

**NEIGHBORHOODS AND LIVABILITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2017  
3:30 P.M.  
MEDIA BRIEFING ROOM, CITY HALL**

<b>Members Present:</b>	Councilmember Roberto Treviño, <i>Chair, District 1</i> Councilmember Alan Warrick, <i>District 2</i> Councilmember Rey Saldaña, <i>District 4</i>
<b>Members Absent:</b>	Councilmember Ray Lopez, <i>District 6</i> Councilmember Cris Medina, <i>District 7</i>
<b>Staff Present:</b>	Maria Villagómez, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Douglas Melnick, <i>Chief Sustainability Officer</i> ; Sarah Baray, <i>CEO, Pre-K 4 SA</i> Melody Woosley, <i>Director, Department of Human Services</i> ; Mikel Brightman, <i>Head Start Administrator</i> ; Alicia K. Beckham, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
<b>Others Present:</b>	Dr. Hazem Rashem-Ali, <i>University of Texas at San Antonio</i>

**Call to Order**

Chairman Treviño called the meeting to order.

- 1. Approval of minutes for the February 20, 2017 Neighborhoods and Livability Committee meeting.**

Councilmember Warrick moved to approve the Minutes of the February 20, 2017 Neighborhoods and Livability Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Saldaña seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

**Briefing and Possible Action on:**

- 2. A briefing on the Parks and Recreation Department Tree Recovery Initiative to provide trees to residents impacted by the storm event which passed through San Antonio on February 19-20, 2017.** [María Villagómez, Assistant City Manager; Xavier D. Urrutia, Director, Parks & Recreation]

Xavier Urrutia reported that 481 residential homes were impacted by tree damage due to storms. He stated that on March 10, 2017, Mayor Ivy Taylor, Councilmember Treviño, and Councilmember Mike Gallagher attended the first of many Initiative Kick Off Events. He noted that there would be three weeks of Tree Recovery Initiatives to promote the opportunity for residents to receive large native trees installed at no expense. He added that they would like to expand the program to neighborhoods with right-of-ways.

Chairman Treviño asked of alternative ways to expand the Program into disadvantaged neighborhoods. Mr. Urrutia responded that the City would also focus its initiatives towards

neighborhoods as an alternative to having big events to give away trees. Chairman Treviño suggested that staff create an instructional video for the upkeep of the trees. No action was required for Item 2.

**3. A briefing on urban heat island impacts and strategies [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Douglas Melnick, Chief Sustainability Officer]**

Douglas Melnick reported that SA Tomorrow identified Urban Heat Island Effect as a concern that the City needed to address. He stated that the goal would be to reduce Heat Island Effect by three degrees, in year 2040. He noted that staff reached out to the City of Los Angeles and found that their existing resource on Urban Heat Island Effect was scientific. He added that staff recommended continued research and analysis with partnered organizations; leverage existing resources to continue current Urban Heat Island Mitigation Efforts; and pilot Urban Mitigation Technologies.

As a response to Councilmember Warrick, Mr. Melnick stated that the Los Angeles Cool Roof Policy was mandated for residential housing and that they did not have a policy for Commercial Buildings. He stated that in year 2013, the City of Los Angeles had a two-year phase in of their Green Codes on roofs for all commercial construction. Councilmember Warrick asked of any recommendations for a program similar to Green Codes implemented into SA Tomorrow. Mr. Melnick responded that SA Tomorrow did not have a program like Los Angeles Green Codes but outlined what similar programs would resemble.

Chairman Treviño stated that the City would seek to create incentives as an alternative to creating regulations.

No action was required for Item 3.

**4. Update on Pre-K 4 SA efforts to collaborate with Head Start in support of professional learning for Head Start teachers in Edgewood and San Antonio Independent School Districts. [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; Sarah Baray, CEO, Pre-K 4 SA]**

Sarah Baray reported that the Department wanted to improve early childhood education by improving teacher instructional quality. She stated that the assessment tools CLASS, LAP 3, and Teacher Surveys, were used to collect data on the level of Early Childhood Teachers' Instructional Quality. She noted that the data revealed that Early Childcare Teachers needed to focus on instructional support. She added that they would be arranging days for the 2017 school year to provide professional development for Early Childcare Teachers.

As a response to Councilmember Warrick, Ms. Baray stated the CLASS Tests were currently being administered to the teachers by a third party. Councilmember Warrick suggested that staff return with the turnover rates of teachers for both Head Start and Pre-K 4 SA.

No action was required for Item 4.

**5. Briefing and possible action on Head Start Program Items.** [María Villagómez, Assistant City Manager; Melody Woosley, Director, Department of Human Services]

Melody Woosley provided a briefing on the Selection Point Matrix. She stated that the Selection Point Matrix allowed the City to assist students that are the most vulnerable. She noted that the Selection Point Matrix would be updated every year to assure that it reflects the changes in the community and that staff was seeking approval of the Updated Selection Point Matrix.


Councilmember Warrick asked of the total number of priority points that each student could receive. Lynn Stewart stated that there were no total points and that no student would reach all of the points. Councilmember Warrick asked if there were a number of priority points that would guaranty that a student gets into early education. Ms. Woosley stated that there was not a guaranty number but that the priority points were based on the pool of students register for the school year. Ms. Stewart added that the primary indicator is a student's household being at or below the poverty line.

Councilmember Warrick moved to approve the Selection Point Matrix Update. Councilmember Saldaña seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

**Adjourn**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

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

  
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*Roberto Treviño, Chair*

