

**Quality of Life Council Committee
Minutes**

Thursday December 15, 2005

7:30 a.m.

City Hall - Media Briefing Room

Members Present: Councilmember Art Hall, Chair, District 8
Councilmember Richard Perez, District 4
Councilmember Elena Guajardo, District 7
Councilmember Chip Haass, District 10

Staff Present: Melissa Byrne Vossmer, Assistant City Manager; Martha Sepeda, Assistant City Attorney; Malcolm Mathews, Parks & Recreation Director; Albert Ortiz, Police Chief; Tom Wendorf, Public Works Director; Emil Moncivais, Planning Director; Florencio Pena, Development Services Director; Roderick Sanchez, Development Services Assistant Director; Ray Baray, Intergovernmental Relations Manager; Trey Jacobson, Assistant to the Mayor; Brandon Smith, Office of the City Clerk

Also Present: Councilmember Sheila McNeil, District 2; Barbara Witte-Howell, Parks Board; P. J. Wright, Golf Subcommittee; Banks Smith, San Antonio River Foundation

Call to Order

Chairman Hall called the meeting to order.

**1. Approval of Minutes for the October 20, 2005 and November 17, 2005
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Brandon Smith noted an amendment to the November 17, 2005 minutes on page 3. The correction stated the recommendation by Malcolm Mathews was that the development of negotiation points for a future agreement for both Willow Springs and Riverside Golf Courses would be a better option than to draft an RFP as requested by Councilmember Haass.

The committee members present unanimously approved the minutes of the October 20, 2005 and November 17, 2005 with the noted amendment.

**2. Discussion and consideration of a request to amend the Naming Ordinance to
SA River Improvements as requested by Councilmember Roger O. Flores,
District 1 – Malcolm Mathews, Parks and Recreation Director**

Mr. Mathews outlined guidelines governing donor recognition for the San Antonio River Improvement Project. He noted that the San Antonio River Foundation would be required to amend the City's Naming Ordinance. Mr. Mathews suggested that the San

Antonio River Foundation formally establish the proposed donor recognition guidelines and bring all naming considerations to the City Council for final approval.

Banks Smith noted that the San Antonio River Foundation was charged to raise \$10-\$15 million in private funds to facilitate amenities (sidewalks, irrigation, landscaping, etc) for the new sections of the San Antonio River Improvement Project. He stated that the foundation would use naming opportunities to leverage funds for the project. Mr. Smith added that the San Antonio River Foundation will recognize individual sponsorship of structures and amenities in the new section of the Riverwalk only.

Chairman Hall stated that he was pleased with the proposed guidelines and that he felt their guidelines were fair.

Councilmember Perez asked if a structure or amenity could be named after a deserving individual without making a contribution. Mr. Smith responded that the City Council has the discretion to name a structure or amenity as desired; however, he pointed out that significant funding toward amenities could be lost in doing so.

Councilmember Guajardo asked how the foundation raises funds. Mr. Smith responded that the San Antonio River Foundation speaks to individuals and foundations and has held a public auction to raise funds.

In response to Chairman Hall, Mr. Smith stated that the foundation has raised \$200,000 to date. Mr. Mathews noted that the City of San Antonio's contribution to the project is approximately \$40 million over 10 years.

The committee directed staff to move forward with the next step.

3. Discussion and consideration of a proposed ordinance in support of the desire of small business employers and employees to advocate for their parental and economic rights to provide family friendly practices in the workplace, as requested by Councilmember Kevin A. Wolff, District 9 – Ramiro Cavazos, Economic Development Director

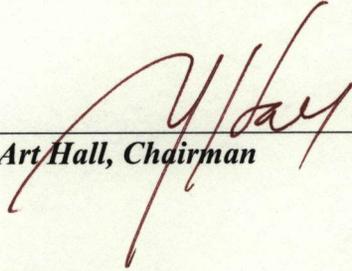
Dennis Campa presented a PowerPoint entitled Parent/Child At-Work Advocacy. Mr. Campa noted a proposed draft of a bill allowing for "pilot" projects statewide that create an additional Regulatory Category, "On-Site Center" which can be used as a model for future changes. He also noted that Councilmember Wolff initiated the six signature memo in support of small businesses advocating child care in the workplace. Mr. Campa added that the proposed draft would address the current barriers imposed on Small Businesses wishing to implement "On-Site Centers for child care.

Councilmember Perez stated that he was pleased with the information presented and directed staff to confer with Councilmember Wolff and proceed with said item.

Mr. Campa stated that staff will confer with Councilmember Wolff, Economic Development, Intergovernmental Relations and Family Services with regard to said item.

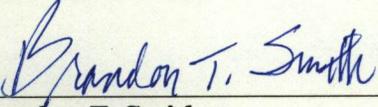
There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Copies of these presentations are made part of the file and are available upon request



Art Hall, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,



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