

**Quality of Life  
Council Committee Meeting  
Minutes**

**Tuesday, June 10, 2008**

**3:00 p.m.**

**Media Briefing Room**

**Members Present:** Councilmember Delicia Herrera, *District 6, Chair*  
Councilmember Mary Alice Cisneros, *District 1*  
Councilmember Jennifer Ramos, *District 3*  
Councilmember Diane Cibrian, *District 8*

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**Staff Present:** Frances Gonzalez, *Assistant City Manager*; Penny Postoak-Ferguson, *Assistant City Manager*; Leticia Vacek, *City Clerk*; Leticia Saenz, *Deputy City Clerk*; Aubrey George, *Library Assistant Director*; Janet Martin, *Parks & Recreation Assistant Director*; Cindy Schoenmakers, *Community Initiatives Assistant Director*; Ramon Mendez, *Housing & Neighborhood Services Assistant Director*; Viki Ash, *Library*; Jennifer Velasquez, *Library*; Stephen Whitworth, *Assistant City Attorney*; Shreya Shah, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

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**Others Present:** Richard Massey, *Elderly Affairs Commission*; Doris Griffin, *Elderly Affairs Commission*; Betty Eckert, *Elderly Affairs Commission*

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**I. Regular Business:**

**A. Call Meeting to Order**

Chairperson Herrera called the Meeting to order.

**B. Approval of the Minutes from the April 8, 2008 Quality of Life Council Committee Meeting**

Councilmember Ramos moved to approve the Minutes from the April 8, 2008 Quality of Life Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Cibrian seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**II. Agenda Item(s):**

- A. Recommendation and possible action regarding appointments to the Head Start Policy Council (2 slots) and the Advisory Board of Health of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (5 slots)**  
Presented by Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

Leticia Vacek informed the Committee that there were two slots to be filled on the Head Start Policy Council. She noted that Hilda Salas withdrew her application for reappointment and

requested that the Committee forward the following Head Start Policy Council recommendations to the full Council for Consideration:

Judith York – Higher Education Category (1 slot)  
Ana De Hoyos O'Connor – College Level Category (1 slot)

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

Ms. Vacek announced the applicants for the Advisory Board of Health of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District. She requested that the following recommendations be forwarded to the full Council for consideration:

Jill Ripps (seeking reappointment) – AIDS Service Organization/Provider (1 slot)  
Steven Jewell – Hospital Services Administration (1 slot)

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

Ms. Vacek informed the Committee that there was one slot available for the Physician Category and that there were two applicants: Dr. Tobie-Lynn Smith and Dr. Chelsea Clinton. She noted that neither applicant was present and read a statement submitted by Dr. Smith. She added that Dr. Smith had been nominated by Councilmember Cisneros.

Chairperson Herrera entertained a motion for recommendation. Councilmember Ramos moved to recommend Dr. Tobie-Lynn Smith to the full Council for consideration. Councilmember Cibrian requested additional time to review the proposed applications.

Ms. Vacek cited that the Physician Category was difficult to fill and noted that Dr. Chelsea Clinton stated that she would understand if she was not appointed at this time.

Councilmember Ramos recommended that said item be deferred until the arrival of Councilmember Cisneros. Chairperson Herrera concurred.

At this time the Committee addressed Item B.

**B. Presentation of the City/County Joint Commission on Elderly Affairs and FY '09 budget recommendations**

Presented by Cindy Schoenmakers, Assistant Director, Department of Community Initiatives

Cindy Schoenmakers presented the City/County Joint Commission on Elderly Affairs FY 2009 budget recommendations totaling a \$3,505,125 increase to the current funding of \$2,851,231. Betty Eckert addressed the Committee and stated that she was speaking individually and not on behalf of any organization she represents. She requested that the Committee consider the critical needs of Seniors and cited the areas of nutrition, transportation, and medicine. Frances Gonzalez stated that staff would provide an update regarding funding allocations for nutrition and transportation. She noted that Senior Nutrition Centers, usually faith-based, closed for various reasons such as insurance issues or facility renovations and not due to funding reductions. Councilmember Cibrian spoke in support of Senior Center maintenance and expressed concerns

regarding the location of some of the Centers. Richard Massey spoke in support of Multi-Service Centers to provide additional services to Seniors. Ms. Schoenmakers stated that staff would update the Committee with a map of Senior Centers within the City and County.

**C. Update on Summer Recreation Program**

Presented by Malcolm Matthews, Director, Parks and Recreation Department

Janet Martin provided an update on the Summer Recreation Program sliding scale fees. Chairperson Herrera requested a list of fee scale participation rankings per District. Councilmember Cibrian stated that staff should be careful when requesting documentation required for participating in programs involving children and that no family should be deterred from applying for services.

**D. Briefing on the Mayor's Summer Reading Program**

Presented by Ramiro Salazar, Director, Library Department

Viki Ash reported that the target number of registrations for the 2008 Summer Reading Program was 19,138 and cited that 7,089 children had registered to date. She noted that participants would be rewarded with a Reading Club Certificate signed by the Mayor and a free paperback book. She added that Summer Reading Programs were free and available weekly at all library locations.

At this time the Committee returned to Item A.

Chairperson Herrera entertained the motion by Councilmember Ramos to recommend Dr. Tobie-Lynn Smith to the full Council for consideration. Councilmember Cisneros seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**E. Informational Update on Internet Access and PC Filtering Item**

Presented by Ramiro Salazar, Director, Library Department

Jennifer Velasquez reported that approximately one million internet access transactions took place at public libraries last year. She detailed the implementation of a 5-Point Plan that included:

- ✓ Internet Management – PC Cop software to monitor and terminate access violators
- ✓ Special Computer Station for Children
- ✓ Internet Safety Box for Parents
- ✓ Public Education Campaign
- ✓ Internet Safety Classes

Councilmember Cibrian requested status updates on the Internet Access Plan and any crime statistics regarding public access within San Antonio Public Libraries.

**F. Citizens to be Heard**

Faris Hodge addressed the Committee regarding the following issues:

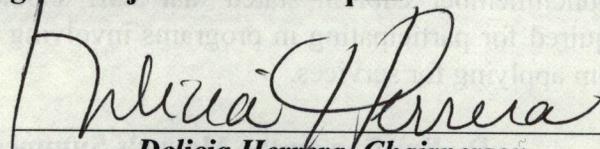
- Internet access monitoring by SAPD
- Quality of Life Meeting should be televised

- The City should recycle at Senior Centers with proceeds going back to the Centers
- Travis Park lights go on too early and are a waste of money
- Do not build new libraries but repair existing facilities
- Downtown Library smells bad due to the rugs at the entrance

**III. Consideration of items for future meetings: August 12, 2008**

**IV. Adjournment**

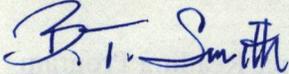
**There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.**



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**Delicia Herrera, Chairperson**

**Respectfully Submitted,**



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**Brandon T. Smith  
Office of the City Clerk**