



EMPOWERMENT ZONE ADVISORY BOARD

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
BEALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 320 S. PIEDRAS ST., CAFETERIA
EL PASO, TEXAS
DECEMBER 16, 2009
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 5:35 p.m. Daniel Ortiz was present and presiding.

The following Advisory Board members answered roll call:

Sally J. Andrade,
Daniel Ortiz (Vice-Chair),
Norma Tena,
Carlos Veloz

Absent:
Trinidad Acevedo,
Edith Zuvanich (Chair)

Staff present:
Isela Robison (Empowerment Zone Program Coordinator),
Carolyn Yañez (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 November 18, 2009 Minutes

Motion made by Norma Tena, seconded by Carlos Veloz, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** minutes.

AYES: Sally J. Andrade, Daniel Ortiz, Norma Tena, Carlos Veloz

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trinidad Acevedo, Edith Zuvanich

4. Discussion and Action on Staff Updates:

- a. EZ Staff Monthly Report ^(Nov 1 – Nov 30)
- b. Upcoming City Council Item: EZ Advisory Board Recommendation Regarding \$400,679 Unencumbered EZ Funds and Budget Reallocations
- c. Empowerment Zone Advisory Board - Vacancies

City staff presented November monthly report to the Advisory Board. City staff and Advisory Board discussed the performance reports for October. EZ Advisory Board recommendation regarding \$400,679 unencumbered EZ funds and budget reallocations will be presented to City Council on December 22, 2009. There are two vacancies 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 ^{03.C3.P13 (A)}
Presenter: Veronica Soto
- b. Small Business Loans ^{03.C3.P10 (A)}
Presenter: Ernesto Gamboa
- c. Micro Business Loans ^{03.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

The next scheduled meeting is for January 27, 2010 at Lamar Elementary School at 5:30 p.m.
The next Information Fair is scheduled for January 27, 2010 at Lamar Elementary School from 2:30-3:30

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8. Adjournment

Motion made by Carlos Veloz, seconded by Norma Tena, and unanimously carried to adjourn meeting at 6:07 p.m.