

**CITY COUNCIL GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2014
1:00 PM
MEDIA BRIEFING ROOM, CITY HALL**

Council Present:	Mayor Julián Castro, <i>Chair</i> Councilmember Diego Bernal, <i>District 1</i> Councilmember Rebecca Viagran, <i>District 3</i> Councilmember Rey Saldaña, <i>District 4</i> Councilmember Ron Nirenberg, <i>District 8</i>
Staff Present:	Sheryl Sculley, <i>City Manager</i> ; Robbie Greenblum, <i>City Attorney</i> ; Leticia Vacek, <i>City Clerk</i> ; Erik Walsh, <i>Deputy City Manager</i> ; Kathy Bruck, <i>CEO, Pre-K 4 SA</i> ; Andrés Andujar, <i>CEO, Hemisfair Park</i> ; Carlos Contreras, <i>Asst. City Manager</i> ; Mike Frisbie, <i>Transportation and Capital Improvements, Director</i> ; Razi Hosseini, <i>Transportation and Capital Improvements, Asst. Director</i> ; Jed Maebius, <i>Liaison, Mayor's Office</i> ; Tim Salas, <i>District 4</i> ; Lincoln Avant, <i>District 1</i> ; Eloy LaQue, <i>District 8</i> ; Ray Rodriguez, <i>City Manager's Office</i> ; John Peterek, <i>Special Projects Manager, City Manager's Office</i> ; Rebekah Jamison, <i>Sr. Executive Secretary, Office of the City Clerk</i>

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Castro called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of minutes from the February 19, 2014 Governance Committee Meeting.

Councilmember Saldaña moved to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2014 Governance Committee Meeting as submitted. Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion. Motion carried by those present.

Individual Briefings

2. Pre-K 4 SA Board of Directors Appointments for Even Numbered City Council Districts. Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; Kathy Bruck, Pre-K 4 SA CEO

Peter Zanoni reported that the Pre-K 4 SA Board of Directors was comprised of 11 Board Members. In accordance with the Pre-K 4 SA Bylaws, the Board of Directors are appointed by the Mayor and City Council. Each City Council Member and the Mayor appoint one Director to the Board. The Mayor's Appointee serves as the Chairperson of the Board. District appointees do not have to reside in the specific City Council District.

Mr. Zaroni added that the Board Members serve two-year staggered terms. Appointees of even-numbered City Council Districts served an initial term of one year beginning in 2013 and ending on May 31, 2014. Mr. Zaroni noted that successors would serve a two-year term beginning June 1, 2014 and ending May 31, 2016. He stated that the Chairperson and odd-numbered City Council Districts appointments serve an initial two-year term that would end on May 31, 2015.

Mr. Zaroni reported that the Council Members for City Council Districts 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 have each selected appointees to serve their respective Districts on the Pre-K 4 SA Board of Directors. The new term for the appointees of Districts 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10 would begin on June 1, 2014 and last through May 31, 2016. Nominees for the aforementioned five City Council Districts will be presented to the full City Council on April 3, 2014.

Mr. Zaroni stated that three re-appointments were District 2, Pamela E. Rey; District 4, Richard Perez; and District 10, Dr. Linda Foster.

He reported that the two recommended nominees were:

- District 6 - Lucy Hall
 - Served as Executive Director of Edgewood ISD Elementary Schools
 - Master's Degree in Education from Our Lady of the Lake University
 - Professional affiliations include: Alamo Area Alliance of Black School Educators and Coalition of 100 Black Women.

- District 8 – Dr. Shari Albright
 - Norine R. Murchison Distinguished Professor of Practice and Chair of the Department of Education at Trinity University
 - Bachelor's Degree in Education and Master's Degree in School Psychology and Educational Administration from Trinity University
 - Formerly served as: Project Director at SBC Foundation; Fellow in the Kellogg National Leadership Program; Principal at International School of the Americas; Director of Special Projects at North East ISD; CEO of Asia Society International Studies Schools Network

Mr. Zaroni stated that Pre-K 4 SA Board requests that the Governance Council Committee approve the recommended appointees for Council Districts 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 and forward to the full City Council for Consideration at the April 3, 2014 Meeting.

Mayor Castro thanked the returning Pre-K 4 SA Board Members for a job well done and stated he looked forward to working with the new recommended appointments.

Councilmember Nirenberg moved to forward said item to the full City Council as recommended by staff. Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Briefing on updates to the design and construction schedules at Hemisfair. Lori Houston, Director, Center City Development Office

Andrés Andujar reported that the creation of Hemisfair Park Area Redevelopment Corporation (HPARC) had led to several important milestones towards achieving the mission to expand the park and improve its quality. Those milestones include the City Council approval of the Framework Plan in May 2011 and Master Plan in February 2012; the inclusion and passage of \$30 million of public investment in the 2012 Bond Program; and the clarity of dedicated parkland and creation of the Hemisfair Public Facilities Corporation in December 2013. These activities allow for the design and construction of Phase 1 of the Park Improvements at the Southwest Corner (currently referred to as Play Escape) and Phase 2 at the Northwest corner (currently referred to as Civic Park) of Hemisfair.

Mr. Andujar showed a video relating to the following updates:

- The Southwest Corner: Play Escape is a 4-acre park under design with construction anticipated to start in July 2014. Improvements to the public spaces were designed for all ages and abilities and include a water splash pad, climbing structures, interactive public art, a sand dig, and a central pergola structure that provides shade and access to these amenities. Existing historic structures within this park are currently under design for structural repairs and stabilization. These structures will serve as park amenities and are planned to offer such uses as cafes, bookstores, galleries, retail as well as food and beverage facilities. Construction completion is planned for Spring 2015.
- Northwest Corner: With the placeholder name of “Civic Park” this site will be the most iconic park within Hemisfair. The design was funded through 2012 Bond dollars and the design contract is on the March 20, 2014 City Council Agenda. The scheduling of the design of the Civic Park would involve an iterative process that includes design of underground parking and adjacent mixed-use vertical structures. Construction will commence in the Summer of 2016 once the demolition of the northwest corner of the Convention Center is complete. The Civic Park will be substantially complete in 2017. Finding sources for the various Projects include public, private and philanthropy. Fundraising will be required to construct all of the intended improvements.
- Complete Streets: Access to the Parks at Hemisfair will be through a network of “Complete Streets” that are designed for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, wheelchair users and vehicles. The internal streets that will allow circulation within Hemisfair are designed to be slow-speed, multi-purpose, shared roads with wide sidewalks, and park landscape that provide storm water retention and drainage. South Alamo Street (between Cesar Chavez Boulevard and Commerce Street), Goliad (an extension to Nueva Street), and Water Street (between Cesar

Chavez and Goliad) are currently under design with construction expected to start this Fall.

- **Fundraising:** Hemisfair Conservancy will serve as a powerful conduit of philanthropy to elevate San Antonio by ensuring exceptional quality and longevity of the Hemisfair public spaces and their amenities for generations. An Executive Director was hired in February 2014 who started donor cultivation. A major fundraising push for the Play Escape is expected to begin in Fall 2014.

Mr. Andujar reported that HPARC continues to work closely with the Center City Development Office, Transportation & Capital Improvements (TCI), the Convention Center Expansion Team, Parks and Recreation, other City Departments and many stakeholders to ensure a coordinated design and construction effort.

Mayor Castro thanked Andrés Andujar and Lori Houston for all their work on HPARC and added that it was the Centerpiece of the Decade of Downtown. He added that it was good to hear the progress being made on the physical revitalization of the space.

Mayor Castro asked of the status in terms of prospects of fundraising efforts. Mr. Andujar stated that it was a combination of private fundraising, naming rights and other tools that could be developed such as sponsorships that families could take over and provide funding.

Mayor Castro excused himself from the meeting at this time.

Councilmember Bernal stated that overall the City was taking parks more seriously and to keep encouraging in some way good work and faith. No action was required for said item.

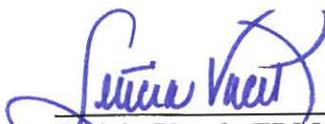
4. Next Meeting Scheduled: March 27, 2014

Mayor Pro-Tem Viagran announced that the next Governance Council Committee Meeting was scheduled for March 27, 2014.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Viagran adjourned the meeting at 1:48 p.m.

ATTEST:



Leticia Vacek, TRMC/MMC
City Clerk



Julian Castro
Mayor