

**Economic & Community Development Council Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, January 27, 2010

8:00 a.m.

Media Briefing Room

Members Present: Councilmember Mary Alice Cisneros, *Chair, District 1*
Councilmember Ray Lopez, *District 6*
Councilmember Elisa Chan, *District 9*
Councilmember John Clamp, *District 10*

Members Absent: *None*

Staff Present: Pat DiGiovanni, *Deputy City Manager*; A.J. Rodriguez, *Deputy City Manager*; T.C. Broadnax, *Assistant City Manager*; Michael Bernard, *City Attorney*; Paula Stallcup, *Downtown Operations Director*; James Henderson, *Office of Military Affairs Acting Director*; Colleen Swain, *Downtown Operations Assistant Director*; Patrick Howard, *Planning & Development Services Assistant Director*; Ed Davis, *Economic Development Assistant Director*; Veronica Zertuche, *Deputy City Attorney*; Ray Rodriguez, *Assistant City Attorney*; Lesley Haby, *Assistant City Attorney*; Chris Hebner, *Assistant City Attorney*; Xochil Rodriguez, *Assistant City Attorney*; Carri Wiggins, *Office of the City Clerk*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Also Present: Councilmember Ivy Taylor, *District 2*; Sam Mills, *San Antonio Water System (SAWS)*; Dwayne Rathburu, *SAWS*; Allison Greer, *SAWS*; Jim McAden, *CPS Energy*; Tom Long, *CPS Energy*; John Leal, *CPS Energy*; Ray Midkiff, *COPT*; Chuck Fiala, *COPT*; John Yoggerst, *LYI*; Nancy Sheppard, *NRP Workgroup*; Robert Puente, *SAWS*, Victor Prieto

Call to Order

Chairperson Cisneros called the meeting to order.

1. Citizens to be Heard

Citizens will address the Committee during corresponding item.

2. Approval of Minutes of the November 24, 2009 Economic and Community Development Council Committee Meeting

Councilmember Clamp moved to approve the Minutes of the November 24, 2009 Economic and Community Development Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Briefing on the Eastside Summit

Presented by Councilmember Ivy Taylor, District 2

Councilmember Ivy Taylor reported on the San Antonio East Side Reinvestment Summit Community Meeting held on January 9, 2010. She stated that the purpose of the Summit was to focus on implementation areas of existing plans and to identify catalytic projects that would yield additional private investments and redevelopment on San Antonio's East Side.

Chairperson Cisneros commended Councilmember Taylor, Mayor Castro, and Staff for their efforts and the great accomplishment yielded from the event.

4. Consideration of applicants to the Fort Sam Houston Community Advisory Board

Presented by Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk, TRMC/CMC

Carri Wiggins reported that the following applications had been received for the Fort Sam Houston Community Advisory Board:

New Appointments:

- Jane S. Gonzalez – San Antonio for Growth on the East Side (SAGE) – 1 slot
- Charles H. Hood – At-Large Representative – 1 slot
- Juan Garcia – Neighborhood Association: Dignowity Hill – 1 slot
- Phillip Reidinger – For Sam Houston Representative – 1 slot

Reappointments:

- Florence C. Alcoser – Neighborhood Association: Government Hill Alliance – 1 slot
- Leo Gomez – Military Transformation Task Force (MTTF) Representative – 1 slot
- Benjamin P. Vierville – Tenant/Renter – 1 slot

Clergy – 2 slots

- C. Doug Earle
- Al Marin

Councilmember Taylor indicated that Florence C. Alcoser was very ill and requested that the Neighborhood Association: Government Hill Alliance slot be left vacant.

Councilmember Lopez moved to recommend Jane S. Gonzalez, Charles H. Hood, Juan Garcia, Phillip Reidinger, C. Doug Earle, Al Marin, Leo Gomez, and Benjamin P. Vierville for appointment to the Fort Sam Houston Community Advisory Board. Councilmember Clamp seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Briefing and possible action on the proposed Downtown Vending Policy changes

Presented by Paula X. Stallcup, Director, Downtown Operations Department

Paula Stallcup provided background and the proposed changes to the Downtown Vending Policy that included River Walk Vending Programs and Downtown Mobile Food Vending Programs. She stated that the Downtown Operations Department had the authority to make changes to policies and procedures on an

administrative basis without City Council approval. She noted that vendors had requested that a presentation be made to City Council so that they may be briefed on the program policies and procedures.

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Victor Prieto spoke in support of the proposed changes.

Pat DiGiovanni clarified that staff was requesting Committee support and endorsement of the proposed administrative changes. He stated that the administrative changes did not require full Council approval.

Councilmember Lopez asked of one-time special event vendors and how they were policed and maintained. Ms. Stallcup clarified that event organizers, City or private, solicit for their vendors and that all vendors were required to get special events permits through the Health Department.

In response to Councilmember Lopez, Ms Stallcup stated that vendors were verified to have a sales tax permit but did not verify that they paid sales taxes.

Ms. Stallcup reported that Mobile Food Vending Permits were \$400.00 and that River Walk Vending Permits were \$750.00.

Councilmember Lopez moved to endorse the administrative changes as presented. Councilmember Clamp seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Briefing on the Community Development Strategic Plan & Inner City Reinvestment Policy Presented by Patrick Howard, Assistant Director, Planning & Development Services Department

Patrick Howard provided the annual update to the San Antonio Strategic Plan for Community Development (SPCD). Included in the annual update was the presentation of the Inner City Reinvestment / Infill Policy that was developed to implement the SPCD by encouraging reinvestment in San Antonio's core.

Mr. Howard indicated that the 2009 Update to the Strategic Plan for Community Development was approved by the Quality of Life Committee on December 8, 2009. The Inner City Reinvestment / Infill Policy was approved by the Governance Committee on May 13, 2009 and by the Quality of Life Committee on January 12, 2009. It was noted that said item will be forwarded to the City Council.

7. Briefing and possible action on an amendment to the Incentive Scorecard Policy and new SAWS Impact Fee Waiver Guidelines Presented by Pat DiGiovanni, Deputy City Manager

Barbara Ankamah reported that the SAWS Impact Fee Waiver Guidelines were a component of the Incentive Scorecard System (ISS) and applicable to residential projects only. She stated that staff's recommendation was to remove the SAWS Impact Fee Waiver from the ISS and have stand-alone guidelines.

Robert Puente spoke in support of the proposed recommendations and stated that many SAWS issues and concerns had been addressed. He noted that proposed guidelines would allow fee waivers for additional investments for the City.

Councilmember Chan expressed concern regarding the timeline for Council consideration. Mr. Puente clarified that City Council consideration on February 11, 2010 would be more conducive for SAWS than February 4, 2010. Mr. DiGiovanni indicated that staff would recommend Council consideration on February 11, 2010.

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

8. Briefing and possible action on a Tax Abatement for COPT

Presented by Ed Davis, Assistant Director, Economic Development Department

Ed Davis presented a request for Council consideration of an ordinance designating the Corporate Office Properties Trust (COPT) Reinvestment Zone and authorization of a Tax Abatement Agreement with COPT for the Data Center Project supporting the Texas Cryptologic Center (TCC) expansion at the former Sony Facility in District 6. He stated the project would result in the retention and expansion of federal IT jobs and had the potential to attract additional jobs to the Sentry Gateway Business Park.

Councilmember Lopez moved to forward said item to the full Council of consideration. Councilmember Chan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Briefing on the Fort Sam – Community Development Office

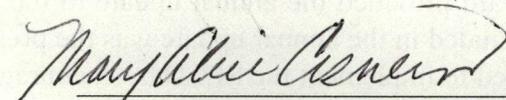
Presented by Brian James, Assistant Director, Center City Department Office

Said item was not addressed.

10. Consideration of items for future meetings:

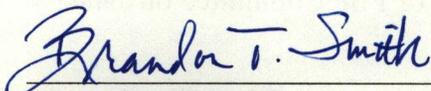
Adjournment

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



Mary Alice Cisneros, Chairperson

Respectfully Submitted,



Brandon T. Smith
Office of the City Clerk