



# EMPOWERMENT ZONE ADVISORY BOARD

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
CITY HALL, 2 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM  
EL PASO, TEXAS  
APRIL 13, 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:

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

Absent:  
Trinidad Acevedo,  
Norma Tena,  
Carlos Veloz

Staff present:  
William Lilly (Community Development Director),  
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 March 31, 2010 Minutes

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

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

4. Discussion and Recommendation by the Advisory Board regarding reallocation of available funds (unexpended) amongst HUD-approved implementation plans

a. Presentation: Job Express

Mr. Jay Banasiak, director of Sun Metro, presented on the Sun Metro Job Express and answered questions from the Advisory Board.

b. Presentation: Current Grantees

Ms. Patricia Alfaro, from Excel Learning Center, and City staff answered questions from the Advisory Board.

Motion made by Sally Andrade, seconded by Leticia Paez, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE RECOMMENDATION** of reallocating unexpended Empowerment Zone grant funds to Sun Metro's Job Express Program, Excel Learning Center, capped at \$500,000 contingent on amounts staff recommends to City Council.

AYES: Sally J. Andrade, Gilbert Guillen, Daniel Ortiz, Leticia Paez, Edith Zuvanich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trinidad Acevedo, Norma Tena, Carlos Veloz

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

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5. Call for Public Comments on Agenda Items

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6. Scheduling next meeting

Date, time, and location to be determined.

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7. Adjournment

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

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