



# EMPOWERMENT ZONE ADVISORY BOARD

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

AMENDED BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
PROJECT VIDA, 3607 RIVERA AVE, CONFERENCE ROOM  
EL PASO, TEXAS  
MARCH 31, 2010  
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 5:40 p.m. Edith Zuvanich was present and presiding.

The following Advisory Board members answered roll call:

Trinidad Acevedo,  
Sally J. Andrade,  
Gilbert Guillen,  
Daniel Ortiz (Vice-Chair),  
Edith Zuvanich (Chair)

Absent:

Leticia Paez,  
Norma Tena,  
Carlos Veloz

Staff present:

Isela Robison (Empowerment Zone Program Coordinator),  
Priscilla Arellano (Recording Secretary)

1. Advisory Board Members' Introductions

Each Board member introduced themselves.

2. Call for General Public Comments

None

3. Approval of February 24, 2010 Minutes

Motion made by Sally Andrade, seconded by Daniel Ortiz, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** minutes.

AYES: Trinidad Acevedo, Sally J. Andrade, Gilbert Guillen, Daniel Ortiz, Edith Zuvanich  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Leticia Paez, Norma Tena, Carlos Veloz

4. Discussion and Action on Staff Updates:

- a. EZ Staff Monthly Report
- b. Empowerment Zone Advisory Board - Vacancies

City staff presented the monthly reports to the Advisory Board. *[Amended] The Advisory Board members had concerns about the low performance numbers of the agencies in light of the time constraints.* City staff and Advisory Board discussed the performance reports for February. There is one vacancy on the Advisory Board. Interested applicants must be an employee of or own a for-profit business.

No action taken on this item.

[Handouts are available through the Community and Human Development Department - Empowerment Zone Division office.]

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5. Quarterly Presentations - City of El Paso Economic Development Department

- a. Commercial Façade Improvement Program G3.C3.P13 (A)  
Presenter: Ernesto Gamboa
  
- b. Small Business Loans G3.C3.P10 (A)  
Presenter: Ernesto Gamboa
  
- c. Micro Business Loans G3.C3.P12 (A)  
Presenter: Ernesto Gamboa

The City of El Paso Economic Development Department presented their quarterly reports and answered questions from the Advisory Board.

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6. Call for Public Comments on Agenda Items

None

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7. Scheduling next meeting

Advisory Board requested to meet in two weeks. Date, time, and location to be determined.

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8. Adjournment

Motion made by Trinidad Acevedo, seconded by Gilbert Guillen, and unanimously carried to adjourn meeting at 7:10 p.m.

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