

**Urban Affairs Council Committee
Minutes**

Monday, June 21, 2006

5:00 p.m.

City Hall Basement Conference Room

Members Present: Councilmember Patti Radle, *Chair, District 5*
Councilmember Sheila McNeil, *District 2*
Councilmember Delicia Herrera, *District 6*

Members Absent: Councilmember Roger O. Flores, *District 1*

Staff Present: Jelynn Burley, *Deputy City Manager*; Erik Walsh, *Assistant City Manager*; Rod Sanchez; Shawn Eddy, *Interim Asset Management Director*; Paula Stallcup, *Neighborhood Services Assistant Director*; Bill Wood, *Deputy City Attorney*; Norbert Hart, *Deputy City Attorney*; Karmen Binka, *Assistant City Attorney*; Susan Guinn, *Assistant City Attorney*; Christie Chapman, *Planning*; B. Telford, *Development Services*; Chris Looney, *Development Services*; Yonnie Blanchette, *City Manager's Office*; Thomas Guevara, *District 4 Staff*; Paul Jimenez, *District 2 Staff*; Emily Arvizo, *District 5 Staff*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: Boots Gaubatz, *Mayor, Fair Oaks Ranch*; Frank Pickart, *Alderman, Fair Oaks Ranch*; Roy W. Thomas, *Fair Oaks Ranch*; Virginia Nicholas, *SACS*; J.L. Grant, *ACORN*; Michelle McClelen, *ACORN*; Jackie Pepper, *Kings Court*; Hugh Doherty, *Los Reyes Homeowners Association*

A. Regular Business:

❖ **Call meeting to Order**

Chairperson Radle called the meeting to order.

❖ **Approval of Minutes from the May 8, 2006 and June 12, 2006 Committee Meeting**

Said item will be addressed at the next regular Urban Affairs Committee Meeting.

At this time the committee addressed item E.

E. Proposed Policy for the Disposition of Developable City Real Property

Shawn Eddy, Interim Director, Asset Management; Erik J. Walsh, Assistant City Manager

Shawn Eddy briefed the Committee on the strategy to revise the policy regarding the disposition of developable real property. He noted that the purpose of the revisions were to support the development of affordable housing and to promote home ownership. He added that staff would request that applicable

taxing entities enter into an inter-local agreement and request Council approval of the resulting agreement and revisions to the City Code incorporating the revised policies.

Councilmember McNeil entered the meeting at this time.

Chairperson Radle asked if surplus property could be located in a commercial area. Mr. Eddy responded that the proposed revised policy would apply to properties zoned for housing only. He noted that the properties in question are vacant lots on which houses were once built. Erik Walsh added that there were 22 properties owned by the City at this time.

Chairperson Radle asked if the agreements required owners to live in the homes for a specified time. Mr. Eddy replied that the agreements would not be restrictive to a time limit. He noted that staff attempted not to place too many restrictions in the revised policy.

Mr. Eddy requested the Committee to approve the strategy to move forward with the respective agencies on the agreement terms and work with the City Attorney's Office on a City Code Chapter. Mr. Walsh noted that the City Council directed staff to create a policy focusing on home ownership regarding developable real property.

It was the general consensus of the Committee to move forward with said item as presented.

B. Consideration of the release of property directly adjacent to the North, East and Southwest of Fair Oaks Ranch city limit line from the City of San Antonio's extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ)

Emil Moncivais, Director, Planning Department;
Jelyne Le Blanc Burley, Deputy City Manager

Jesus Garza stated that annexation by the City of San Antonio is not a viable option based on the remote location and difficulty to provide municipal services. He also stated that future annexation by San Antonio would require a new fire station in the vicinity and would yield extended police response time due to the travel distance; therefore, staff recommends approval of the requested release.

Councilmember Herrera moved to forward said item to the City Council for full consideration. Councilmember McNeil seconded the motion. Motion carried by those present.

C. Consideration of the release of Los Reyes Canyon Subdivision from the City of San Antonio extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) as requested by the City of Helotes

Emil Moncivais, Director, Planning Department
Jelyne Le Blanc Burley, Deputy City Manager

Jesus Garza stated that annexation by the City of San Antonio would not be a viable option based on a service perspective due to the location and the City's accessibility to the subdivision. He added that annexation of the subdivision would require a new fire station and the creation of a new police district and the realignment of existing districts; therefore, staff recommends approval of the requested release.

Councilmember McNeil moved to forward said item to the City Council for full consideration. Councilmember Herrera seconded the motion. Motion carried by those present.

D. Proposed Amendment to the Emergency Housing Repair Program

David D. Garza, Director, Neighborhood Action Department; Jelynn Le Blanc Burley, Deputy City Manager

David Garza briefed the Committee on the success of the Emergency Housing Repair Pilot Program, whereby the Neighborhood Action Department (NAD) and Merced Housing Texas partnered to address the repairs of 22 units in the CRAG area. He noted that NAD had worked to identify additional funds to serve more families with contributions totaling \$405,000 to date. Mr. Garza proposed a guideline revision to assist families in the City limits; not necessarily the CRAG targeted area.

Councilmember McNeil moved to forward said item to the City Council for full consideration. Councilmember Herrera seconded the motion. Motion carried by those present.

F. Briefing on UDC Amendment to allow six foot high ornamental iron fences

Florencio Pena, Director, Development Services Department; Jelynn Le Blanc Burley, Deputy City Manager

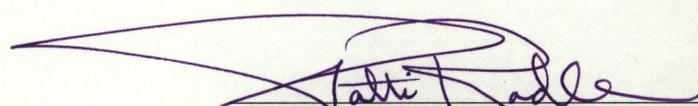
Roderick Sanchez stated that staff recommendation was to replace the variance requirement by the Board of Adjustment with Special Exception and adopt an overlay zoning district allowing 6-foot tall ornamental fences within specified boundaries within the district. He added that the Special Exception fee of \$150.00 be implemented rather than \$300.00 which is the cost of the Variance fee.

Councilmember Herrera moved to forward said item to the City Council for full consideration. Councilmember McNeil seconded the motion. Motion carried by those present

G. Adjourn

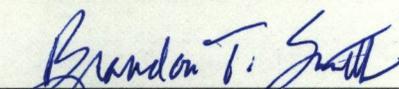
There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

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



Patti Radle, Chairperson

Respectfully Submitted,



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Administrative Assistant II
Office of the City Clerk