

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

Thursday, May 22, 2008

9:00 AM

Media Briefing Room

Members Present: Councilmember Mary Alice Cisneros, *Chair, District 1*
Councilmember Sheila McNeil, *District 2*
Councilmember Lourdes Galvan, *District 5*
Councilmember Louis Rowe, *District 9*

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Pat DiGiovanni, *Deputy City Manager*; Penny Postoak-Ferguson, *Assistant City Manager*; Leticia Vacek, *City Clerk*; Robert Peche, *Economic Development Director*; Robert Murdock, *Military Affairs Director*; Ed Davis, *Economic Development Assistant Director*; Anita Uribe Martin, *Economic Development Assistant Director*; Reynaldo Cano, *International Affairs Assistant Director*; Ray Rodriguez, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Also Present: Stephen Humphry, *MGT of America*; Hope Smith, *MGT of America*; Robert Rowe; Bradley Stephenson; Frank Juarez; Greg Cunningham; Marie Stout; Florence Alcoser; Ray Garza; Richard Leal

Call to Order

Chairperson Cisneros called the meeting to order.

1. Citizens to be Heard

There were no citizens to be heard.

2. Approval of Minutes of the April 24, 2008 Economic and Community Development Committee Meeting

Councilmember Rowe moved to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2008 Economic & Community Development Committee Meeting. Councilmember McNeil seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

At this time the Committee addressed Item 6.

6. Recommendation for Council approval of the Camp Bullis Joint Land Use Study evaluation committee's recommended contractor

Presented by Robert Murdock, Director, Office of Military Affairs

Robert Murdock informed the Committee that the Camp Bullis Joint Land Use Study Evaluation Committee recommended the Matrix Design Group with an evaluation score of 83.38. He noted that the proposed contractor had conducted seven recent Land Use Studies, extensive recent military experience, and expertise in

zoning ordinances and state legislation. He added that funding for the contract and a staff person to oversee the program had been approved by the Office of Economic Adjustment.

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

Councilmember McNeil recommended an evaluation of zoning cases that could possibly threaten the mission at Camp Bullis. She noted that it was imperative that the Committee extend every effort to prevent the threat of losing Camp Bullis and its military missions in San Antonio. Pat DiGiovanni stated that the Planning Department was monitoring zoning activity in the area.

Councilmember Rowe requested to be updated on any changes regarding said issue.

3. Recommendation and possible action regarding appointments to the Fort Sam Houston Community Advisory Board (13 slots); Air Transportation Advisory Commission (1 slot); and Convention and Visitors Commission (1 slot)

Presented by Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

Leticia Vacek recommended Committee approval of the following unopposed slots on the Fort Sam Houston Community Advisory Board:

- Ronald Ward – Neighborhood Association: Westfort Alliance
- Diane Y. Green – Neighborhood Association; Dignowity Hill
- Reverend Earle C. Douglas – Clergy
- Al Marin - Clergy

Councilmember McNeil moved to forward said recommendations to the full Council for consideration. Councilmember Galvan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

At this time the Committee addressed the remaining categories:

Business Representative

Greg Cunningham stated that he served both The Towers at Park Lane and Park Lane West Residents and Associates. He noted that it would be prudent to have a voice representing those individuals.

Richard Leal stated that he was past Chair of the Fort Sam Houston Commercial Advisory Board. He noted that he was excited about the comprehensive rezoning and the BRAC recommendations for Fort Sam Houston.

Ms. Vacek read a statement on behalf of Vincent Solis that stated he was unable to attend the meeting due to job related commitments. He expressed interest in serving on the Board.

Councilmember McNeil moved to forward Greg Cunningham and Richard Leal for recommendation to the full Council for consideration. Councilmember Rowe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Neighborhood Association: Government Hill Alliance

Marie Stout stated that she owns rental property and resides in the Government Hill Area and that she served on the South Fort Sam Houston Advisory Board.

Florence Alcoser stated that she served on the South Fort Sam Houston Advisory Board and was presently serving on the San Antonio Conservation Board of Directors. She noted that she was very familiar with area concerns.

Councilmember Galvan moved to forward Florence Alcoser for recommendation to the full Council for consideration. Sheila McNeil seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Vacek announced that there were still vacancies to be filled on the Fort Sam Houston Community Advisory Board.

Air Transportation Advisory Commission

Ray Garza stated that he was familiar with the expansion progress at the San Antonio International Airport and Stinson Municipal Airport. He noted that his background in safety and construction would allow him to address passenger safety concerns.

Frank Juarez stated that he was a Mechanical Engineer with a background in Aviation. He noted that he has a passion for Aviation and would like to serve on the Commission.

Bradley Stephenson stated that he was an attorney and cited his experience with the following: 1) The San Antonio Economic Development Foundation; 2) A Federal Government Lobbyist; and 3) A person with a disability. He noted that his experience would be of great assistance to the Aviation Director.

Robert Rowe stated that he served as Department of Homeland Security Assistant Head of Security for Law Enforcement at San Antonio International Airport and that he also served as Federal Security Director. He noted that he has worked closely with the San Antonio Aviation Director, Airport Police, and Airport Operations. Mr. Rowe stated that he does not live in the San Antonio City Limits and requested a waiver of residency from the Council.

Councilmember Galvan moved to forward Ray Garza for recommendation to the full Council for consideration. Councilmember Rowe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Convention and Visitors Commission

Ms. Vacek informed the Committee that the San Antonio Hotel and Lodging Association nominated Tom Brendel to replace Tom Smith who resigned.

Councilmember Rowe moved to accept said recommendation and forward to the full Council for consideration. Councilmember McNeil seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. San Antonio Regional Disparity Availability Study Update

Presented by Robert Peche, Director, Economic Development Department

Robert Peche provided an update on the San Antonio Disparity Availability Study and noted that this effort would determine if disadvantaged, minority-owned and women-owned businesses (D/M/WBE's) were afforded equitable opportunities to participate in local government and other contracts within the relevant Study Consortium Members Marketplace. He added that the Study commenced in summer of 2006 and that the anticipated completion was scheduled for summer 2008.

5. Recommendation for a Resolution by the Empowerment Zone Development Corporation and an Ordinance by City Council approving the issuance of Empowerment Zone (EZ) facility bonds for the San Antonio RiverWalk Edition Hotel Project

Presented by Robert Peche, Director, Economic Development Department

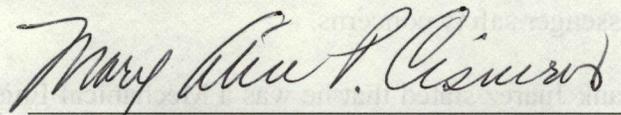
Said item was pulled.

7. Consideration of items for future meetings

There were no items addressed.

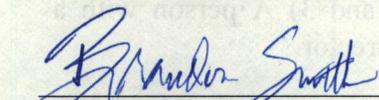
8. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.



Mary Alice Cisneros, Chairperson

Respectfully Submitted,



Brandon T. Smith
Office of the City Clerk