

**Quality of Life
Council Committee Meeting
Minutes**

Tuesday, December 9, 2008

3:00 p.m.

Media Briefing Room

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

Members Absent: Councilmember Jennifer Ramos, *District 3*

Staff Present: Frances Gonzalez, *Assistant City Manager*; David McCary, *Solid Waste Management Director*; Ramiro Salazar, *Library Director*; Leticia Saenz, *Deputy City Clerk*; Patrick Howard, *Planning & Development Services Assistant Director*; Joel Bangilan, *Library*; Jennifer Velazquez, *Library*; Camila Kunau, *Assistant City Attorney*; Edward Guzman, *Assistant City Attorney*; Stephen Whitworth, *Assistant City Attorney*; Chris Hebner, *Assistant City Attorney*; Audrey Zamora, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Call to order

Chairperson Herrera called the meeting to order.

At this time, the Committee addressed Item 3.

3. Presentation on the Household Waste Program

Presented by David W. McCary, Director, Solid Waste Management Department

David McCary reported that the Solid Waste Management Department was improving the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program by hosting quarterly collection events throughout the City. He noted that the collection events would be held from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at four locations: Blossom Athletic Center, Harlandale Memorial Stadium, Dub Farris Stadium, and the Alamodome Lot B. He added that the permanent HHW Collection Site was open on Fridays from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and located at 7030 Culebra Road.

4. Presentation on Technology Improvements at the Library Department

Presented by Ramiro Salazar, Library Department

Joel Bangilan reported that the Library Department had launched a pilot laptop computer program in September 2008 to supplement desktop computers available for public use. He noted that thirty laptop computers were distributed at seven branch libraries where public computers were in heavy demand and lacked capacity for additional desktop computers. He stated that each computer could be checked out for a two hour period and that the laptops had been checked out over 1,159 times since the program's inception.

Chairperson Herrera requested the following information: 1) Branches most in need of laptops; 2) Number of laptops per branch and amount of usage; and 3) Cost per computer. She also requested that staff explore options to redirect replaced City computers to the Library Department.

Jennifer Velasquez reported that the Library Department provides access to free online, live homework help to Kindergarten through 12 grades, Introductory College, and adult learners through the Library's website. She noted that the service was provided through Tutor.com between the hours of 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the subjects of Math, Science, Social Studies and English. She added that Bi-lingual tutors also provide one-on-one sessions in science and math. Ms. Velasquez stated that Tutor.com was a paid service that was free to individuals with a San Antonio Public Library Card.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Quality of Life Council Committee Meeting on November 18, 2008

Councilmember Cisneros moved to approve the Minutes of the November 18, 2008 Quality of Life Committee Meeting. Councilmember Cibrian seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Recommendation and possible action regarding appointment to the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) (1 slot, Category: Small Business Assistance)

Presented by Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

Chairperson Herrera stated that interviews had already been conducted and entertained a nomination for appointment to the Community Development Advisory Committee-Small Business Assistance Category. Councilmember Cibrian moved to recommend J. Oscar Ramirez to the full Council for appointment and noted the support of Councilmember Ramos in her absence. Councilmember Cisneros seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Upcoming Meeting and consideration of items for future meetings

- a) Next Meeting: January 13, 2009
- b) Future Items

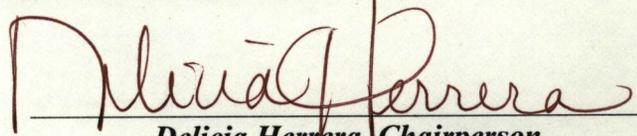
Chairperson Herrera will confer with staff regarding future items for consideration.

4. Citizens to be Heard

There were no citizens to be heard.

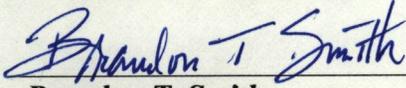
5. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.



Delicia Herrera, Chairperson

Respectfully Submitted,



Brandon T. Smith

Office of the City Clerk