

CITY COUNCIL GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

March 5, 2008

2:00 p.m.

Media Briefing Room

Council Present:	Mayor Phil Hardberger, <i>Chair</i> Councilmember Mary Alice Cisneros, <i>District 1</i> Councilmember Delicia Herrera, <i>District 6</i> Councilmember Justin Rodriguez, <i>District 7</i> Councilmember John Clamp, <i>District 10</i>
Staff Present:	Sheryl Sculley, <i>City Manager</i> ; Jelynn Burley, <i>Deputy City Manager</i> ; Erik Walsh, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Sharon De La Garza, <i>Assistant to the City Manager</i> ; Michael Bernard, <i>City Attorney</i> ; Leticia Vacek, <i>City Clerk</i> ; David D. Garza, <i>Housing & Neighborhood Services Director</i> ; Rod Sanchez, <i>Development Services Director</i> ; Susan Guinn, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Fernando DeLeon, <i>Development Services Assistant Director</i> ; Trey Jacobson, <i>Assistant to the Mayor</i> ; Larry Zinn, <i>Assistant to the Mayor</i> ; Anna Galimore, <i>Development Services Staff</i> ; Chris Looney, <i>Development Services Staff</i> ; Liza Meyer, <i>Environmental Services Staff</i> ; Sarah Cazares, <i>City Manager's Office</i> ; Catherine Tkachyk, <i>City Manager's Office</i> ; Adam Greenup, <i>District 1 Staff</i> ; Carlos D. Pena, <i>District 1 Staff</i> ; Jeremy Hahn, <i>District 4 Staff</i> ; Sonny Torres, <i>District 6 Staff</i> ; Jennifer Guillen, <i>District 7 Staff</i> ; Michael Shackelford, <i>District 8 Staff</i> ; Adam Ash, <i>District 9 Staff</i> ; Jamie Davenport, <i>District 10 Staff</i> ; Mario Hune, <i>District 10 Staff</i> ; Mandy Milam, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
Others Present:	Frank Burney, <i>Silver Ventures</i> ; Daryl Byrd, <i>Silver Ventures</i> ; Todd Compton, <i>TEDSI</i> ; John Jacks, <i>Drenner & Golden Stuart Wolff</i> ; Chuck Saxer, <i>North-side Neighborhoods for Organized Development (NNOD) President</i>

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Phil Hardberger called the meeting to order.

I. Approval of minutes from the meeting of February 20, 2008

Councilmember Rodriguez moved to approve the minutes of February 20, 2008 as submitted. Councilmember Clamp seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

II. Items Requiring Individual Briefing(s)

No Items Scheduled.

III. Council Consideration Requests

- A. Consideration of a request by Councilmember Justin Rodriguez, District 7, requesting to amend the Dangerous Premise process. Presented by David D. Garza, Housing & Neighborhood Services Director.

Staff Recommendation: Notification is currently sent six days prior to the hearing. Staff recommends that notification be sent to registered Neighborhood Association fourteen (14) days before the DSDB hearing. This amended policy will be effective March 24, 2008, the next scheduled DSDB hearing and can be implemented administratively.

Mr. Garza noted that Neighborhood Associations have been receiving notices since 2000 and that the San Antonio Conservation Society receives notices if the property is of historical value. A third organization that may be notified when demolitions are within the boundaries of their parishes is Communities Organized for Public Services (COPS). He stated that the current policy permits notices to be sent six days before the hearing and they would like to amend that to fourteen days. He added that Council would also be notified when a property was to be demolished in their district.

Councilmember Rodriguez reiterated that the intent was to give citizens more notice. He stated that fourteen days would be sufficient and he was favorable to Council also receiving notice. Councilmember Rodriguez moved to implement said item as recommended by staff to be implemented administratively and effective March 24, 2008. Councilmember Clamp seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Herrera entered the meeting at this time.

- B. Consideration of a request by Councilmember Diane Cibrian, District 8, requesting staff to develop a San Antonio Green Award for community builders. Presented by Erik Walsh, Assistant City Manager.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends including the development of the Green Award as a component to the Mayor's Comprehensive Energy Plan. Staff has previously recommended that this effort return to the Governance Committee for progress updates.

Mr. Walsh stated that the Councilmember would like to recognize and award builders who promote conservation of water and energy, utilize recyclable materials, and preserve native wildlife and indigenous trees. He noted that the Office of Environmental Policy would be partnering with Development Services, Economic Development, CPS, SAWS, and the Metropolitan Partnership for Energy to identify those builders. Preliminary research has been based off of a similar program in Chicago.

Councilmember Cisneros moved to approve as recommended by staff to be included as a component to the Mayor's Comprehensive Energy Plan. Councilmember Clamp seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Consideration of a request by Councilmember Mary Alice Cisneros, District 1, requesting an amendment to the Unified Development Code (UDC) to incorporate lot size and frontage relief in the IDZ (Infill Development Zone) zoning district. Presented by Rod Sanchez, Development Services Director.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval and consideration by the Planning Commission Technical Advisory Committee, the Planning Commission, the Zoning Commission and the Infrastructure and Growth Committee for additional input and recommendations, before forwarding to City Council.

Mr. Sanchez noted that in 2001, the IDZ was created to encourage and make development of the infill easier. He stated that the area is approximately thirty-six square miles located in the corporate boundaries of San Antonio as they existed in 1940. The regulations work well for single lot developments, but not for larger, irregularly shaped properties. Mr. Sanchez noted that they would like to encourage pedestrian activity in the area and the requirements for street frontage are not compatible with this goal.

Mr. Byrd stated that these were issues that had surfaced during the Pearl Brewery. Their site has irregular geometry due to the fact that the western boundary is the San Antonio River. He noted that Silver Ventures had worked with City staff to find other options, including rezoning the land to PUD, but retaining the IDZ would be ideal.

Councilmember Clamp asked how the amendment would impact the street and landscape of the roadways. Mr. Sanchez replied that the requirements were still in place to address same.

Councilmember Cisneros moved to forward said item to the Planning Commission Technical Advisory Committee, the Planning Commission, the Zoning Commission and the Infrastructure and Growth Committee for additional input prior to consideration by the Council. Councilmember Herrera seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Executive Session

No items were addressed.

V. Subcommittee Updates

No items were addressed.

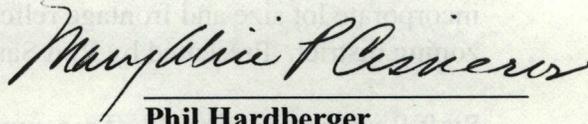
VI. Consideration of items for future meetings

No items were addressed.

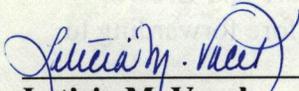
VII. Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

ATTEST:



**Phil Hardberger
Mayor**



**Leticia M. Vacek
City Clerk**