

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

Tuesday, August 5, 2008

5:30 PM

Municipal Plaza B Room

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*; Dennis Campa, *Community Initiatives Director*; Hollis Young, *Deputy City Attorney*; Enid Howard, *Assistant City Attorney*; Shreya Shah, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: Dr. Sharon Small, *PCI*

Call to order

Chairperson Herrera called the meeting to order.

At this time, the Committee addressed Item 2.

2. Consideration and action regarding Head Start program applications
Presented by Dennis J. Campa, Director, Department of Community Initiatives

Dennis Campa presented recommendations for the Head Start Year 2009-2010 and requested Committee approval for presentation to the City Council on August 7, 2008. He noted that the current contract with Parent Child, Inc. (PCI) would end on January 31, 2009. He added that the Department of Community Initiatives (DCI) would negotiate a reasonable transition period that would minimize disruption to the children and families. Mr. Campa reported that DCI would work with PCI, new delegate agencies, and Workforce Solutions Alamo to implement a Skills Development and Transition Plan for displaced employees.

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

At this time, the Committee addressed Item 1.

1. Citizens to be Heard

Dan Gonzalez, PCI, expressed concerns from within the community regarding proposed change to the Head Start Program. He requested that the Committee consider the community concerns before registering a vote on said issue.

Mr. Campa spoke to the concerns expressed by Mr. Gonzalez and noted the following:

- Negotiations regarding hours of coverage will begin after approval of the Head Start Contract.
- Federal Head Start standards cannot be lowered. The City intends to raise the quality of education for teachers and the quality of facilities.
- Local and national evaluators could not evaluate the proposal from PCI for Early Childhood Education because it was not submitted on time.
- The Request for Proposal (RFP) requested that qualified PCI Staff be given first consideration for employment with the new contractors.

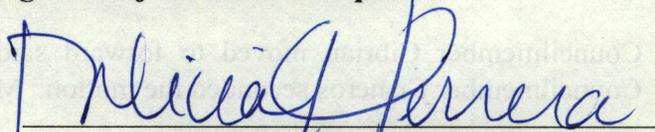
Mr. Campa stated that negotiations with Region 20 regarding Bexar County Head Start Programs would proceed once the Head Start Contract has been approved by Council.

3. Consideration of items for future meetings (August 12, 2008)

- a. **Recommendation and possible action regarding appointments to the Head Start Policy Council (1 slot), Municipal Golf Association – San Antonio (1 slot) and the Advisory Board of the Health of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (2 slots)**
Presented by Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk
- b. **Consideration and possible action on the Strategic Plan for Community Development**
Presented by Patrick Howard, Assistant Director, Planning & Community Development
- c. **Presentation on Teen Pregnancy**
Presented by Dr. Bryan Alsip, Assistant Director, Health Department
- d. **Approval of San Antonio Housing Finance Corporation Bond Issue for San Pedro Creek Apartments**
Presented by Andrew Cameron, Director, Grants Monitory & Administration

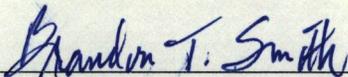
4. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.



Delicia Herrera, Chairperson

Respectfully Submitted,



Brandon T. Smith
Office of the City Clerk