

**ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

JUNE 7, 2016

1:30 PM

MUNICIPAL PLAZA, B ROOM

Members Present:	Councilmember Joe Krier, <i>Chair, District 9</i> Councilmember Roberto Treviño, <i>District 1</i> Councilmember Rebecca Viagran, <i>District 3</i> Councilmember Mike Gallagher, <i>District 10</i>
Members Absent:	Councilmember Ray Lopez, <i>District 6</i>
Staff Present:	Carlos Contreras, III, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Rene Dominguez, <i>Director, Economic Development Department</i> ; Alicia K. Beckham, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
Others Present:	Ann Stevens, <i>President of BioMed SA</i> ; Jim Reed, <i>President of San Antonio Medical Foundation</i> ; William Henrick, <i>President of UT Health Science Center of San Antonio</i> ; George Perry, <i>Dean of UTSA's College of Sciences</i> ; Vicki Perkins, <i>Director of Christus Health</i> ; LeRoy Cavazos, <i>Vice President of Government Affairs of the San Antonio Hispanic Chambers of Commerce</i> ; Jenna Saucedo-Herrera, <i>Vice President of Public Affairs & Brand Management, CPS Energy</i> ; John Huffaker, <i>Vice President of Commercial Operations, OCI Solar Power</i> ; Jurgen Krehnke, <i>CEO of KACO New Energy</i> ; Haley Curry, <i>Vice President, External Affairs of South Texas Energy and Economic Roundtable</i> ; Kimberly Britton, <i>CEO of EPIcenter</i>

Call to Order

Chairman Krier called the meeting to order.

1. EHDC Workshop for Targeted Industry Briefings.

Rene Dominguez stated that Targeted Industry Leaders of the Healthcare and Bioscience Industry were invited to give a briefing regarding their long-term vision and strategic objectives. He stated that the Industries would be interconnecting their objectives related to economic development, present legislative initiatives, and capital improvement preparations, for the 2017 Bond Program and the 85th Texas Legislative Session.

Ann Stevens presented on the Science and Health Industry and its unique asset to the City. She stated that San Antonio was a leading industry sector with an annual economic impact of over \$30 billion. She stated that BioMed SA's mission was to accelerate the growth of SA's Healthcare and Bioscience Sectors. She stated that BioMed SA would contribute to establishing San Antonio as leader in Healthcare and Bioscience. She noted that BioMed SA's promotion of Science and Health would attract and retain entrepreneurial development. She stated that the organization recognized the City as a powerful platform for launching medical cures and treatment initiatives in specific therapeutic areas.

Jim Reed reported the organization's economic development priorities to collaborative research; to use 230 acres of undeveloped property to attract research, science, clinical and educational growth; and to continue the congestion relief and pedestrian safety efforts in the Medical Center. He highlighted the capital improvement priority to expand the intersection of Louis Pasteur and Ewing Halsell totaling \$7,170,000. He mentioned that the capital improvement priority would be to add a right turn lane on Louis Pasteur where it intersects with Babcock, for a total cost of \$1,600,000. He noted that the Medical Center Alliance contributed \$1,325,000 for design, engineering, and right-of-way.

William Henrick presented the organization's mission to make lives better through excellence in Education, Research, Healthcare, and Community Engagement. He highlighted the organization's capital improvement requests for capital and infrastructure support of:

- \$5 million to the Comprehensive Cancer Plan, CTRC/MD Anderson Collaboration: Renovation and Infrastructure
- \$2.5 million to the Science incubator in 8,000 sq.ft. of newly renovated space
- \$1 million to the Louis Pasteur Street Crosswalks and other related public safety improvements

Mr. Henrick requested that CPS Energy Commercial Parity discontinue a rate surcharge of 14% as an economic development priority. He noted a yield savings to UT Health Science Center of San Antonio (HSC) of \$1.3 million per year. He stated that HSC legislative priorities were to:

- Enhance Health Related Institution's (HRI) Formula Funding
- Enhance Non-Formula Funding: Barshop Institute for Aging Studies, \$5 million

George Perry stated that UTSA's role in economic development was to produce graduates. He stated that City Assistance would help UTSA advance their economic development priority path to a Tier One by means of increasing:

1. Restricted research expenditures to \$100 million
2. University endowment
3. Number of PhD's awarded to 200
4. High quality graduate programs
5. High quality facility
6. Recognition of research capabilities and scholarly attainment

Mr. Perry stated that the capital improvement priority was to reduce space deficiency because it impacts quality of teaching faculty recruitment, growth in new degree programs, and expansion of courses. He highlighted the UTSA Main Campus, the UTSA Athletics Complex, and the UTSA Innovation Center and Accelerator as possible priorities for UTSA Infrastructure Needs, for the 2017 Bond. He stated that the Legislative Priorities were to retain \$4 million for UTSA's San Antonio Life Science Institute (SALSI).

Vicki Perkins presented on the organization's responsibility to bringing together all components of the Healthcare and Bioscience Industry and for advocating the needs of the industry as a whole. The committee has responsibility for funding and producing the annual Healthcare and Bioscience Economic Impact Study. She stated the importance of partnering with local

Healthcare and Bioscience Organizations to advocate for efforts that promote economic development, address education and workforce needs, and create opportunities to highlight San Antonio's unique assets and capabilities in this industry.

LeRoy Cavazos stated that they promoted economic development through growth of successful small businesses, creating a stronger educated workforce and making San Antonio a great “Headquarter City” for large corporations. He stated that they created educational experiences for middle school students to STEM Industries and career pathways through their CORE4 STEM Program. He stated that there was an oppressed population without insurance due to opting out of Medicaid Expansion. He highlighted the economic benefit to Texas Counties if Texas accepts federal healthcare funding to expand Medicaid or adopt a Texas alternative that expands healthcare coverage. He stated that the economic impact could reduce local taxpayer-funded healthcare for the uninsured. He added that it could impact job creation, growth in income for county residents and establish new federal healthcare funding.

Councilmember Krier stated that it was essential that agencies collaborated on similar projects to benefit from funding. He asked what HSC intentions were for the \$35 million. Mr. Henrick responded that it would be distributed to infrastructure and operational costs.

Councilmember Nirenberg asked if UTSA Priorities were consistent with SA Works. Mr. Perry responded that the increased revenue into the Athletics Department would expand visibility. He stated that it would boost enrollment and would allow UTSA to generate new revenue through additional programs. He noted that new revenue would encourage more students to remain in San Antonio to enter the workforce with the necessary skills.

Councilmember Viagran stated that collaboration would be important to the growth of the Healthcare and Bioscience Industry. She encouraged the organizations to communicate with Brooks City Base to identify any projects that they could join forces on.

Mr. Dominguez provided an update on the Healthcare Legislation discussed during the SA to DC Trip. He stated that the State Policy Issues were health insurance coverage, provider reimbursement, healthcare workforce, behavioral health and community health.

Jenna Saucedo-Herrera introduced a panel of industry leaders and partners from the New Energy Industry. She stated that they would be presenting on their specific institutional priorities. She noted that the organizations provided innovative, reliable and sustainable energy solutions. She stated that the benefits of the organizations were to establish environmental obligations and cost saving to stakeholders. She stated that the panel included:

- John Huffaker of OCI Solar Power
- Jurgen Krehnke of KACO New Energy
- Haley Curry of South Texas Energy and Economic Roundtable
- Kimberly Britton of EPIcenter

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Joe Krier, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,

Alicia K. Beckham
Office of the City Clerk