



EMPOWERMENT ZONE ADVISORY BOARD

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

AMENDED BOARD MEETING MINUTES
EL PASO HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 2401 E. MISSOURI AVE.
EL PASO, TEXAS
MAY 27, 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 5:34 p.m. Edith Zuvanich was present and presiding.

The following Advisory Board members answered roll call:

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

Absent:
Trinidad Acevedo,
Norma Tena

Staff present:
Isela Robison (Empowerment Zone Program Coordinator),
Carolyn Yanez (Empowerment Zone Project Compliance Specialist),
Priscilla Arellano (Recording Secretary)

1. Advisory Board Members' Introductions

Each Board member introduced themselves.

2. Call for General Public Comments

None

3. Approval of May 3, 2010 Minutes

Motion made by Gilbert Guillen, seconded by Leticia Paez, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** minutes.

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

4. Presentation: Strengthening Communities Fund

Michael McElroy from the City of El Paso's Neighborhood Services Program presented.

5. Discussion and Action on City Staff Monthly Report

[Amended] The Empowerment Zone Advisory Board requested clarification on the fact that we were originally told by City staff that any monies not spent through the agencies that were awarded money would be redistributed into the loan program and not lost. At the May meeting, we were told that a significant amount of money would indeed be lost or not drawn down. City staff was asked to clarify

and redouble their efforts to find a way to expend those funds for the benefit of the Empowerment Zone.

City staff presented the monthly reports to the Advisory Board.

City staff and Advisory Board discussed the performance reports for April.

No action taken on this item.

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

6. Quarterly Presentations:

- a. El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce – Small Business Technical Assistance ^{(G3 C2 P13 (A))}
Presenter: Terri Reed
- b. Project Vida – Small Business Technical Assistance ^{(G3 C2 P13 (B))}
Presenter: Claudio Herrera
- c. Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce – Small Business Technical Assistance ^{(G3 C2 P13 (C))}
Unable to attend
- d. Excel Learning Center – Bilingual Workforce Development ^(G3 C1 P24)
Presenter: Salvador Rodriguez
- e. YWCA – Childcare ^(G4 C7 P27)
Presenter: Eli Pabon

The agencies presented their quarterly report and answered questions from the Advisory Board.

City staff answered questions from the Advisory Board.

The Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce will present at the next meeting.

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7. Discussion and Action on Budget Reallocation Recommendations

City staff and the Advisory Board discussed different options for budget reallocations.

No action taken on this item. The Advisory Board will meet again in two weeks to discuss.

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8. Call for Public Comments on Agenda Items

None

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9. Scheduling next meeting

Date, time, and location to be determined

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10. Adjournment

Motion made by Gilbert Guillen, seconded by Carlos Veloz, and unanimously carried to adjourn meeting at 7:42 p.m.
