

## **MINUTES**

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Two Civic Center Plaza – 8th Floor  
Community Development Conference Room**

**Thursday, February 22, 2007**

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There being a quorum; Jim Welshimer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jim Welshimer  
Miguel Grijalva  
Ana Duenez  
Joseph Nevarez  
John Doering

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Billie Brown

#### **STAFF PRESENT**

Bill Lilly, CD Director  
Anthony Shaar, CD Deputy Director  
Tom Serrano, Senior Grants Planner  
Judy Emmons, Grants Planner  
Michele Ellington, Grants Planner  
Connie Jimenez, Grants Planner  
America E. Luna, Recording Secretary

#### **AGENDA**

**1. Discussion and Action on Steering Committee Absences – Jim Welshimer, Chairperson**

Motion made by Miguel Grijalva and seconded by Ana Duenez to excuse Billie Brown from tonight's meeting. Motion passes unanimously.

**2. Presentations by the Chairperson and Agency Representatives for the Seniors and Persons with Disabilities Services Collaborative, and Review by the Steering Committee of the Following 33rd Year (2007-2008) Seniors and Persons with Disabilities Services Collaborative Proposals:**

Jim Welshimer began the meeting by saying that the Chairman of the Collaborative will give a review on how the collaborative arrived at the final recommendations. Each agency will have 3-5 minutes to make their oral presentations. Finally, the Committee will ask questions regarding presentations as they are given.

Maria Valdivia, Program Coordinator of the City of El Paso Foster Grandparent Program, and Chair for the Collaborative speaks. She began by saying that the Collaborative met on several occasions. The Collaboratives met to elect the officers for this collaborative and to discuss its priorities and values. Together the Collaboratives agreed that they would all take a budget cut to allow one more agency (Goodwill Industries of El Paso) to join their collaborative.

- A. Alzheimer's Association STAR Chapter (Alzheimer's Disease Community Awareness)
- B. City of El Paso Foster Grandparent Program (Foster Grandparents and Youth-At-Risk)
- C. City of El Paso Parks and Recreation (Disability Exercise Program)
- D. El Paso City-County Nutrition Program (Homebound Meal Program)
- E. Goodwill Industries of El Paso (Computer Training for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities)
- F. L.U.L.A.C. Project Amistad (Money Management and Social Services Program)
- G. Lutheran Social Services of the South (Family Support Services Project)
- H. Rebuilding Together with Christmas in April (Christmas in April Rebuild Day)
- I. Visiting Nurse Association of El Paso (Home Services for the Elderly)

Michele Ellington, Grants Planner informs the committee of each agency's past and current contract performance.

Brief presentations are made to the committee by representatives of each agency. The representatives respond to questions about their proposals and projects by committee members.

**4. Citizen Comments on Item #2**

None

**5. Discussion and Recommendation by the Steering Committee Regarding the Funding Distribution Under the Seniors and Persons with Disabilities Services Collaborative.**

Motion made by Miguel Grijalva and seconded by Ana Duenez to accept the Collaboratives recommendation. Joseph Nevarez comments that due to the discussion during tonight's meeting about the Alzheimer's Association budget, he cannot approve the funding, John Doering is in agreement with Joseph Nevarez. There is continued discussion among the Steering Committee members regarding the recommendation. Jim Welshimer asks for a vote and receives 2 nays (Joseph Nevarez and John Doering) and 2 ayes' (Miguel Grijalva and Ana Duenez). Jim Welshimer breaks the tie and votes aye. Motion carries and therefore the funding distribution under the Seniors and Persons with Disabilities Services Collaborative as a whole is approved.

**6. Adjournment**

Meeting is adjourned at 7:45 p.m.