

**QUALITY OF LIFE COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2012
10:00 AM**

MEDIA BRIEFING ROOM, CITY HALL

Members Present: Councilmember Ivy R. Taylor, *Chair, District 2*
Councilmember Diego Bernal, *District 1*
Councilmember W. Reed Williams, *District 8*

Members Absent: Councilmember David Medina, Jr., *District 5*

Staff Present: Erik Walsh, *Deputy City Manager*; Ed Belmares, *Assistant City Manager*; Peter Zanoni, *Assistant City Manager*; David Ellison, *Assistant City Manager*; Maria Villagomez, *Office of Management & Budget Director*; John Dugan, *Planning Director*; Gloria Hurtado, *Human Services Director*; Tad Wille, *Grants Administrator*; Barbara Ankamah, *Housing Manager*; Stephen Whitworth, *Assistant City Attorney*; Denise Monday, *Assistant City Attorney*; Gerry Lozano, *Assistant City Attorney*; Ed Guzman, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Also Present: Bobby Perez, *Shelton & Valadez*; Stephanie Wiese, *Habitat for Humanity*; Kathy McCormick, *SAHA*; Debra Guerrero, *NRP Group*; Natalie Griffith, *Habitat for Humanity*; Jacque Woodring, *HCS*; Jose Mascino, *HCS*

Call to Order

1. Citizens to be Heard

There were no citizens to be heard.

2. Approval of Minutes of the May 15, 2012 Quality of Life Council Committee Meeting

Councilmember Williams moved to approve the Minutes of the May 15, 2012 Quality of Life Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Bernal seconded the motion. Motion carried by those present.

ACTION ITEMS

3. Briefing and Possible Action on the Creation of an SA2020 Commission on Family Well-being from the Restructuring of the Commission for Children & Families
Presented by Gloria Hurtado, Department of Human Services Director; Peter Zanoni, Assistant City Manager

Gloria Hurtado requested the Committee's endorsement to establish a new SA2020 Commission on Family Well-being and sunset the Commission for Children and Families (formed in 1985). She stated that the new Commission would align with the targets outlined in SA2020 for family

well-being to include: 1) Reducing poverty; 2) Reducing teen births; 3) Reducing homelessness; 4) Reducing domestic violence; and 5) Strengthening community support for social services. She noted that staff has requested that the new Commission report to the Quality of Life Council Committee at least semi-annually, with the first report to include a work plan for the Commission.

In response to Councilmember Bernal, Ms. Hurtado responded that the Commission for Children and Families was created in 1985. She stated that there was a lack of focus, quorum, and participation with the current Commission. She noted that the participating Commissioners would like their volunteer time to be well spent. She added that the repurposing of the Commission would add value to their time and engage them in issues relative today. She indicated that members of the current Commission were supportive of the proposed repurposing and expressed an interest in serving on the new Commission.

Councilmember Williams spoke in support of the structure of the proposed Commission but expressed concern with the name "SA2020 Commission on Family Well-being." He stated that the name implied a reactive approach opposed to a proactive approach. He noted that the name of the proposed Commission lacked action of purpose and that it would be difficult to attract individuals for appointment.

Councilmember Williams moved to forward said item to the full Council for consideration. Councilmember Bernal seconded the motion. Motion carried by those present.

4. Briefing and Possible Action on Memorandums of Understanding with the Humane Society and Animal Defense League

Presented by Joe Angelo, Interim Animal Care Services Director; Erik Walsh, Deputy City Manager

Joe Angelo reported that Animal Care Services (ACS) was seeking to enter into an agreement with the San Antonio Humane Society (SAHS) and Animal Defense League (ADL) to provide ACS with an alternative housing solution for stray animals. He stated that the pilot program was intended to explore the effects of housing stray animals at SAHS and ADL in an effort to increase ACS' stray animal intake capabilities. He noted that the agreements were for an initial three (3) month period and with options to renew, if successful, for two (2) consecutive one (1) year terms.

Councilmember Williams moved to forward said item to the full Council for consideration. Councilmember Bernal seconded the motion. Motion carried by those present.

5. Briefing and Possible Action on Changes to the Affordable Showcase of Homes Site Selection Criteria

Presented by John Dugan, Planning Director; David Ellison, Assistant City Manager

John Dugan provided an overview of the amendment to the Affordable Showcase of Homes (ASOH) Site Selection Criteria adopted by City Council in 2002. He reported that the proposed amendment would discontinue the City of San Antonio's (COSA) role as project developer and create partnerships with private developers who have existing developed vacant lots for sale.

Chairperson Taylor cited the cost of the homes provided through the program at approximately \$120,000. She referenced a contingency of individuals that desired to become first-time

homeowners but could not afford that price range. She spoke of exploring options to accommodate mixed income opportunities to include homes below \$100,000 and expressed concern with the proposed program.

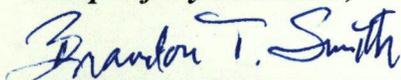
It was the consensus of the Committee to proceed with the proposed revisions as presented by staff and to continue further discussion on the direction of the program in the future. Councilmember Bernal requested that staff provide a comparison of all related housing programs to the Committee.

Councilmember Bernal moved to forward said item to the full Council for consideration. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried by those present.

6. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brandon T. Smith

Office of the City Clerk



Ivy R. Taylor, Chair