

MINUTES

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Two Civic Center Plaza - 2nd Floor
City Council Chambers

Wednesday, March 15, 2006

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jim Welshimer
Billie Brown
John Doering
Miguel Grijalva
Ana Duenez
Roger K. Curie

MEMBERS ABSENT

Trini Acevedo
Barbara Esparza

STAFF PRESENT

Nathalie Prise, CD Director
Bob Gott, Senior Grants Planner
Eleanor Love, Senior Grants Planner
Judy Emmons, Grants Planner
Rhoda Tillman, Grants Planner
Kevin Pitts, Grants Planner
Yolie Cedillo, Recording Secretary

Agenda

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

Item 1: Motion made by Billie Brown and seconded by Ana Duenez to excuse Trini Acevedo and Barbara Esparza from tonight's meeting. Motion passes unanimously.

2. Approval of the Steering Committee Minutes of March 2, 2006 – Jim Welshimer, Chairperson

Item 2: Motion made by Jim Welshimer and seconded by Miguel Grijalva to approve the minutes of March 2, 2006. Motion passes unanimously.

3. Presentation on Cost Estimating Procedures - Engineering Department

Item 3: A representative of the City Engineering Department explains how his department conducts a study to come up with cost estimates for projects that are funded by Community Development. He responds to questions from the Steering Committee.

4. Review of the Following 32nd Year (2006-2007) Public Facilities Proposals:

A. Priority Traffic Control Systems, Fire Stations No. 4 and No. 9 (El Paso Fire Department)

Item 4A: A representative from the Fire Department gives reasons why the Priority Traffic Control Systems would be beneficial to the City of El Paso and the citizens of El Paso. He also adds that the Fire Department has requested funding from the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) as some of the main streets in El Paso where these traffic control systems would be used belong to the State. The representative responds to questions from the Steering Committee.

Project rating sheets are handed out to Steering Committee members. They are filled out and returned to Eleanor Love.

B. San Juan Health Center Roof, HVAC, and ADA Improvements (El Paso City-County Health and Environmental District)

Item 4B: A representative from the El Paso City-County Health Department gives a presentation on improvements that need to be done to the Health Center. He responds to questions from the Steering Committee.

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C. Ruby Coates Park Improvements Phase II (Parks and Recreation Department)

D. Hidden Valley Park Improvements (Parks and Recreation Department)

E. Stiles Park Improvements (Parks and Recreation Department)

F. El Barrio Park Basketball Court (Parks and Recreation Department)

G. Sunset Heights Park Improvements (Parks and Recreation Department)

H. Boys Club and Tula Irrobali Parks Sports Field Lighting (Parks and Recreation Department)

I. Houston Park Improvements (Parks and Recreation Department)

J. Tom Lea Park (Lower) Lighting Improvements (Parks and Recreation Department)

Items 4C through 4J: A representative of the City Parks and Recreation Department gives detailed accounts of the playground and basketball court

improvements and renovations; as well as upgrades to the existing lighting that would be done at each park site if the projects are funded. He responds to questions from the Steering Committee.

Project rating sheets are handed out to Steering Committee members for each park project. They are filled out and returned to Eleanor Love.

5. Citizen Comments on Item #4

Item 5: Several citizens come forward to speak on behalf of the park improvements that will be done in their area. One citizen who lives at 308 Dodge Street also adds that she is willing to sell her home to the City of El Paso for the extension and improvement of Stiles Park.

6. Adjournment

Item 6: Meeting is adjourned at 7:25 p.m.