

**COMMUNITY HEALTH AND EQUITY  
COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING  
MARCH 6, 2018  
10:00 A.M.  
MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING**

**Members Present:** Councilmember Ana Sandoval, Chair, *District 7*  
Councilmember Rey Saldaña, *District 4*  
Councilmember Greg Brockhouse, *District 6*  
Councilmember Manny Pelaez, *District 8*

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**Members Absent:** Councilmember William Cruz Shaw, *District 2*

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**Staff Present:** Rod Sanchez, *Assistant City Manager*; Chris Hebner, *Assistant City Attorney*; Nefi Garza, *Assistant Director, Transportation and Capital Improvements*; Douglas Melnick, *Chief Sustainability Officer*; Denice F. Treviño, *Office of the City Clerk*

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**Others Present:** Theresa O'Donnell, *Chief of Resilience, City of Dallas*; Debbie Reid, *Technical Director, GEAA*; Erin Cavazos, *Senior Engineer, SARA*; Annalisa Peace, *Executive Director, GEAA*; Bobby Mengden, *Area Manager, AECOM*; Rob Killen, *Kaufman Killen*; Suzanne Scott, *General Manager, SARA*; Melissa Killen, *Owner, Network Alliance*; Brian Zabcik, *Clean Water Advocate, Environment Texas*

**Call to order**

Chairperson Sandoval called the meeting to order.

**1. Approval of the Minutes for the February 22, 2018 Community Health and Equity Committee Meeting.**

Councilmember Saldaña moved to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2018 Community Health and Equity Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Brockhouse seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

**Citizens to be Heard**

There were no citizens registered to speak.

**Briefing and Possible Action on:**

**2. Continued Discussion on Resilience with a Presentation by the City of Dallas Chief Resiliency Officer on their Resiliency Efforts.** [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Douglas Melnick, Chief Sustainability Officer, Office of Sustainability]

Theresa O'Donnell stated that the 100 Resilient Cities (RCs) Initiative partnered with cities around the world to assist them in becoming more resilient to the social, economic, and physical challenges which were a growing part of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. She noted that urban resilience was the capacity of individuals, communities, institutions, businesses, and systems within a city to survive, adapt, and grow no matter what kinds of chronic stresses and acute shocks they experience. She provided examples of chronic stresses and acute shocks and noted that they could bring opportunities for cities to evolve, and in some circumstances; transform. She stated that multiple factors contributed to resilience. She noted that the 100 RC Strategy was a tactical roadmap to build resilience that articulated priorities and specific initiatives for short, medium, and long-term implementation. She reviewed the strategy for the City of Dallas which included the application of a resiliency lens and the significant impact of the social and economic stresses on Dallas Residents. She presented a map showing the opportunity gap. She stated that the foundational principle of the Resilient Dallas Plan was building an equitable City of Dallas. She noted that there was no single solution and solutions must be holistic and comprehensive. She stated that the following major systems must be coordinated and inter-related to build an equitable City of Dallas:

- Economy
- Housing
- Transportation
- Healthcare
- Education
- Social Justice

Ms. O'Donnell reviewed Dallas' four discovery areas, its equity partners, and potential equity domains and indicators. She noted that the Resilient Dallas Plan was to:

- Become equitable, inclusive, and welcoming
- Expand economic opportunity
- Develop healthy communities
- Invest for prosperity – neighborhood infrastructure
- Improve access to opportunity through a responsive public mobility system

Councilmember Pelaez asked of the consultant utilized in the process. Ms. O'Donnell stated that the consultant was brought in by RC 100.

Councilmember Saldaña spoke of the similarities between the Cities of Dallas and San Antonio.

Chairperson Sandoval requested that staff review the template for the RC 100 Cities, estimate the effort to complete Phase I, and consider how to dovetail efforts with the Comprehensive Plan and Climate Action Plan. She requested a report on these items in two months.

No action was required for Item 2.

**3. A Briefing on the Watershed Master Planning Process.** [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Mike Frisbie, Director, Transportation and Capital Improvements]

Nefi Garza stated that in 1968, the National Flood Insurance Act was passed and in 1973, the Flood Disaster Protection Act was passed. He noted that San Antonio passed a Drainage Ordinance in 1975. He stated the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) was founded in 1978 and the Regional Storm Water Management Program was created in 1997. He presented a map of structures at risk in the floodplain. He reviewed the clinical infrastructure percentages for structures outside of the floodplain. He stated that the Bexar Regional Watershed Management (BRWM) was a partnership with Bexar County, the City of San Antonio, the San Antonio River Authority, and representatives from suburban cities. He noted that this partnership enabled the review of problems across political boundaries and each entity had a specific role in the process. He stated that the Watershed Master Plan process included:

- Identification
- Development
- Scoring and ranking
- Funding and construction

Mr. Garza stated that there was \$1.3 billion in drainage needs at the current time.

Councilmember Pelaez requested more information on the Fee In Lieu Of (FILO) Program.

Chairperson Sandoval requested a flood map with higher resolution and a legend indicating Council Districts. She requested an update on outreach performed, and an update on the Community Rating System (CRS) Project, and costs for flood insurance. She asked of Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Guidelines. Mr. Garza replied that TXDOT funding was limited to the right-of-way and spoke of benefits gained by the city and TxDOT through their partnership.

No action was required for Item 3.

## **Adjourn**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

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*Ana Sandoval, Chair*

*Respectfully Submitted*

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*Denice F. Trevino, Office of the City Clerk*