

DATE: October 6, 2005

TO: CITY CLERK

FROM: REPRESENTATIVE JOSE ALEXANDRO LOZANO, DISTRICT 3

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Please place the following item on the (Check one): CONSENT REGULAR

Agenda for the Council Meeting of October 11, 2005

Item should read as follows: Appointment of Ana Dueñez to the Community Development Steering Committee by Representative Jose Alejandro Lozano, District 3.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: Property Management

Item No.

BOARD COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT FORM

Community Development Steering Committee

NAME OF BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION:

NOMINATED BY: REPRESENTATIVE JOSE ALEXANDRO LOZANO DISTRICT: # 3

NAME OF APPOINTEE Ana Dueñez

CITY: ST: ZIP: PHONE:

HOME ADDRESS:

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WHO WAS THE LAST PERSON TO HAVE HELD THIS POSITION BEFORE IT BECAME VACANT?

Esteban Sansores

REASON PERSON IS NO LONGER IN OFFICE (CHECK ONE): TERM EXPIRED:

RESIGNED

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OTHER (SPECIFY):

EXPIRATION DATE OF INCUMBENT: 6/28/06

EXPIRATION DATE OF NEW APPOINTEE: 6/28/06

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

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2nd TERM

UNEXPIRED TERM:

OTHER

Ana Dueñez

I am Ana Dueñez, I am serving as President for the El Paso Lower Valley Association. This Association was formed in August, 2003 in the Cedar Grove area to identify and address issues affecting/ effecting us as a community. The El Paso Lower Valley Association consists of four community residents, President Ana Dueñez, Vice President Julio A. Rubio, Secretary Jamie Morales, Treasurer Angie Morgan.

El Paso Lower Valley Association has worked hard to accomplish different projects around the Cedar Grove area and to improve the quality of life in our community.

October 2003 we worked hard to keep Cedar Grove area safe and clean. We had the Playa drain and reservoir cleaned, it was being used as a dump site. Old tires, mattresses, sofas, mountain of old clothing and even a refrigerator were dumped there.

October 2003 we met with State Rep. Norma Chavez and Chuck Berry from TxDot on the Border Highway to beautify with tree and landscaping.

November through December 2003 I and Rep. Jose A. Lozano worked to stop Valley by Products Rendering Plant from coming into the city which was going to affect three different school districts, many neighborhoods, businesses all around the Industrial Park area off of a Hawkins and Cielo Vista Mall. We also went in front of the Health Department Board and Dr. John Tune promised to help us fight any rendering plants from coming into the city due to health risks.

January and February 2004 we worked with Rep. Jose A. Lozano to get the CIP BOND and Charter Amendment Street, sidewalks and drainage on eleven streets on Phase I due to some sinking houses in Cedar Grove area. It will take four Phases to complete the improvements desperately needed in our area.

March 2004 we had two street lights installed at the following locations: corner of Mimosa St. and Vocational Dr. the other one on Arbor St. Rep. Jose A. Lozano helped us with our lights from his discretionary funds.

March through April 2004 we worked with building services, Tom Maguire CBO. We took a case to court regarding a business on the corner of Alameda and Polo Inn that was using a car lot as a junk yard. The judge had the owner clean up the area.

May 2004, we worked with building services, Tom Maguire CBO to remove abandoned old mobile homes on vacant lot, and report any abandoned homes in the area.

June 2003 we worked with Rep Jose A. Lozano with the CDBG Program to obtain federal funding for streets, sidewalks and drainage improvements on Sequoia Street and Teakwood street, which was approved on June 22, 2004 by Mayor and council.

June 2004 I worked with Gerry Rampsey with the El Paso Appraisal District to lower our taxes on the homes in the Cedar Grove area due to foundation problems and cracks on the houses and poor streets and drainage.

September 2004, we talked to Fred Gatewood from Ysleta Independent School District for a set of flasher lights in front of Riverside Middle School which the principle had asked us to help him with.

September 2004 we turned in an application for CDBG Program to fix Barker Street from Polo Inn through J.C. Creamer.

September 2004 through April 2005 I worked with Christmas in April to remodel seven houses for senior citizens and disabled people that don't have the requirements to fix their houses and are in very bad condition.

March through April 2005, our Association and Rep. Jose A. Lozano and staff worked to stop the Animal Emergency Center proposal of opening an Animal Cremation at 1220 Airway. We value the health and quality of life of our neighborhoods. With the help of Rep. Jose A. Lozano an ordinance was passed on the Cremations within the City of El Paso.

May through July 2005, I helped and with the help of Gerry Rampsey from El Paso Central Appraisal District to lower our residents taxes.

July 2005, I helped nine other streets to join the Neighborhood Watch Program. Rep. Jose A. Lozano helped us with discretionary funds on eighteen signs to be placed. Now there are ten streets in our community and we have meetings together.

August 2005, we submitted two applications for speed humps on Durrill street and Mimosa Rep. Jose A. Lozano is going to help us.

September 2005, we are working with our community with Loop 375 to beautify and not to add more lanes on Loop 375 from four lanes to six lanes due to our soil problem we are having with our houses splitting or creaking.

We are still working on other projects that are pending. We have everything that has been approved in writing. We wouldn't have accomplished as much as we have in such a short time without the help of Rep. Jose A. Lozano and other City officials.

Registered / Training

**Registered Association with the Mayor's office and Neighborhoods First
Association.**

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