

**Quality of Life Council Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, May 18, 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 Di Giovanni, *Deputy City Manager*; Frances Gonzalez, *Assistant City Manager*; Michael Bernard, *City Attorney*; Malcolm Matthews, *Parks and Recreation Director*; Ron Smudy, *Parks and Recreation Assistant Director*; Brandon Ross, *Parks and Recreation*; Elizabeth Flores, *Office of Management and Budget*; Chad Tustison, *Office of Management and Budget*; Chris Huebner, *Assistant City Attorney*; Krystal Strong, *City Manager's Office*; Janice Pokrant, *District 8 Staff*; John Puder, *District 7 Staff*; Christine Gutierrez, *District 10 Staff*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Also Present: Paul Fletcher, *Downtown Vendor's Association*; Rachel Castillo, *Clark High School*; Joan Korte, *Downtown Residents Association*; Robert Martinez, *DVA*; Michael John, *RVA*;

Call to Order

Chairman Hall called the Special meeting to order.

1. Approval of the Minutes for the March 30, April 13 and April 20 (Regular) Quality of Life Council Committee Meetings.

Councilmember Perez moved to approve the minutes of March 30th, April 13th and April 20, 2006. Councilmember Guajardo seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

At this time, the committee addressed item 5.

5. Status of Proposition 1 Program – Presented by Malcolm Mathews, Parks and Recreation Director

Malcolm Mathews presented information on the Edwards Aquifer Land Acquisition and Protection Program (Proposition One). He reported on the Scientific Evaluation Team, Conservation Advisory Board, Land Acquisition Team, and the consideration of properties for acquisition and the use of the Commercial Paper Program.

Chairman Hall asked of the required criteria in order to purchase property. Mr. Mathews responded that property is filtered through 43 layers of scientific evaluation before being ranked into one of three following tiers.

Mr. Mathews added that Land Agents are on commission from 1 to 3 percent. He reported that the agents will use one standard contract opposed to using 3 different contracts.

Chairman Hall directed staff to prepare a monthly report to be 3-5 minutes in length for the benefit of the Council Committee. He also cited the primary points of interest for the next report to be the status of Land Agents, the Commercial Paper Program and the Conservation Fire Program.

At this time, the committee addressed item 2.

2. Presentation of Stock Exchanges – Presented by Rachel Castillo, Clark High School Student

Rachel Castillo presented information on the functions of Stock Exchanges and benefits of a San Antonio Stock Exchange. She noted the technological advantages, requirements and cited the potential growth to the San Antonio economy. It was reported that her report would be presented at the City Council Meeting later in the day.

At this time the committee addressed item 4.

4. River Walk vending information and Ordinance Revision – Presented by Malcolm Mathews, Parks and Recreation Director

Mr. Mathews addressed the UDC Amendments regarding Riverwalk Vending. He outlined the proposed City Vending Licensing process and stationary vending locations.

Parker Scott of the Paseo Del Rio Association stated that his organization opposed the revision of the current ordinance and that the amendment process was flawed. The Downtown Advisory Board and the Downtown Residents Association also opposed proposed amendments citing ambiguity of the amended language and possibility of added downtown congestion.

Paul Fletcher, Downtown Vendors Association, stated that he would request a re-evaluation of the proposed criteria citing an excessive permit fee cost and the square footage boundaries of the stationary vendor locations.

Councilmember Perez stated that the issue is too complex and that he was not ready to give direction on said item. He expressed concerns with the excessive cost of the vending permit and noted issues with the square footage boundary. He requested additional information on pricing, a possible lottery system for permitting and a comparison of the vendor locations proposed by staff and those proposed by vendors.

Councilmember Guajardo requested a tour of the Riverwalk to identify the proposed recommendations. It was noted that staff would make those arrangements with the Quality of Life Committee members.

Councilmember Haass requested information on what items could be sold. He also asked for assurance that pornography or other undesirable items not be sold.

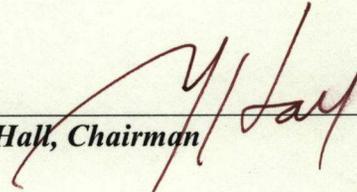
Chairman Hall directed staff to bring said item back to the committee at the Quality of Life Committee meeting to be held in June with final recommendations.

3. Staff presentation on San Pedro RFP – Presented by Malcolm Mathews, Parks and Recreation Director

Said item was not addressed.

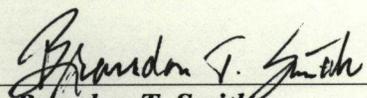
Adjournment

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