 2006

7:30 a.m.

City Hall Media Briefing Room

Members Present: Councilmember Art Hall, Chair, District 8
Councilmember Richard Perez, District 4
Councilmember Elena Guajardo, District 7
Councilmember Chip Haass, District 10

Staff Present: Pat DiGiovanni, Deputy City Manager; Frances Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager; Leticia Vacek, City Clerk; Malcolm Matthews, Parks & Recreation Director; Daniel Cardenas, Environmental Services Director; Shawn Eddy, Interim Asset Management Director; Camila Kunau, Assistant City Attorney; Charles Wier, Assistant City Attorney; Sally Farris, Assistant City Attorney; Ann McGlone, Planning; Capt. Stanley Biedrzycki, SAPD; Alvaro Soto, Jr., SAPD; Judy Babbit, Planning; Brandon Ross, Parks & Recreation; Chad Tustison, Budget; Ron Smudy, Parks & Recreation; George Logan, Parks & Recreation; H. Salinas, Parks & Recreation; Lisa Lopez, Office of the City Clerk; Lisa Vasquez, Office of the City Clerk; Janice Pokrant, District 8 Staff; Gabe Fasias, District 3 Staff; Tiffany Young, District 9 Staff; Christine Gutierrez, District 10 Staff; Brandon Smith, Office of the City Clerk

Also Present: Laura Jesse, SAEN; Mark Trevino, SAPAR Board; Rusty Konitz, Golf Sub Committee; Julie Rogers, SEIU; Ogden Chamberloin, SEIU; Mary Carriker, Golf San Antonio; David Plylar, District 5 Comm. Vol.

Call to Order

Chairman Hall called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of minutes for the January 19 (Special), January 26 (Regular) and February 9 (Special) Quality of Life Council Committee Meetings

The committee members present unanimously approved the minutes of the January 19, and 26 and the February 9, 2006 Quality of Life Council Committee Meetings.

At this time the committee addressed item 4.

4. Golf Course Management update – Presentation by Malcolm Matthews, Parks and Recreation Director

Malcolm Matthews outlined the Municipal Golf Course actions completed by Staff as directed by the QOL Committee at the January 2006 meeting. A copy of said presentation is on file with the Office of the City Clerk.

Mr. Matthews presented drafts of an RFP and an RFI for management and operation of the Municipal Golf Course(s). He cited that a draft Request for Information could be utilized to determine the interest in the privatization of one or more courses prior to completing an extensive RFP process.

Chairman Hall suggested considering to include advertising and concessions as responsibilities of the respondent in the terms of the proposed contract.

Councilmember Perez supported the RFI and stated that it should be a hybrid of the RFP. He added that all information from respondents should be confidential. Councilmember Haass concurred.

Councilmember Guajardo stated that there should be an added value to the customer with the increase in the implementation of "Weekend Rate".

Councilmember Perez stated that he no problem with the rate increase and suggested that an RFI for Golf Course Concession be submitted.

Councilmember Haass directed to prepare a golf course comparison. He stated that he would like to see if the City can afford to compete on a market level in the Golf business. Councilmember Haass cited the benefit of buying power of non-profit entities. He added that Golf may not work as well under the Municipal Marketing Program.

Chairman Hall directed staff to hold off on the fee increase until further information has been gathered from the RFI.

Chairman Hall entertained a motion to proceed with the Golf Course(s) Operations and Management RFI with Staff to bring back the results in 45 days.

Councilmember Perez moved to proceed with the RFI. Councilmember Haass seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

At this time the committee addressed item 2.

2. Consideration of a request to amend the City Code to provide for free parking at city meters for gasoline-electric hybrid vehicles, as requested by Councilmember Roland Gutierrez, District 3 – Presented by Shawn Eddy, Acting Director, Asset Management Department

Shawn Eddy referenced a presentation entitled "Proposal to Offer Free On-Street Parking to Hybrid Vehicles". He summarized the recommendation for a 1-year Hybrid Vehicle Pilot Program. Mr. Eddy stated that a hybrid placard would be issued by the Parking Division (Center Street) for vehicle identification. He noted that citizens would complete a survey with the application to provide staff the opportunity to collect data on the number and types of vehicles, and the reason for purchasing a hybrid vehicle. Mr. Eddy stated that staff would track the program and provide a report to the City Manager's Office 6 months after the initiation of the pilot program.

Councilmember Perez moved to forward said item to the entire City Council for consideration. Councilmember Haass seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Annual activity review of Boards and Commissions assigned to the Quality of Life Council Committee – Presentation by Leticia Vacek, City Clerk

Leticia Vacek presented a summary of the annual reports from the boards and commissions that report to the Quality of Life Committee. She stated that the following Boards and Commissions were listed to possibly be combined or reactivated for another year:

- Disability and Access Advisory Committee
- Parks & Recreation Board
- Transportation Advisory Board
- Linear Creekway Parks Advisory Board

Additionally, Ms. Vacek noted that the following Boards and Commissions could be dissolved by ordinance only:

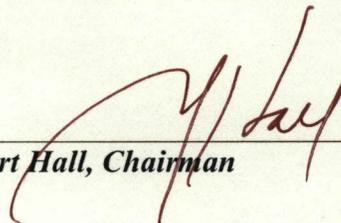
- Keep San Antonio Beautiful, Inc.
- Historic and Design Review Commission
- Home Improvement Advisory Board

Ms. Vacek revealed that once the Boards and Commissions have been reviewed by the corresponding Council Committee, the proposed selections would be forwarded to the entire City Council for review at a "B" Session.

Councilmember Guajardo cited the difficulty in identifying a candidate meeting the criteria for placement on the Transportation Advisory Board.

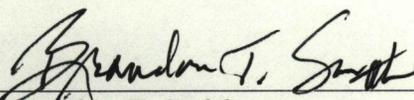
It was moved and seconded to add the Home Improvement Advisory Board to the list to be dissolved. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.



Art Hall, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,



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Office of the City Clerk