

# Economic & Community Development Council Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 03, 2009

1:30 p.m.

Media Briefing Room

**Members Present:** Councilmember Mary Alice Cisneros, *Chair, District 1*  
Councilmember Sheila McNeil, *District 2*  
Councilmember Lourdes Galvan, *District 5*  
Councilmember Louis Rowe, *District 9*

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**Members Absent:** *None*

**Staff Present:** Pat DiGiovanni, *Deputy City Manager*; A.J. Rodriguez, *Deputy City Manager*; Michael Bernard, *City Attorney*; David Garza, *Housing & Neighborhood Services Director*; Ed Davis, *Economic Development Assistant Director*; Flor Garcia, *Human Resources Assistant Director*; Cindy Schoenmakers, *Community Initiatives Assistant Director*; Ray Rodriguez, *Assistant City Attorney*; Katinka Howell, *Assistant City Attorney*; Debbie Klein, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

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**Also Present:** Mike Denning, *CPS*; Ralph Bufano, *Bufano Management*; Robert Brais, *Consultecon Inc.*; Jeffrey Cannon, *AECOM Design*; Tom Long, *CPS*; Gene Bowman, *ACCD*; John Soto, *ACCD*; Richard Butler, *Alamo Area Academics*; Michele Ross, *KM*; Chris Alderete, *Port Authority of San Antonio Board*; Jill Christie, *KTSA*; Susan Schleicher, *OLLU*; Verner Equi, *AT&T*; Donna Schneider, *Clear Channel*; Sandee Taylor, *Randolph AFB*; Michael Guarino, *King William Assoc.*; Priscilla Richer

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## Call to Order

Chairperson Cisneros called the meeting to order.

### 1. Citizens to be Heard

**Michael Guarino**, King William Association, accepted the funding offer for the underground utility project. He noted that the King William Association has selected several projects and was ready to proceed. He added that the Association would contribute additional funding and would confirm the final amount by March 19, 2009.

**Michelle Ross** spoke in support of the Hildebrand/Broadway Intersection Underground Conversion. She stated that she would like the opportunity to have the original project allocation amount revisited to allow stakeholders to secure the remaining balance.

Councilmember Rowe expressed concern with increased cost of the Hildebrand/Broadway Intersection Project.



## **2. Approval of Minutes of the November 21, 2008 and December 17, 2008 Economic and Community Development Council Committee Meetings**

Councilmember McNeil moved to approve the Minutes of the November 21, 2008 and December 17, 2008 Economic and Community Development Council Committee Meetings. Councilmember Galvan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

## **3. Approval of revisions to the Convention and Visitors Commission Bylaws**

Presented by Scott White, Director, Convention and Visitors Bureau

Scott White summarized key updates to the Convention and Visitors Commission (CVC) Bylaws. He noted that the revisions corrected outdated language, assigned basic qualifications for General Community Members, and made Commission Terms consistent with City Council Terms. He added that the proposed revisions were unanimously approved by the Convention and Visitors Commission.

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

At this time, the Committee addressed Item 7.

## **7. Recommendation and possible action regarding seventeen (17) appointments to the Airport Advisory Commission**

Presented by Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

Carri Wiggins reported that the Airport Transportation Advisory Commission and the Airport Noise Abatement Committee were dissolved and the Airport Advisory Commission was created and comprised of 17 stakeholders. She cited several categories that had only one applicant for recommendation of nomination.

Councilmember McNeil moved to forward said applicants to the full Council for consideration. Councilmember Galvan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Wiggins stated that applicants Leslie Hobgood and Jesse Sanchez were not present and submitted written statements to the Committee.

### **Aviation Industry Category**

**Edward Benson** stated that he became involved with the San Antonio Airport 36 years ago. He noted that he would like to address airport landscaping and noise abatement at Stinson Field. Ms. Wiggins informed the Committee that Mr. Benson also qualified for the Business Community and Community categories.

**Jeff McConie** cited his experience as a retired Airforce Pilot and American Airlines Pilot. He stated that he would be an asset to the commission regarding Airport Issues.

**Priscilla Richer** cited her experience as Associate Director of Academic Support at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Investigation Specialist-Office of the Inspector General Fort Sam Houston Medical Command, and Administrative Specialist Quality Assurance Department of Veteran Affairs. She noted that she could bring fresh ideas and work as a team player.

**Kyle Gish** cited his military and employment background. He stated that he had worked both sides of Security, Ticket Counter, and Operations for the San Antonio International Airport. He also noted his background in construction and his love for the City of San Antonio.



**Charles Jennigen** stated that he had applied to the Commission to make a positive contribution to the City by improving the Aviation Environment. He summarized his background in Aviation and noted his experience as a Helicopter Pilot.

**Sandee Taylor**, Airspace Manager – Randolph AFB, outlined her background as an Air Traffic Controller. She noted that she maintains noise complaints at Randolph Air Force Base.

**Richard Kelley** stated that he has served for 10 years on both commissions and was seeking reappointment. He detailed his background in Aviation.

Councilmember McNeil moved to recommend Kyle Gish, Sandee Taylor, and Jeff McConie for nomination.

Councilmember Galvan moved to recommend Priscilla Richer and Jesse Sanchez for nomination.

Councilmember Rowe moved to recommend Ed Benson and Jeff McConie for nomination.

It was the consensus of the Committee to recommend Kyle Gish, Sandee Taylor, and Priscilla Richer for nomination to the Aviation Industry Category. Councilmember McNeil amended her motion to reflect the consensus of the Committee and to consider Jeff McConie in the Business Community Category. Councilmember Rowe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Business Community Category**

Ms. Wiggins reported that written statements were submitted by applicants Online Kolm and Robert Temple.

**Alfred Sturchio** withdrew his application for nomination and requested that the Committee ensure that the recommended applicants address passenger and freight concerns.

**Loren Wood**, Retired Air Force Lt. Colonel, cited 10 years of Airport Experience. He stated that he has served on the Noise Abatement Commission and as Chair of the Air Transportation Commission.

Chairperson Cisneros stated for the record that John Campion had withdrawn his application for nomination.

**Donald Davies** cited his background and experience and stated that he would bring fresh ideas and energy to the Commission. He noted that he wanted to address concerns with the Airport's Image, Security and Noise Abatement.

**Don Hancock** cited his experience, skills and passion for serving on the Commission. He noted that he had over 3 million air travel miles and had experienced many airports across the nation.

Chairperson Cisneros acknowledged that a written statement was submitted by applicant Jesse Sanchez.

**Donna Schneider** stated that she had served on the Noise Abatement Commission for six years and was active in her Homeowners Association. She noted that she would like to keep the community informed of Noise Abatement and other issues regarding the Airport.

**Neil Stone** stated that he had represented the North San Antonio Chamber of Commerce on the Noise Abatement Commission and would like to represent the Chamber on the Airport Advisory Commission.

Councilmember McNeil moved to recommend Edward Benson, Jeff McConie, and Neil Stone for nomination in the Business Community Category. Councilmember Rowe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.



## **Community Category**

**Verner Eglit** stated that he was a retired Airline Pilot and had seen hundreds of airports internationally and domestically. He noted that he had served on both the Air Transportation and the Noise Abatement Commissions and clarified that he was a member of the Dominion Homeowners Association.

**Mark Tafolla** stated that he served as Vice-Chair of the Air Transportation Advisory Commission and an attendance record of only one meeting absent. He noted that he was chosen to serve on the selection board for the new Airport Manager and confirmed that he was a member of the Champion Springs Neighborhood Association.

Councilmember McNeil moved to amend her motion for recommendation in the Business Community Category to Jeff McConie, Jesse Sanchez, and Neil Stone. Councilmember Galvan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember McNeil moved to recommend Edward Benson, Mark Tafolla, Richard Kelley, and Donald Davies for nomination in the Community Category. Councilmember Rowe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Rowe moved to recommend Don Hancock for nomination in the Community Category. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

Councilmember McNeil moved to recommend Donna Schneider for nomination in the Community Category. Councilmember Galvan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### **4. Briefing on the Aviation Museum feasibility study** Presented by the Port Authority of San Antonio

Robert Brais presented the results of the feasibility study and reported that there were two proposed project locations on the Port San Antonio Site. He detailed an operational plan, attendance potential, and benefits to the community. He added that the proposed museum would interpret the full scope of the Kelly Field Story and San Antonio Aviation.

Chris Alderete, Port Authority of San Antonio Board, spoke in support of the proposed project.

### **5. Renewal of Annual Interlocal Agreement with the Alamo Community College District (ACCD) regarding the administration of proceeds encumbered under the Settlement Agreement between the two parties** Presented by A.J. Rodriguez, Interim Director, Economic Development, Deputy City Manager

Ed Davis reported that the City of San Antonio was in the ninth year of a 15-Interlocal Agreement with the Alamo Community College (ACC) that annually established the City's 14% of CPS revenue collected from the ACC for customized training for City Employees and other Economic Development/Workforce purposes. He stated that the annual April 1<sup>st</sup> renewal did not correspond with the ACC Fiscal Year; therefore, staff recommended a 17-month FY 2009/10 Budget of \$300,000 that would align with the ACC Fiscal Year.

Chairperson Cisneros requested clarification regarding City-Wide, Department of Community Initiatives (DCI) Client Workforce Training, and Economic Development Department Customized Training. Councilmember Galvan requested a briefing regarding said programs before Council takes action.



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

**6. Update on FY 2009 CIED Projects**

Presented by A.J. Rodriguez, Interim Director, Economic Development, Deputy City Manager

A.J. Rodriguez presented recommendations on funding for six overhead conversion projects from the Community Infrastructure and Economic Development (CIED) Fund maintained at CPS Energy. He reported a total project cost of \$5,533,086 and stated that the available CIED funding of \$5.2 million required cost sharing by project applicants to cover the costs of other utilities. He noted that there was no fiscal impact to the City's General Fund and recommended approval of \$5.2 million in CIED Funding.

Councilmember McNeil noted that said item was posted as an update, not an action item; therefore, after Committee discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee to forward said item to the full Council for consideration on March 19, 2009 and to continue discussion regarding the Broadway/Hildebrand Project before said date.

**8. Briefing on the Fort Sam Houston Growth Management Plan Implementation**

Presented by Pat DiGiovanni, Deputy City Manager

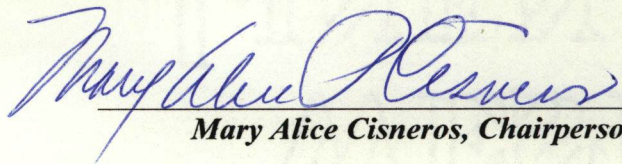
Councilmember McNeil expressed concern that no official plan had been adopted regarding the City's largest economic development project. She stated that the project would transition 12,000 individuals and jobs into the community. She suggested consideration of streamlining the proposed governmental structures and requested a timeline on the Local Government Corporation (LGC) and Urban Renewal Agency (URA). She added that the City has proposed an investment of only \$8 million into a \$6 billion project.

**9. Consideration of items for future meetings:**

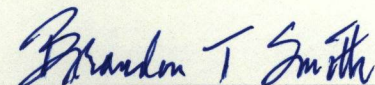
Committee Chair would confer with staff.

**10. Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

  
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Mary Alice Cisneros, Chairperson

*Respectfully Submitted,*

  
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Brandon T. Smith

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