



# EMPOWERMENT ZONE ADVISORY BOARD

City of El Paso – Community and Human Development Department – Empowerment Zone Grant (EZ)

ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
CHIHUAHUITA RECREATION CENTER -417 CHARLES ST., EL PASO, TX  
FEBRUARY 19, 2008  
5:30 p.m.

The Empowerment Zone Advisory Board met in regular session at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 5:44 p.m. Trinidad Acevedo was present and presiding.

The following Advisory Board members answered roll call:

Trinidad Acevedo (Chair),  
Sally Andrade (Vice-Chair),  
Park Kerr,  
Rick Melendrez,  
Soledad Muniz,  
Han Park

Absent:

Kwadwo Achampong,  
Maria Teresa Orozco,  
Edith Zuvanich

Staff present:

Bill Lilly (Community and Human Development Director),  
Marie A. Taylor (City Attorney's Office),  
Isela Robison (Empowerment Zone Grant Coordinator),  
Angelica Murillo (Empowerment Zone Project Compliance Specialist),  
Priscilla Arellano (Recording Secretary)

The following members of the public commented:

Mary Aldeis, El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
Guillermo Glenn  
Eli Pabon, YWCA

## 1. Review and Discussion of Input from Community Meetings

Isela Robison gave presentation on the turn out of the Community Meetings. Presentation described input compiled at each meeting, which highlighted the different topics that were addressed. Ms. Robison explained City Staff reviewed comments and categorized the issues noted by community at each meeting and previous City outreach efforts. An initial budget was viewed as a starting point for discussion. Advisory Board expressed their commendations and recommendations of the proposed breakdown of programs/projects presented by City Staff.

### *Community Meeting Schedule and Previous Community Outreach Efforts:*

January 22, 2008	Tuesday	South El Paso Sr. Center 600 S. Ochoa	5:30pm-7:30 pm
January 24, 2008	Thursday	Chihuahuita Rec. Center 439 Charles	5:30pm-7:30 pm
January 28, 2008	Monday	Beall Elementary School 320 S. Piedras St.	5:30 pm-7:30 pm

January 30, 2008	Wednesday	Hilos de Plata Rec. Center 4452 Delta	5:30pm-7:30 pm
February 2, 2008	Saturday	Armijo Library 620 E. Seventh Ave.	1:00pm-3:00 pm
February 5, 2008	Tuesday	Capistrano Elementary 240 Mecca Dr.	5:30pm-7:30 pm

*Previous Community Outreach Efforts*

2001- EPEZ Corporation Baseline Data Study Report

2004- Chihuahuita Neighborhood Plan

2005- EPEZ Resident Opinion and Financial Literacy Survey

2007- Chamizal Neighborhood Revitalization Plan

*Issue Categories Presented:*

*Potential Budget Presented  
(to Initiate Discussion):*

1a. Small Bus Tech Assist/Entrep Training	\$ 300,000.00
1b. Micro Business Loans	\$ 1,000,000.00
2. Marketing of EZ Businesses	\$ 250,000.00
3. Façade Improvement Program	\$ 300,000.00
4. Incubator	\$ 500,000.00
5. Outreach & Education	\$ 150,000.00
6. Childcare	\$ 300,000.00
7. Transportation	\$ 150,000.00
Total	\$ 2,950,000.00
8. Administration FY'08 & FY'09	\$ 800,000.00
	<u>\$ 3,750,000.00</u>

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2. Set Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at Burleson Elementary School (4440 Blanco Ave.).

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3. Public Comments on Agenda Items

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4. Adjournment

Motion made by Soledad Muniz, seconded by Han Park, and unanimously carried to adjourn meeting at 7:15 p.m.