

**Infrastructure & Growth Council Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, October 20, 2009**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Municipal Plaza Room B**

**Members Present:** Councilmember *Philip Cortez, District 4, Chair*  
Councilmember *David Medina, District 5*  
Councilmember *Elisa Chan, District 9*

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**Members Absent:** Councilmember *Reed Williams, District 8*

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**Staff Present:** Penny Postoak Ferguson, *Assistant City Manager*; Rod Sanchez, *Planning & Development Services Director*; Leticia Vacek, *City Clerk*; Debbie Sittre, *CIMS Assistant Director*; George Rodriguez, *CIMS Assistant Director*; Camila Kunau, *Assistant City Attorney*; Audrey Johnson, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

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**Others Present:** Steven Haman, *RECSA*; Martha Mangum, *RECSA*; Rob Killen, *Kaufman & Killen*; Daniel Ortiz, *Brawn & Ortiz*; Ken Brown, *Brawn & Ortiz*; Ayda Gonzalez, *GDA*; Steve Walkup, *CompPlus*

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**1. Call to Order**

Councilmember Cortez called the meeting to order.

**2. Citizens to be Heard**

There were no Citizens to be Heard.

**3. Approval of Minutes for the September 15, 2009 Infrastructure & Growth Council Committee Meeting**

Councilmember Chan moved to approve the Minutes of the September 15, 2009 Infrastructure and Growth Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Medina seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Briefing and possible action on the consideration of applicants for the Planning Commission (4 slots) and Board of Adjustment, Zoning – Alternate Members (6 slots)**

Presented by Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

Leticia Vacek presented applicants for consideration and noted that there were four (4) slots vacant on the Planning Commission.

*Rolando Briones*, Business Owner, stated that he had seven years of municipal experience and had served on the San Antonio Development Board; Board of Adjustments; and Zoning Commission. In response to Councilmember Chan, Mr. Briones replied that the most important

achievement that he'd like to accomplish as a Planning Commission Member was to follow the law and abide by the rules and regulations.

**John Friesenhahn** stated that he had served on the Planning Commission for four years and was seeking reappointment. He noted that he had worked on the Master Plan Committee and served as chair of the Technical Advisory Committee. In response to Councilmember Chan, he indicated that he attended meetings prepared; had UDC experience; exhibited consistency in decision making; and abided by local, state, and federal laws.

**Ayda Gonzalez** stated that she had a Degree in Civil Engineering and started an Engineering firm. She noted that she was President of Gonzalez, De La Garza & Associates. In response to Chairman Cortez, she replied that with her background in Civil Engineering and UDC experience, she could bring added value to the Planning Commission.

**Amelia Hartman** served on the Planning Commission for six years and served as Vice-Chair. She indicated that she served as Master Plan Committee Chair; was employed at the San Antonio Federal Credit Union; and served as Executive Director for Habitat for Humanity. She stated that the Planning Commission had improved the responsiveness of the UDC, met new challenges of development.

**Jody Sherrill** stated that he had served on the Zoning Commission, Open Space Advisory Board, and the Parks and Recreation Board. He noted that he would like to provide a neighborhood presence on the Commission and incorporate changes to the Master Plan to provide more flexibility and address neighborhood issues.

**Christopher Lindhorst** stated that he was seeking reappointment and had served on the Technical Advisory Committee. He cited his educational background in Engineering and working knowledge of the UDC. If reappointed, he stated that he would like to continue the work of the Commission and encourage development throughout the City.

Councilmember Chan moved to recommend Jody Sherrill, Amelia Hartman, Rolando Briones, and Christopher Lindhorst for appointment to the Planning Commission. Councilmember Medina seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

*Alternate Members Zoning Board of Adjustments*

Ms. Vacek presented applicants for consideration and noted that there were six (6) slots vacant for Zoning Board of Adjustments Alternate Members.

**Maria Cruz**, seeking reappointment, stated she had served on the Board for three years and that she had also served in the following capacities: Nogalitos-Zarzamora Coalition Board; Member-Palm Heights Neighborhood Association; Court-appointed Child Advocate; and a member of Sidewalks Inc.

**Paul Klein**, Parsons Commercial Technology, stated that he had previously served on the Board of Adjustments from 2001-2009. He noted that his experience as an Architect would be beneficial to the Board regarding technical issues.

*Marian Moffat*, seeking reappointment, cited her educational background in Sociology, Public Administration, and Law. She noted that the Board of Adjustments had limited jurisdiction and that Board Members must interpret the law from their various backgrounds for any given case.

Ms. Vacek indicated that Henry Rodriguez and Peter Valone had submitted written statements and were unable to be present.

*Steve Walkup* cited his background in Civil Engineering and noted that he was a Construction Safety Consultant specializing in Safety and Environmental Compliance. He stated that his volunteer experience included the SAMM Homeless Shelter and bi-weekly radio address for OWL Radio. In response to Councilmember Medina, he indicated that he would like to contribute to the community in an official capacity on the Board.

Councilmember Medina moved to recommend Harold Atkinson, Maria Cruz, Paul Klein, Henry Rodriguez, Marian Moffat and Steve Walkup for appointment to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Councilmember Chan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Briefing and possible action on Chapter 37 of the Municipal Code**

Presented by Mike Frisbie, Director, Capital Improvement Management Services

George Rodriguez provided an overview of the proposed revisions to Chapter 37 of the Municipal Code regarding fees and statutory authority addressing acquisition, disposition, leasing, and licensing issues.

Penny Postoak Ferguson clarified that Councilmember Clamp had submitted a Council Consideration Request (CCR) requesting that a portion of the fee increases be applied to the Street Endowment Fund. She noted that current fees go to the General Fund and that Staff recommended that increased fees also be applied to the General Fund.

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

**6. Briefing and possible action on the Tree Ordinance for Camp Bullis**

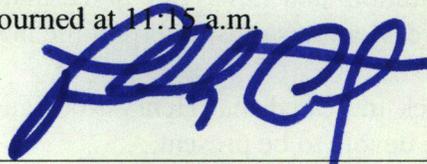
Presented by Rod Sanchez, Director, Planning and Development Services

Rod Sanchez reported that staff recommended amending the Tree Preservation Ordinance in two phases to address the significant loss of tree canopy, as well as compliance and enforcement issues. He noted that staff recommended the adoption of phase I of the proposed amendments to the Tree Preservation Ordinance.

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

**7. Adjourn**

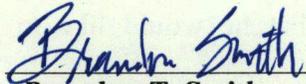
There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.



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**Philip Cortez, Chairman**

**Respectfully Submitted,**



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