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**LEGISLATIVE REVIEW MEETING OF THE WHOLE/WORK SESSION MINUTES  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
July 23, 2013  
12:45 P.M.**

The City Council met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 12:50 p.m. Mayor Oscar Leeser present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Ann Morgan Lilly, Larry Romero, Emma Acosta, Michiel R. Noe, Eddie Holguin, Jr., Lilia Limón, and Cortney Carlisle Niland. Late arrival: Carl Robinson at 12:52 p.m.

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**1. MAYOR AND COUNCIL:**

Discussion and action regarding the manner in which Development Services Department provides notices to affected property owners.

Mr. Carlos Gallinar, Deputy Director for Planning, City Development, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in City Clerk's office).

Representative Niland commends Mayor for efforts to strengthen notifications. She would like to see electronic notifications, email, text, and City Representatives' newsletters. On-site signs are drab and nondescript – need color and in bilingual. Apartment notifications, allow applicants the choice of doing it themselves or paying a fee for the City to do it.

Mayor Leeser questioned registered letter.

Ms. Richarda Momsen, Municipal Clerk, offered a suggestion regarding registered mail.

Representative Acosta offered suggestions on delivering notices to residents, use schools to distribute information, and use students to help distribute flyer.

Mr. Gallinar explained staffing constraints.

Representative Noe commented on the effectiveness of door hangers. Would like to see plain language, easily understand layman language in English and Spanish about what the zoning change means.

Representative Limon commented green is a great color for the on-site signs and echoed Representative Noe's desire for plain, easily understood language. If it is in a heavy Spanish speaking area, would like to see some notices published in El Diario.

Representative Lilly cross-referenced utility list of residents with City's list. Ask utilities not to wait 12 years to do a project.

Representative Romero questioned, "Does El Paso Inc. qualify or notification?"

Representative Romero trying to determine from Carlos Gallinar, how Planning decides there is no opposition. For example, Five Points rezoning to Smart Growth, he was told there was no opposition, but, in fact, there was much opposition.

Mr. Gallinar pledged to do a more thorough job of communicating the informal opposition among residents that is not documented with a letter or an email, but may be verbal opposition expressed at a meeting.

Mayor Leeser reiterated the importance of Representative Romero's point. Mayor and Council need proper and accurate information regarding opposition.

Representative Limon questioned, "What comes first, the staff report or the citizen's report?"

Mr. Gallinar explained the process.

Representative Acosta reiterated the need for accurate information regarding opposition.

Ms. Joyce Wilson, City Manager, replied City Staff will come back in 30 days with recommendations.

**NO ACTION was taken on this item.**

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**2. CITY MANAGER:**

Presentation, briefing and discussion of the Airway Interchange Aesthetic Improvement Project from the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority" Raymond Telles, Executive Director of the CRRMA.

Mr. Scott McLaughlin, Chair of the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority (CRRMA), presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in City Clerk's office).

Representative Acosta questioned, "Asking TXDOT for additional funding to compensate for their deferred maintenance for the Airway infrastructure?"

Mr. McLaughlin replied this money is all there is for aesthetic projects, he just learned yesterday. If he asks TXDOT for deferred maintenance money, they will deduct it from this project. Does not think it is a good idea.

Representative Acosta wants to see the pedestrian amenities remain in the project, pointing out that pedestrian mobility is mobility.

Mr. Laughlin replied only change is from fin design to turbine design.

Representative Acosta concerned about the peeling part at the Hawkins overpass, deplorable shape. Would like CRRMA to go back to the Airway residents and let them know about the change in design from "Fin" to "Turbine."

Mr. McLaughlin explained again that the remaining funding has gone to complete painting at the Spaghetti Bowl US54.

Ms. Wilson replied public art money is available for public art in the median on Airways.

Representative Niland asked Mr. Wilson to clarify the funding for the public art. Should City go to voters to finish the project, ask for debt issuance so that other overpasses can be upgraded aesthetically? Would like City Manager to come back with a plan?

Mayor Leeser commented issuing more debt right now is not an option.

Representative Acosta commented need to hold TXDOT'S feet to the fire on deferred maintenance. Representative Acosta questioned, "Montana Widening Project?" TXDOT told her no landscaping was needed. She disagreed and got them to add some landscaping.

**NO ACTION was taken on this item.**

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Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Niland, seconded by Representative Romero, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** this meeting at 2:10 p.m.

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Noe

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

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Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk