

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS**  
**AGENDA ITEM**  
**DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM** 2011 APR 21 PM 3:23

CITY CLERK DEPT.

**DEPARTMENT:** City Manager

**AGENDA DATE:** May 03, 2011

**CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:** David Almonte, Deputy City Manager, (915)541-4853

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** All

**SUBJECT:**

Summary report on the Health, Safety and Community Services Legislative Review Committee meeting held on April 07, 2011. Submitted by City Representative Eddie Holguin, Chair. [David Almonte, Deputy city Manager, (915) 541-4853]

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

Report to the Mayor and Council of the Health, Safety and Community Services Legislative Review committee meeting held on April 07, 2001 At 1:00 p.m.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

N/A

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

N/A

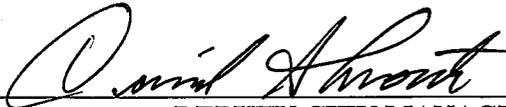
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**BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:**

N/A

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



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LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE  
Meeting Action Report

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Committee: Health, Safety and Community Services

Members: City Representative Eddie Holguin (Chair)  
City Representative Carl Robinson  
City Representative Beto O'Rourke  
City Representative Emma Acosta

Date of Meeting: April 7, 2011

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This Meeting Action Report includes agenda items where action was taken by the Health, Safety and Community Services Legislative Review Committee (LRC), and where City Council finalization of the direction received is necessary. Items postponed for future action of the LRC are not included in this Report.

1. Discussion and Action on development of regulations pertaining to boarding home facilities as allowed under the 2009 Texas Legislative changes.

*Summary:*

City staff presented an overview of the proposed regulations based on a model ordinance that the State of Texas had proposed for boarding home facilities. City Attorney noted that at a past LRC meeting this issue was raised by public concerns with these facilities located within single-family residential areas. It was then suggested that staff prepare an amendment to the El Paso City code. It was also noted that to the best of their knowledge there were no other cities in Texas who have yet adopted an ordinance for boarding home facilities. The LRC raised concerns over the ramifications of adopting the ordinance and requested that in the future staff provide a cost benefit analysis when adopting a policy. No public comment was received.

*Action Taken:* The LRC recommended forwarding the item to the full Council.

*Disposition:* Staff will prepare a presentation to include the benefits & expenses of adopting the ordinance and present to the full council in 30 days.

SUBMITTED BY:

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City Representative Eddie Holguin, District 6  
Chair, Health, Safety and Community Services LRC

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David R. Almonte, Deputy City Manager  
Health, Safety and Community Services LRC



HEALTH, SAFETY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE  
City Hall, Two Civic Center Plaza, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Council Chambers  
Thursday, April 7, 2011  
1:00 p.m.

MINUTES

AGENDA

1. Call to order & establish quorum.

Meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m., Committee Chair Eddie Holguin present and presiding and the following Committee Members and City Staff were present:

- City Representative Carl Robinson, Member
- City Representative Beto O'Rourke, Member
- City Representative Emma Acosta, Member – Not Present
- Mr. David Almonte, Deputy City Manager, Health & Public Safety
- Ms. Elaine Hengen, City Attorney
- Ms. Lupe Cuellar, City Attorney

2. Approval of Minutes for the Health, Safety and Community Services Legislative Review Committee meeting of January 20, 2011.

No Discussion.

MOTION WAS MADE by City Representative Carl Robinson seconded by City Representative Eddie Holguin and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as presented for January 20, 2011. [Approved 3-0]

3. Discussion and action on the development of regulations pertaining to boarding home facilities as allowed under the 2009 Texas Legislative changes. [Permits & Inspections, Victor Morrison-Vega, (915) 541-4557]

Mr. Victor Morrison-Vega, Development Services, introduced the item; and Ms. Kimberly Forsyth, Planning & Economic Development presented the City's proposed code requirements for Boarding Home facilities. [Presentation on File]

Representative Robinson raised questions on the ramifications of adopting an ordinance and requested that in the future when adopting a policy staff conduct a cost benefit analysis, benefits vs the cost, and how many entities it would impact.

Representative O'Rourke proposed forwarding the item to the full Council given that two City Council members who are most interested in the matter do not sit in the committee and can bring a better understanding of the matter.

No public comments made.

NO ACTION TAKEN. The Item will be forwarded to the full Council within 30 days and staff will prepare a presentation to include the benefits & expenses in pursuing this.

4. Discussion and action regarding amendments to the El Paso City Code to permit construction and operation of electric fences. [Permits & Inspections, Victor Morrison-Vega, (915) 541-4557]

MOTION WAS MADE by Representative Beto O'Rourke seconded by City Representative Holguin and unanimously carried to POSTPONE item # 4 until the next LRC meeting. [Approved 3-0]

- 5. **Discussion and action on implementing a receivership program in El Paso to restore blighted and dangerous apartment buildings. [City Representative Susie Byrd, 915 541-4416]**

MOTION WAS MADE by Representative Eddie Holguin seconded by City Representative Carl Robinson and unanimously carried to DELETE # 5 due to the absence of City Representative Susie Byrd. [Approved 3-0]

- 6. **Discussion and action on the adoption of the 2011 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. [Community & Human Development, William Lilly (915) 541-4890]**

MOTION WAS MADE by Representative Beto O'Rourke seconded by City Representative Carl Robinson and unanimously carried to POSTPONE item # 6 until the next LRC meeting. [Approved 3-0]

- 7. **Adjournment.**

Meeting was adjourned at 1:31 p.m. The next LRC meeting date to be determined upon a quorum.

Approved as to form: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy City Manager Date