



EMPOWERMENT ZONE ADVISORY BOARD

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

AMENDED BOARD MEETING MINUTES
CITY HALL, 2 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 8TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
EL PASO, TEXAS
DECEMBER 3, 2008
6:00 p.m.

The Empowerment Zone Advisory Board met in regular session at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. Trinidad Acevedo was present and presiding.

The following Advisory Board members answered roll call:

- Trinidad Acevedo (Chair),
- Sally J. Andrade (Vice-Chair),
- Soledad Muñiz,
- Daniel Ortiz,
- Han C. Park,
- Edith Zuvanich

Late arrival:

Park Kerr at 6:10 p.m. during establishment of quorum

Absent:

Norma Tena

Staff present:

- Bill Lilly (Community and Human Development Director),
- Isela Robison (Empowerment Zone Grant Coordinator),
- Priscilla Arellano (Recording Secretary)

The following members of the public commented:

Guillermo Glenn

1. Advisory Board Members' Introductions

Existing Advisory Board welcomed Daniel Ortiz to the Board. Each Board member introduced themselves.

2. Approval of July 8, 2008 Minutes

Motion made by Sally J. Andrade, seconded by Soledad Muniz, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** minutes.

AYES: Trinidad Acevedo, Sally J. Andrade, Soledad Muñiz, Daniel Ortiz, Han C. Park, Edith Zuvanich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Norma Tena

3. Discussion and Action on the Proposed Modification to Empowerment Zone Advisory Board Resolution

Isela Robison gave an update on the Strategic Plan that was submitted to HUD. Mrs. Robison explained the suggestion to modify the existing EZ Advisory Board Resolution in regards to the Membership section. There was a request from Council Representative to delete the first criteria from the resolution. The EZ Advisory Board and staff discussed how the modification would affect the establishment of the Advisory Board. The following was recommended by the EZAB: to broaden 2nd Membership criteria from reading “two (2) of the individuals must be **leaders** in a non-profit organization or faith-based organization that is located in the Zone area,...” to “two of the individuals must be **members** in a non-profit organization or faith-based organization that is located in the Zone area,...” and keep the 1st criteria as is.

Motion made by Edith Zuvanich, seconded by Daniel Ortiz, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** recommendation.

AYES: Trinidad Acevedo, Sally J. Andrade, Soledad Muñiz, Daniel Ortiz, Han C. Park, Edith Zuvanich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Norma Tena

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4. Set Next Meeting

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

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5. Public Comments on Agenda Items

Guillermo Glenn proposed to move Public Comments section from the end of the Agenda to the beginning.

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6. Adjournment

Motion made by Sally J. Andrade, seconded by Trinidad Acevedo, and unanimously carried to adjourn meeting at 6:45 p.m.

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