

QUALITY OF LIFE COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2015
1:00 P.M.
MEDIA BRIEFING ROOM, CITY HALL

Members Present: Councilmember Ron Nirenberg, *Chair, District 8*
Councilmember Roberto Treviño, *District 1*
Councilmember Alan Warrick, *District 2*
Councilmember Shirley Gonzales, *District 5*

Members Absent: Councilmember Cris Medina, *District 7*

Staff Present: Erik Walsh, *Deputy City Manager*; Peter Zandoni, *Deputy City Manager*; Gloria Hurtado, *Assistant City Manager*; Hollis Young, *Deputy City Attorney*; Anthony Treviño, *Interim Chief of Police*; John Dugan, *Director, Planning and Community Development*; Di Galvan, *Director, Communications and Public Affairs*; Ramiro Salazar, *Director, San Antonio Public Library*; Xavier Urrutia, *Director, Department of Parks and Recreation*; Melody Woosley, *Director, Department of Human Services*; Jim Mery, *Deputy Director, Center City Development and Operations*; Richard Keith, *Assistant Director, Department of Human Services*; Vincent Nathan, *Assistant Director, Metro Health*; Ignacio Albarracin, *San Antonio Public Library*; Tom Morgan, *Grants Administrator, Planning and Community Development*; Denise F. Trevino, *Office of the City Clerk*

Also Present: Angela Garcia, *Senior Advisor, Council 641, LULAC*; Stephanie Wiese, *Habitat for Humanity*; Natalie Griffith, *Habitat for Humanity*; Ruth Bixel, *Citizen*

Call to order

Chairman Nirenberg called the meeting to order.

1. Citizens to be Heard

Angela Garcia spoke in support of the rehabilitation of homes on the Westside. She stated that the League of Latin American Citizens (LULAC) would submit a proposal for the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Rehabilitation Program.

Stephanie Wiese spoke in support of reprogramming HOME Funds for the Habitat for Humanity Hope Village and Lenwood Heights.

Natalie Griffith distributed a letter from Robert E. Glenn, Pastor of the Bethel United Methodist Church, expressing his support for Habitat for Humanity.

Ruth Bixel spoke of the benefits of Habitat for Humanity provided to her and her family.

2. Approval of Minutes of the March 17, 2015 Quality of Life Committee Meeting

Councilmember Warrick moved to approve the Minutes of the March 17, 2015 Quality of Life Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Treviño seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

Item 5 was addressed at this time.

5. Briefing and Possible Action on a Staff Presentation and Committee Discussion on Reprogramming Options for \$550,000 in Home Investment Partnership Funds to HOME Eligible Activities, as well as, a Re-Targeting of Existing Owner Occupied Rehabilitation and Homebuyer Incentive Program Funds. [John Dugan, Director, Planning and Community Development Department; Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager]

John Dugan stated that staff had identified \$550,000 in Home Investment Partnership (HOME) Funds as the result of project savings from completed, cancelled, or low performing activities, for reprogramming from the FY 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Budget of \$4.85 million. He noted that to meet HUD HOME Program Regulatory Requirements, the City must commit available funds to eligible activities consistent with the 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan through a substantial amendment to the FY 2015 Annual Action Plan. He stated that staff proposed revision of the Target Areas currently assigned to various prior year funds to increase program production. He reviewed the sources of funds available for reprogramming. He noted that staff reprogramming recommendations were based on funds allocated (between 2011-2014) which must be expended within four years or forfeited. He stated that staff recommended the following for Reprogrammed Funds:

Recommended	Project Name	Council District	Amount
Recommendation #1	Palo Alto Apartments	4	\$500,000
Recommendation #2	Habitat for Humanity-Hope Village	6	\$50,000
Alternative 1	Habitat for Humanity-Lenwood Heights	6	\$500,000
Alternative 2	Owner Occupied Rehabilitation	City-Wide	\$500,000
Alternative 3	EastPointe Multi-Family Housing	2	\$500,000

Mr. Dugan provided details of each recommendation and alternative. He stated that Alternative 2 and Alternative 3 would not meet the 2015 Grant Commitment Deadline. He noted that the following funds would be available after reprogramming:

Program	Uncommitted	Anticipated Units
Homebuyer Incentive Program	\$1,023,668	97-101 Homebuyer Units
Owner Occupied Rehabilitation	\$1,653,552	26-28 Homebuyer Units
Total	\$2,677,168	

Mr. Dugan noted that it was difficult to identify Residents that qualified for Owner Occupied Rehabilitation (OOR) and the Homebuyer Incentive Program (HIP). He stated that staff made the following Retargeting Recommendations:

Fiscal Year	Activity	Current Target Area	New Target Area	Amount as of: 04/10/2015
2013	Owner Occupied Rehabilitation	Denver Heights & Wheatley Neighborhoods	Council District 2	\$575,000.00
2013	Owner Occupied Rehabilitation	Council District 5 Focus Area	Council District 5	\$125,000.00
2013	Homebuyer Incentive Program	Camelot & Wheatley Neighborhoods	Council District 2	\$214,000.00
2014	Homebuyer Incentive Program	REnew SA Target Areas	ICR/IP Area	\$158,384.84
2015	Homebuyer Incentive Program	ICR/IP Area	City-Wide	\$426,925.00
Total Retargeting				\$1,499,309.84

Councilmember Warrick asked of the income requirements for Applicants of OOR and HIP. Mr. Dugan stated that to qualify for OOR or the HIP, Resident Income must be at 80% of Area Median Income (AMI) (\$50,000) or below based on Household Size. He reviewed other qualifications for the OOR and HIP.

Councilmember Gonzales expressed concern over the proposed Retargeting of funds from the Renew SA Target Areas to the ICR/IP Area and from the ICR/IP Area to areas City-Wide.

Councilmember Treviño asked how the Palo Alto Apartments would affect Student Housing. Mr. Dugan stated that said apartments were targeted to Students at Palo Alto College but were available to anyone.

Councilmember Treviño moved to approve and forward the reprogramming of \$550,000 in HOME Funds to the full City Council for consideration. Councilmember Warrick seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

Councilmember Warrick moved to approve and forward the retargeting of funds within existing HOME Fund Activities to the full City Council for consideration. Councilmember Treviño seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

Item 3 was addressed at this time.

3. A Briefing and Possible Action on Food Establishment and Mobile Vending Regulations.

[Melody Woosley, Director, Department of Human Services; Gloria Hurtado, Assistant City Manager]

Dr. Vincent Nathan stated that Chapter 13 of the City of San Antonio City Code regulated all Food Establishments, including Mobile Food Establishments, consistent with the State of Texas Food Establishment Rules. He noted that a recent violation of Chapter 13 involved street feeding to the Homeless where food was distributed from a vehicle which had not been inspected and permitted for distribution of food as specified in Chapter 13. He stated that Chapter 13 requires a permit from Metro Health to operate a Mobile Food Establishment. He noted that Chapter 13 Regulations applied to all Mobile Food Vendors, whether food was sold or provided free to the Public. He stated that said regulations were developed to ensure minimum Food Safety Standards for food distributed through Mobile Food Establishments. He reported that Metro Health provided oversight and permitting for Mobile Food Establishments along with the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD), who were charged with enforcement of said regulations. He added that the Homeless deserved safe food served in an appropriate environment.

Chief Treviño stated that said violation of Chapter 13 occurred on April 7, 2015 at 8:45 p.m. next to Maverick Park. He noted that Police Officers (Officers) observed a crowd of people at said location gathered around an F150 Ford Pickup where unpackaged food was being distributed out of said vehicle. He stated that the Officers asked the Food Vendor (Vendor) for their permit and the Vendor produced a permit which authorized the distribution of unpackaged food from an approved vehicle other than the F150 Pickup. He stated that the Vendor was issued a Citation for distribution of unpackaged food from a vehicle without a permit.

Melody Woosley reported that the City invested \$1 million annually to feed the Homeless at Haven for Hope. She stated that the City provided \$5.5 million to support Comprehensive Services for the Homeless at Haven for Hope. She reported that over 2,000 meals were served daily at Haven for Hope and noted that this provided Haven for Hope with the opportunity to engage the Homeless and provide Mental Health, Identification (ID) Recovery, Case Management, Benefits Enrollment, and other Services. She noted that Volunteers were encouraged to provide meals and ministry through Haven for Hope, the Church Under the Bridge, and other facilities. She stated that the City was committed to providing Holistic Homeless Services and has invested \$9.6 million in Homeless Prevention and Transformation Services.

Chairman Nirenberg asked of options for the Homeless who did not want to go to Haven for Hope. Gloria Hurtado stated that the Church Under the Bridge and other churches provided meals to the Homeless. Chairman Nirenberg asked how Citizens could provide food to the Homeless and remain in compliance with Chapter 13. Dr. Nathan replied that Vendors could have more than one vehicle permit, but all vehicles would have to be inspected and permitted. Chairman Nirenberg noted that the City required a strategic approach to address feeding of the Homeless. Dr. Nathan stated that any Food-Borne Illness would require an investigation and vehicles not permitted would be difficult to track. Ms. Woosley noted that the Chronic Homeless were a medically vulnerable population.

Councilmember Gonzales spoke of the repercussions experienced by Businesses related to feeding of the Homeless. Chairman Nirenberg suggested that a policy be developed to address feeding of the Homeless and Public Safety.

No action was required for Item 3.

4. A Briefing and Possible Action on the Outcome of Negotiations with Bexar County Regarding Amending the Current Interlocal Agreement for Library Services. [Gloria Hurtado, Assistant City Manager; Ramiro Salazar, Director, San Antonio Public Library]

Ramiro Salazar stated that since 1936, Bexar County (County) had an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the City of San Antonio (CoSA) to extend Library Services to County Residents that resided outside CoSA. He reported that in 2013, the County established BiblioTech, an All-Digital Library, as the County's Library System. He noted that the County would continue to operate BiblioTech and expand its presence in the community. He stated that the County wished to collaborate with CoSA in the delivery of Library Services to all City and County Residents. He noted that in November 2014, City and County Staff agreed to negotiate the existing ILA by establishing a Staff Task Force (Task Force). He stated that said Task Force ended its negotiations in January 2015 resulting in the following as an amendment to the existing ILA:

- County would collaborate with the San Antonio Public Library (SAPL) to deliver Digital Services to City and County Residents
- County would reduce payment to CoSA by no more than \$300,000 each year over the next four years:

Fiscal Year (FY)	County Contribution
FY 2015-2016	\$3,484,028.95
FY 2016-2017	\$3,184,028.95
FY 2017-2018	\$2,884,028.95
FY 2018-2019	\$2,584,028.95

- County would not further reduce its payment to the City regardless of the number of BiblioTechs established by the County.
- The County would redirect the \$300,000 in savings each year for the purchase of additional Digital Services and resources for the SAPL and BiblioTech which would be made available to City and County Residents.
- SAPL and the County would actively pursue strategies to achieve a seamless patron experience.
- SAPL and the County would commit to aligning Technology and Collection Development Strategies, while maintaining oversight of budgets and plans.
- SAPL and County Staff would meet monthly to facilitate collaboration.
- Both parties agreed to maintain and preserve their respective brands.
- Both parties would coordinate the procurement of Library Resources for each to minimize the duplication of resources.

Mr. Salazar noted that the direct impact to the Library Department was a reduction of expenditures of \$300,000 a year for FY 2016, FY 2017, FY 2018, and FY 2019. He recognized County Task Force Members present at the meeting. He stated that the payment from the County to CoSA would be reduced to \$2.5 million in FY 2020 to provide Library Services for approximately 250,000 County Residents.

Ignacio Albarracin reviewed the Technology-Related Milestones to be achieved.

Mr. Salazar stated that said ILA would be brought before the Library Board for approval on April 22, 2015.

Chairman Nirenberg expressed interest in receiving any comments made by the Library Board regarding the amendment to the ILA.

Councilmember Gonzales asked if the BiblioTech and the SAPL had separate cards which were utilized to check out materials. Mr. Salazar replied that the SAPL and BiblioTech utilized separate cards.

Councilmember Treviño remarked on the benefits of the SAPL and BiblioTech Systems.

Councilmember Treviño moved to approve and forward the proposed amendment to the ILA with Bexar County for Library Services to the full City Council for consideration on May 7, 2015. Councilmember Warrick seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Nirenberg, Chair

Denice F. Treviño
Office of the City Clerk