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Community Development Steering Committee Meeting

Two Civic Center Plaza
8th Floor – Community Development Conference Room
Tuesday, February 26, 2008

There being a quorum, Jim Welshimer called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Members Present

John Doering
Ana Dueñez
Billie Brown
Annette Stone
Miguel Grijalva
Jessie Sustaita
Jim Welshimer

Member Absent

Rocio Hinojosa

Staff Present

William Lilly, Director
Anthony Shaar, Deputy Director
Judy Sarabia, Senior Grant Planner
Tom Serrano, Senior Grant Planner
Michele Ellington, Grant Planner
Kevin Pitts, Grant Planner
Connie Jimenez, Grant Planner
Mark Alvarado, Neighborhood Services Coordinator
Mark Weber, Senior Planner
Lorraine Quimiro, GIS Specialist
Olivia Montalvo, Planner
Susie Moralez, Recording Secretary

Agenda

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

Motion made by Billie Brown and seconded by Annette Stone to excuse Rocio Hinojosa's absence. Motion passes unanimously.
- 2. Approval of the Steering Committee Minutes of February 19, 2008 – Jim Welshimer, Chairperson**

Motion made by Billie Brown and seconded by Ana Duenez to approve the Minutes of February 19, 2008. Motion passes unanimously.

3. **Review of the Following 34th Year (2008-2009) Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) Collaborative Proposals**

William Lilly discusses the purpose of the new Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area Collaborative. Michele Ellington explains that, because this is a new collaborative, the application was not designed optimally so applications may be difficult to read.

David Gillooly, Executive Director of TVP Non Profit Corporation, provides an overview of the Lower Dyer NRSA Project. Each partnering agency listed below then provides information on its proposed partnership with TVP (the Center Against Family Violence made only one presentation).

TVP Non Profit Corporation Lower Dyer NRSA Project, and the following partnering agencies:

- A. Junior Achievement of the Desert Southwest**
- B. Big Brothers-Big Sisters of El Paso, Inc.**
- C. Project Change Victory Warriors Drill and Dance Academy**
- D. El Paso Community College General Education Development (GED)**
- E. City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Department**
- F. Domestic Violence Prevention Commission**
- G. El Paso Affordable Housing Credit Union Service Organization**
- H. Center Against Family Violence – Two Should Know**
- I. Opportunity Center for the Homeless – Homeless Youth Initiative**
- J. Center Against Family Violence – Domestic Violence Services**

Committee members ask questions regarding the TVP project and partnering agencies, and each presenter responds to them.

Gloria Marmolejo, Education Coordinator, Project Vida Community Development Corporation (PVCDC), provides an overview of the Chamizal Revitalization Project. Each partnering agency listed below then provides information on its proposed partnership with PVCDC.

Project Vida Community Development Corporation (PVCDC) Chamizal Revitalization Project, and the following partnering agencies:

- A. Accion Texas Micro-Enterprise Development**
- B. El Paso Community College Chamizal General Educational Development (GED)**
- C. Project Vida Child Care**

- D. Centro del Obrero Fronterizo dba La Mujer Obrera Adult Education and Training
- E. Project ARRIBA
- F. City of El Paso Parks and Recreation
- G. Creative Kids
- H. Project Vida Health Center

Committee members ask questions regarding the PVCDC project and partnering agencies, and each presenter responds to them.

4. **Citizen Comments on Item #3**

Martha Maldonado, Chamizal Neighborhood Association President, comments with regard to the Chamizal area, including the poverty rate, citizen concerns, and the needs of the community.

5. **Discussion and Recommendation by the Steering Committee Regarding the Funding Distribution Under the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area Collaborative**

Bill Lilly advises the committee members that he will provide copies of the NRSA plans for all of them to review. Billie Brown states that the TVP project seems more solid than the Chamizal project. After more discussion regarding the new NRSA Collaborative, Billie Brown makes a Motion to accept the proposals as submitted and Annette Stone seconds it. Motion passes 5-2, with Ana Duenez and John Doering voting Nay.

6. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.