

**Quality of Life  
Council Committee Meeting  
Minutes**

**Tuesday, January 13, 2009**

**3:00 p.m.**

**Media Briefing Room**

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

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**Members Absent:** Councilmember Jennifer Ramos, *District 3*

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**Staff Present:** Frances Gonzalez, *Assistant City Manager*; Andrew Cameron, *Grants Monitoring & Administration Director*; Cindy Schoenmakers, *Community Initiatives Assistant Director*; Jed Maebius, *Mayor's Office*; Denise Monday, *Assistant City Attorney*; Shreya Shah, *Assistant City Attorney*; Enid Howard, *Assistant City Attorney*; Denise Luckey, *Office of the City Clerk*

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**Also Present:** John Kenny, *SAHT*; Lupia Martinez, *NISD*; Guadalupe Ruvalcaba, *SAISD*; Pamela Toman, *JSLA*; Betsy Spencer, *SAAHC*; Robert Jordon, *NHS*; Gil Piette, *HCS*; Rod Radle, *SAAHC*; Susan Sheeran, *Merced*; Stephen Colley

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**Call to order**

Chairperson Herrera called the meeting to order.

At this time, the Committee addressed Item 2.

**2. Presentation and action on the FY 2009-2010 Consolidated Plan/Budget Schedule**

Presented by Andrew W. Cameron, Director, Grants monitoring and Administration

Andrew Cameron requested Committee direction on setting dates and places for two City Council Public Hearings for the City's Annual Action Plan/Budget Process and presented the proposed schedule for the following:

- ✦ Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- ✦ Home Investment Partnership Shelter Grant (HOME)
- ✦ American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI)
- ✦ Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG)
- ✦ Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)

He stated that CDBG/HOME funding applications would be released on January 26, 2009 upon approval of the Committee. He noted that the City Council would have the option to add or revise priorities if additional Federal Funding was allocated.

Councilmember Cisneros moved to proceed with staff recommendation and return said item back to the Committee in March after receiving Federal allocation results from the new Administration. Councilmember Cibrian seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens to be Heard

Betsy Spencer, SAAHC, spoke in support of allocating CDBG Funds toward Housing and Related Activities.

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Rod Radle, SAAHC, spoke in support of allocating CDBG Funds toward Housing and Related Activities. He requested consideration of \$7 million to each of the seven organizations that comprise the San Antonio Non-Profit Housing Developers.

Susan Sheeran, Merced Housing, spoke in support of allocating CDBG Funds toward Housing and Related Activities.

Stephen Colley, Metropolitan Partnership for Energy, spoke in support of allocating CDBG Funds toward Housing and Related Activities. He noted that Green Building Technology is available and essential for starter homes.

At this time, the Committee addressed Item 1.

**1. Approval of the Minutes of the Quality of Life Council Committee Meeting on December 9, 2008**

Councilmember Cisneros moved to approve the Minutes of the December 9, 2008 Quality of Life Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Cibrian seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Presentation and action on Recommendations for 2008-2009 San Antonio Housing Trust Assistance Funding Round**

Presented by Andrew W. Cameron, Director, Grants monitoring and Administration & John Kenny, Executive Director, SA Housing Trust

John Kenny reported that four requests were received from the Funding Round Request for Proposals (RFP) initiated by the San Antonio Housing Trust (SAHT). He noted that the SAHT Board of Trustees requested that the City Council approve the following recommendations for Trust Assistance:

- ✦ Housing & Community Services, Inc. - \$250,000
- ✦ San Antonio Alternative Housing Community - \$750,000

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

**4. Presentation on the Literacy Task Force Report**

Presented by Dennis J. Campa, Director, DCI

A report was presented by the Literacy Task Force that identified three high-risk target populations: 1) Drop-outs; 2) Those whose primary language is not English; and 3) The

functionally illiterate who are not served or under served. It was the recommendation of the Literacy Task Force to increase awareness of the system in order to maximize the earnings and education of San Antonio and to coordinate resources to produce greater results.

**5. Consideration of items for future meetings**

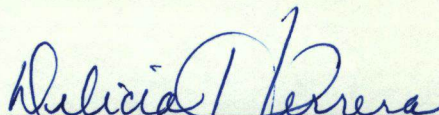
a) Next Meeting: February 10, 2009

**6. Citizens to be Heard**

Citizens were heard during corresponding items.

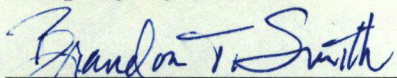
**7. Adjournment**

**There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m.**



*Delicia Herrera, Chairperson*

*Respectfully Submitted,*



*Brandon T. Smith*

*Office of the City Clerk*

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