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**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO TOMAS RIVERA CONFERENCE
500 W. UNIVERSITY, EL PASO, TX 79902
SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2011
12:15 P.M.**

The City Council met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. the following Council Members answered roll call: Susie Byrd, Emma Acosta, Carl Robinson, Michiel Noe, and Cortney Carlisle Niland.

AGENDA

1. Discussion regarding all matters posted on the agenda as attached to this notice for the Neighborhood Summit, as posted for their meeting on Saturday, July 23, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.

Ms. Joyce Wilson, City Manager, congratulated Mr. Mark Benitez on his re-election as the chairman of the El Paso Neighborhood Council. She commented that she is a strong advocate of neighborhood associations and commented on some of the accomplishments made so far by the associations. She inquired as to how the City can better communicate and get information out to the associations.

Representative Susie Byrd spoke about the roll of the neighborhood associations and some of the many accomplishments and contributions that they have made to the City of El Paso. She also spoke on what makes a successful neighborhood association.

Representative Carl Robinson spoke about getting involved in the community – be a part of the solution. He discussed the many ways that good leaders find ways to keep constituents involved in their community.

Representative Michiel Noe discussed the different styles of leadership that there are, such as Participative, Executive or Facilitator, among other styles.

Representative Cortney Niland spoke on community and even though El Paso is a large city, we have a sense of community. She asked how she can better communicate with neighborhood associations, whether by e-mail, newsletters or neighborhood summits.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m. due to the loss of a quorum.

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk

Neighborhood Summit Agenda – Saturday, July 23, 2011

8:00a.m. – 8:30a.m. Neighborhood Summit Registration / Information Tables

Foyer, University & Templeton Scheduled time to visit information tables. Scheduled time to register for Neighborhood Summit

8:30a.m. – 9:00a.m. Opening Remarks (topics listed below)

Tomas Rivera

- Mark Weber, Neighborhood Services
"Presentation and Progress Report on Neighborhood Services Programs"
- Mark Benitez, Neighborhood Council Chairman
"The Year that Just Went By: Moving Ahead in Our Neighborhoods and In Our Coalition"
- Steve Ortega, City Council Representative District 7
"Overview of El Paso Government"

9:00 a.m. – 9:15a.m. Information Tables

Atrium, University & Templeton Scheduled break to visit information tables on community activities in the atrium

9:15a.m. – 9:55a.m. Concurrent Workshops – Session 1 (topics listed below)

Ray Room 1- El Paso Fire Department Safety Programs (Sam Pena, El Paso Fire Department)
Smiley Room 2- City Planning Dept: Landscape Ordinance (Fred Lopez, City of El Paso Planning Department)

Wiggins Room 3- Fundraising for Neighborhood Associations (Bonnie Escobar, MJD & Associates)

Elkins Room 4- Building Effective Neighborhood Associations (Azuri Gonzalez, Center for Civic Engagement)

Barry Room 5- Introduction to Neighborhood Watch Program (Jeff Bell, El Paso Police Department)

9:55a.m. – 10:10a.m. Information Tables

Atrium Scheduled break to visit information tables on community activities in the atrium

10:10a.m. – 10:50a.m. Concurrent Workshops – Session 2 (topics listed below)

Ray Room 1- El Paso Fire Department Safety Programs (Sam Pena, El Paso Fire Department)

Smiley Room 2- City Planning Dept: Landscape Ordinance (Fred Lopez, City of El Paso Planning Department)

Wiggins Room 3- Fundraising for Neighborhood Associations (Bonnie Escobar, MJD & Associates)

Elkins Room 4- Building Effective Neighborhood Associations (Azuri Gonzalez, Center for Civic Engagement)

Barry Room 5- Introduction to Neighborhood Watch Program (Jeff Bell, El Paso Police Department)

10:55a.m. – 11:05a.m. Annual Meeting of the El Paso Neighborhood Coalition

Tomas Rivera

- Call to order
- Discussion and action to bylaw amendment

11:05 a.m. – 11:55p.m. El Paso Neighborhood Council Elections* by Planning Areas – Session 3

	<i>Discussion and actions for neighborhood associations to elect their Neighborhood Coalition council members for their respective planning areas</i>
Ray Room	Central (Getsemani Yanez, Council Member, Facilitator)
Smiley Room	East (Dan Salazar, Council Member, Facilitator)
Wiggins Room	Northwest* (Marie Eichelmann, Council Member, Facilitator)
Elkins Room	Northeast* (Earline Swain, Council Member, Facilitator)
Barry Room	Mission Valley (Ralph Cloud, Council Member, Facilitator)

11:55a.m. – 12:15p.m. Election of the Chairman of the El Paso Neighborhood Council

Tomas Rivera Discussion and action on the election of the chair
 Getsemani Yanez, Council Member – Facilitator

12:15a.m. - 12:45a.m. Lunch / Mid-Day Remarks (topics listed below)

Tomas Rivera

- Joyce Wilson, City Manager
"Importance of Strong Neighborhoods in Decision Making"
- Susie Byrd, City Council Representative District 2
"Influencing Public Policy and Improving Your Neighborhood"
- Carl L. Robinson, City Council Representative District 4
"Community Issues in Contemporary El Paso Policies"
- Dr. Michiel Noe, City Council Representative District 5
"Servant Leadership in Neighborhood Relations"
- Cortney Niland, City Council Representative District 8
"Communication and Public Policy"

12:45p.m. – 1:15p.m. Keynote Speaker (topic listed below)

Tomas Rivera

- Congressman Silvestre Reyes
"Our Neighborhoods and Our Nation"

1:15p.m. – 1:30p.m. Neighborhood Association President of the Year Award 2011

Tomas Rivera

- Mark Weber, Neighborhood Services
Presentation of award

1:30p.m. – 2:00p.m. Closing Remarks (topics listed below)

Tomas Rivera

- Emma Acosta, City Council Representative District 3
"Neighborhood Associations and Government by the People"
- Mark Benitez, Chairman Neighborhood Council
Presentation of Newly Elected Council Members