

Minutes
Citywide Public Hearing Conducted by the Steering Committee

Two Civic Center Plaza
8th Floor Conference Room
Wednesday, October 7, 2009

There being a quorum, Billie Brown called the public hearing to order at 6:13 p.m.

Members Present

Billie Brown
Hector Arellano
Daniel Armendariz
Peg Booker
Annette Stone
Jessie Sustaita

Members Absent

Karl Heimer

Late Arrivals

None

Early Departures

None

Staff Present

Anthony Shaar, Deputy Director, Community Development Department
Judy Sarabia, Senior Grant Planner
Roxanne Varela, Grant Planner
Kevin Pitts, Grant Planner
Mario Cruz, Engineering
Bill Bennett, ADA Coordinator
Cruz Garcia, Parks and Recreation

A G E N D A

Discussion and Action on:

1. Call to Order – Billie Brown, Chairperson
2. Discussion and Action on Steering Committee Absences – Billie Brown, Chairperson
3. Public Hearing to Obtain Public Comments for the Following Community Development Planning Documents – Billie Brown, Chairperson
 - A. Housing and Community Development Needs and to Solicit Requests for Proposed Projects to be Funded Under the 36th Year (2010-2011) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

B. Community Development Needs and Priorities for the 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan for the City of El Paso, Texas

- Surveys regarding Community Needs will be made available for completion - Soraya Ayub, Neighborhood Relations Coordinator

4. Adjourn Public Hearing

5. Adjournment

Item 2: Steering Committee Absences

A Motion was made by Jessie Sustaita, seconded by Annette Stone and unanimously carried to excuse the absence of Karl Heimer.

AYES: Ms. Brown, Mr. Arellano, Mr. Armendariz, Ms. Booker, Ms. Stone and Ms. Sustaita

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Heimer

Item 3: Public Hearing to Obtain Public Comments for the Housing and Community Development Needs and to Solicit Requests for Proposed Projects to be Funded Under the 36th Year (2010-2011) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and Community Development Needs and Priorities for the 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan for the City of El Paso, Texas

Ana Duenez, El Paso Lower Valley Association, 221 Arbor Street and drainage improvements - Barker Road from Polo Inn to J. C. Cramer; sewage backs up into 7240 and 7242 Barker Road when it rains; there are no sidewalks. Barker Road is used as path for three schools. A citizen petition is underway to rebuild street at the same width. Gonzalo Cedillo of the Stormwater Utility quoted \$549,250 to install drainage (2190 linear feet).

Gloria Luna, El Paso Lower Valley Association, 7242 Barker Road
Flooding is a health hazard and safety hazard; senior residents are being adversely affected.

Minerva Acosta, 7177 Granite Road
Traffic uses this street to get to lights on Alameda; need traffic enforcement; street light poles are unstable because of flooding.

Jaime Barceleau, Paso del Norte Children's Development Center, 1101 E. Schuster
Facility space enhancements - Strategic plan to add two gap services; early childhood development and El Papalote services have increased in past ten years; \$1.2 million to renovate current space to use space more efficiently; Engineering has approved expansion plan; possible phasing of project. Lease with City to 2029. Comment regarding five year Consolidated Plan – give disabled children a higher priority.

Roberto Gauna, Transmountain Charitable Trust and Skyline Optimists, 10452 Cronus
Skyline Park expansion - Would like to add more soccer or ball fields to Skyline Park, 5050 Yvette; lease with City to 2017.

Linda Kirk, P. O. Box 640298 (6205 Russell Street)

She's affiliated with a non-profit organization, the Unity Baptist Church located at 4601 Maxwell. Seniors and disabled persons need sidewalks and street lighting.

Bill Bennett, City's ADA Compliance Office, City of El Paso Engineering Department
Funding of Curb Cut Demand Program and Audible Pedestrian Signals during 36th Year.

Rodolfo Rodriguez, Stiles Garden Neighborhood Association, 7235 Stiles Drive
Street and drainage improvements on Stiles - No sidewalks and no curbs; used as short cut between Alameda, Carolina and Trowbridge; school kids walking; 7200 block - water ponds on residential side; link street to Mesa Drain. Also, Santini (paving only), and Sycamore (paving only).

Elva Villagran, Stiles Garden Neighborhood Association, 7121 Dale Road
Pave Stiles, Sycamore and Santini

Martha Maldonado, Chamizal Neighborhood Association, 3113 Cypress
Develop community center at St. Anne's Center building on Piedras; Proposed uses include outreach for families, youth and elderly; community center activities; youth recreation; Boys and Girl's Club, Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program; parenting classes; computer programs (internet access), tutoring program, art programs, Police Neighborhood Station Office (Safe Haven), and Weed and Seed Program.

Item 4: Adjournment

A Motion was made by Hector Arellano, seconded by Annette Stone, and unanimously carried to adjourn the public hearing.

AYES: Ms. Brown, Mr. Arellano, Mr. Armendariz, Ms. Booker, Ms. Stone and Ms. Sustaita

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Heimer

The public hearing was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.