

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS  
AGENDA ITEM  
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

**DEPARTMENT:** Economic Development  
**AGENDA DATE:** April 20, 2010  
**CONTACT PERSON/PHONE:** Kathy Dodson, PhD, Director 541-4670  
**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** All

**SUBJECT:**

Formal report of the Economic and Community Development, Quality of Life and Tourism and Planning and Development Services Joint Legislative Review Committee meeting held on April 1, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. as submitted by City Representative Steve Ortega, Chair. [Economic Development, Kathryn B. Dodson, (915) 541-4872]

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

Report to the Mayor and Council of the Economic and Community Development, Quality of Life and Tourism and Planning and Development Services Joint Legislative Review Committee meeting held on April 1, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

N/A

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

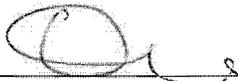
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**BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:**

N/A

\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:**

  
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**Department Head**

*Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager*



**LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE  
Meeting Action Report**

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Committees: Economic and Community Development, Quality of Life and Tourism  
Planning and Development Services

Members: Economic and Community Development, Quality of Life and Tourism:  
City Representative Steve Ortega (Chair)  
City Representative Emma Acosta  
City Representative Eddie Holguin (absent)  
City Representative Ann Lilly

Planning and Development Services:  
City Representative Ann Lilly (Chair)  
City Representative Susie Byrd  
City Representative Beto O'Rourke  
City Representative Rachel Quintana (absent)

Staff Assignee: Kathryn Dodson, Ph.D., Director – Economic Development

Date of Meeting: April 1, 2010 – 9:30 p.m.

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1. Presentation and discussion on potential redesign of Mills Plaza and San Jacinto Plaza by Brent Harris with Mills Plaza Properties and Gerdo Aquino with SWA.  
[Economic Development, Kathryn B. Dodson, PhD, (915) 541-4670]

*Summary:*

A presentation was made by the urban design firm SWA Group on the potential redesign of Mills and San Jacinto Plaza. Representatives Byrd, Lilly, O'Rourke and Ortega commented on the potential redevelopment of the area, followed by a brief discussion on similar projects throughout the country as well as estimated costs.

*Action taken:*

No formal action was needed on the item.

2. Discussion and action on accepting a gift of the redesign of San Jacinto Plaza.  
[Economic Development, Kathryn B. Dodson, PhD, (915) 541-4670]

*Summary:*

It was recommended by Kathy Dodson that a memo of understanding be developed with Mills Plaza so that City Council can accept the redesign of San Jacinto Plaza by SWA Group as a gift.

*Action taken:*

The LRC unanimously approved accepting the gift of the redesign of San Jacinto Plaza and to proceed to present it to a City Council meeting in the near future.

3. Discussion and action on a requested exception to the infill provision of the City's Multi-Family Housing Needs Incentive Program.

[Economic Development, Javier Gadney (915) 541-4670]

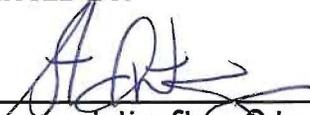
*Summary:*

Javier Gadney with the Economic Development Department requested an exception from the Multi-Family Housing Needs Program requirement program for an assisted living project to be located at Belvidere and Resler. It has remained undeveloped, but was platted within the last 30 years and therefore does not meet the technical definition of infill, but otherwise meets the requirements of the City's Multi-Family Housing Needs Incentive Program. All contiguous areas have all been developed and providing incentives to such undeveloped areas coincides with the City's effort to support infill development.

*Action taken:*

The LRC approved unanimously to allow an exception of the infill provision of the City's Multi-Family Housing Needs Incentive Program, for this development.

**SUBMITTED BY:**



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City Representative Steve Ortega, District 7  
Chair, Economic and Community Development, Quality of Life  
and Tourism



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Kathryn Dodson, Ph.D., Director  
Economic Development