

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2018
10:00 AM
MUNICIPAL PLAZA B ROOM**

Members Present:	Councilmember Shirley Gonzales, Chair, <i>District 5</i> Councilmember Roberto C. Treviño, <i>District 1</i> Councilmember William Cruz Shaw, <i>District 2</i> Councilmember Rey Saldaña, <i>District 4</i> Councilmember John Courage, <i>District 9</i>
Members Absent:	<i>None</i>
Staff Present:	Peter Zaroni, <i>Deputy City Manager</i> ; Bridgett White, <i>Director of Planning Department</i> ; Dr. Colleen Bridger, <i>Director of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District</i> ; Rene Dominguez, <i>Director of Economic Development</i> ; Adrian Perez, <i>Assistant Director of Economic Development</i> ; Alicia K. Beckham, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
Others Present:	<i>None</i>

1. Approval of the Minutes for the June 20, 2018 and August 15, 2018 Comprehensive Plan Committee Meetings

Councilmember Courage moved to approve the Minutes for the June 20, 2018 and August 15, 2018 Comprehensive Plan Committee Meetings. Councilmember Shaw seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Consideration of Applicants to the Building-Related and Fire Codes Appeals and Advisory Board – 2 Primary Members and 5 Alternate Members [Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk]

City Clerk Leticia Vacek reported that the nominations being brought forth were for 2 Primary Slots and 5 Alternate Slots to the Building-Related and Fire Codes Appeals and Advisory Board. She stated that the nominations were received from their respective Industry Associations. She noted that if approved the nominations would be brought before the full City Council for approval on October 4, 2018.

Chairperson Gonzales stated that she was concerned about the lack of diversity on the Board. She asked of the number of women on the board.

Mrs. Vacek suggested that the Council could amend the ordinance creating the Building-Related and Fire Codes Appeals and Advisory Board to encourage a more diverse group of nominees.

Councilmember Treviño suggested that staff communicate with the Industry Associations to identify how they could garner a more diverse group of nominees.

Chairperson Gonzales stated she could not support the current nominations due to the importance of the Board and the lack of diverse nominees.

Councilmember Courage suggested that the Primary Board Member and Alternate Board Member be of opposite sexes. Amin Tohmaz replied that it may be challenging for the Industry Associations to find enough females to fill 17 Slots. Councilmember Courage suggested that staff come back to the Committee with ideas to encourage the Industry Associations to nominate a more diverse group.

Amin Tohmaz stated that he would come back to the Committee after asking the Industry Associations for more diverse nominees. He noted that any further changes to the ordinance creating the Board would have to be amended by the full City Council through ordinance.

Councilmember Saldaña motioned to bring the Industry Association's nominations back with more diverse nominees to the Committee. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Briefing on the status of adopted policies and practices related to the Community Health and Wellness and Jobs and Economic Competitiveness Plan Elements of the SA Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan. [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; Bridgett White, Director, Planning Department]

Dr. Colleen Bridger stated that the Community Health and Wellness Plan Element focused on creating safe, healthy, and well-educated citizens of all ages. She stated that there were six areas of concern: (1) Healthcare and Food; (2) Physical Activity; (3) Health Outcomes; (4) Transportation; (5) Water; and (6) Air. She noted that there were several indicators of Community Health: Population with health coverage; Chronic disease rate (obesity and diabetes); People participating in enough aerobic and muscle strengthening activity to meet guidelines; Teen Pregnancy Rate; Asthma Rate; Households within a ½ mile source of health; and Affordable foods.

Dr. Bridger reported on the initiatives to combat each indicator. She stated that the initiatives were supported by the Enroll SA Coalition and others who are already involved in promoting health. She noted there were also a handful of restaurants and businesses committed to offering healthy choices for San Antonio residents. She added that there were Diabetes Prevention and Management Workshops available free of charge. She mentioned that the initiatives' goal was to educate residents on the benefits of a healthy and active lifestyle.

Dr. Bridger stated that another initiative was Project WORTH which led the San Antonio Teen Pregnancy Prevention Collaborative to reach 30,718 youth for fiscal year 2016-2017. She noted that the initiative for Healthy Corner Stores Pilot Project had increased access to healthy foods, including fresh fruits and vegetables in local convenience stores.

Chairperson Gonzales stated that she would like to know the results of the initiatives. She stated that if the initiatives were not working she wanted to know of the alternate initiatives that would accomplish the goals of SA Tomorrow.

Rene Dominguez provided a briefing on the five SA Tomorrow Goals: (1) Target Geography; (2) Industry Focus; (3) Workforce Development; (4) Recruitment Retention and Entrepreneurial Development; (5) FDI and Export (Brookings Global Cities).

Mr. Dominguez reported that employment initiatives were focused on the City's 13 Regional Centers, in site-specific locations in Urban Centers and along mobility corridors, to provide easy connectivity for San Antonio's residents and businesses. He stated that traditional and targeted growth industries support San Antonio's diversified economy and provide a wide range of job opportunities. He noted that San Antonio's skilled and educated workforce supports the City's traditional and emerging growth industries. He added that San Antonio's economic environment fosters innovation and attracts new and innovative businesses, investment, and industries. He mentioned San Antonio plays an important role in the regional, national, and international economy.

Mr. Dominguez stated that the tax abatement outlined the principles for investing in economic development projects. He noted the Tax Abatement would re-authorize every two years by State Law.

Councilmember Courage suggested that the staff provide the Committee with target numbers.

No action was required for Item 3.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Alicia K. Beckham,
Office of the City Clerk*

Shirley Gonzales, Chairperson