

**Quality of Life
Council Committee
Special Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, October 22, 2008
5:00 p.m.**

Media Briefing Room, City Hall

Members Present: Councilmember Delicia Herrera, *District 6, Chair*
Councilmember Mary Alice Cisneros, *District 1*
Councilmember Jennifer Ramos, *District 3*
Councilmember Diane Cibrian, *District 8*

Staff Present: Frances Gonzalez, *Assistant City Manager*; Drew Cameron, *Grants Monitoring & Administration Director*; Dennis Campa, *Community Initiatives Director*; Melody Woosley, *Community Initiatives Assistant Director*; Edward Guzman, *Assistant City Attorney*; Shreya Shah, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: Ignacio Perez, *Our Casas*; Dr. Sharon Small, *PCI*; John Kenny, *SAHT*; Kathy Paradise, *CHCS*; Carmen Orta, *NACA*; Mariana Southerland, *PCI*; Ryan Hillyer, *Arredondo Interests*; Rick Alvarez, *ESC-20*; Jennifer Martinez, *ESC-20*; Jeff Stone, *ESC-20*; Deborah Daniels, *PCI*; Raquel Gomez, *PCI*; Greg Dial, *PCI*; Cam Messina, *Voice for Children*; Nancy Hard, *Family Services*; Rebecca Cervantez, *Avance- San Antonio*; Sylvia De La Pena, *Avance-San Antonio*; Dario Chapa, *Our Casas*

Call to order

Chairperson Herrera called the Meeting to order.

1. Citizens to be Heard

Citizens were heard during corresponding items.

2. Presentation and possible action on the approval of the Head Start Refunding application

Presented by Dennis J. Campa, Director, Department of Community Initiatives

Dennis Campa reported that the total amount requested for the Head Start Refunding Application was \$46,579,863 and detailed the following recommendation for funding distribution:

- \$14,899,199 - Contract to PCI - February 1, 2000 through May 31, 2009
- \$29,270,110 - To contractors identified through RFP process - May 1, 2009 through January 31, 2010
- \$2,410,600 - Department of Community Initiatives - February 1, 2009 through January 31, 2010

Dan Gonzalez, PCI, cited misrepresentations regarding PCI's refunding application and requested the opportunity to meet with Mr. Campa regarding the issue.

Greg Dias, PCI, stated that he attended the Head Start Policy Council Meeting and noted that parents were concerned with the proposed budget and requested an extension of said item.

Dr. Sharon Small, PCI, stated that approval of the proposed Refunding Application was going against Federal Guidelines. She noted that the proposed distribution to PCI was not negotiated with PCI.

Councilmember Cibrian expressed concern that PCI refused to lower seven executive salaries and that PCI Classrooms were found to have only one teacher, as well as teachers with inadequate credentials.

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

3. Presentation and possible action on the Neighborhood Stabilization Program

Presented by Andrew Cameron, Director, Grants Monitoring & Administration

Andrew Cameron presented staff recommendation for a dual focus program to include a Stabilization Program for newly developed areas and a Revitalization Program for the inner city and established neighborhoods.

Carmen Orta, Neighborhood Assistance Corporation of America (NACA), requested the assistance of the Committee and the City of San Antonio on behalf of NACA, to bring awareness to the community of their home foreclosure assistance program.

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

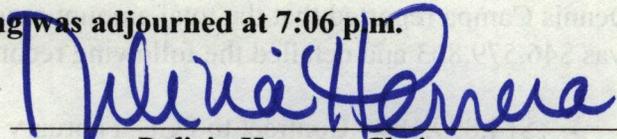
4. Consideration of items for future meetings

a. November Meeting: November 18, 2008

Chairperson Herrera noted that she would confer with staff to determine the agenda for the next meeting.

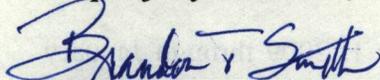
5. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.



Delicia Herrera, Chairperson

Respectfully Submitted,



Brandon T. Smith
Office of the City Clerk