

**COMMUNITY HEALTH AND EQUITY
COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2019
2:00 P.M.
MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING**

Members Present: Councilmember Ana Sandoval, Chair, *District 7*
Councilmember Art Hall, *District 2*
Councilmember Greg Brockhouse, *District 6*
Councilmember Manny Pelaez, *District 8*

Members Absent: Councilmember Rey Saldaña, *District 4*

Staff Present: Rod Sanchez, *Assistant City Manager*; Maria Villagómez, *Assistant City Manager*; Ed Guzman, *Deputy City Attorney*; Shreya Shah, *Assistant City Attorney*; Heber Lefgren, *Director, Animal Care Services*; Colleen Bridger, *Director, Metro Health*; Melody Woosley, *Director, Department of Human Services*; Nefi Garza, *Assistant Director, Transportation and Capital Improvements*; Alex Lopez, *Interim Chief Equity Officer, Office of Equity*; Brian Dillard, *Interim Chief Innovation Officer, Office of Innovation*; Douglas Melnick, *Chief Sustainability Officer, Office of Sustainability*; Rebecca Flores, *Education Program Administrator, Department of Human Services*; Denice F. Treviño, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: John Butchkosky, *Community Liaison, Texas Alliance for Human Needs*; Wayne Tschirhart, *Senior Engineer, San Antonio River Authority*; Scott Huddleston, *Reporter, Express News*; Rob Killen, *Kaufman and Killen*; George Peck, *Civil Engineering Consultants*; Martha Mangum, *Executive Director, Real Estate Council of San Antonio*; Carla De La Chapa, *Senior Manager, CPS Energy*

Call to order

Chairperson Sandoval called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of the Minutes for the December 14, 2018 Community Health and Equity Committee Meeting

Councilmember Pelaez moved to approve the minutes for the December 14, 2018 Community Health and Equity Committee Meeting. Councilmember Hall 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. SA Climate Ready, Update on Climate Action and Adaptation Plan. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Office of Sustainability]

Douglas Melnick stated that on August 11, 2016, the San Antonio City Council adopted the SA Tomorrow Sustainability Plan which identified strategies to develop a Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP). He noted that on June 22, 2017, the San Antonio City Council approved a Resolution in support of the Paris Agreement and the Mayor's National Climate Action Agenda. He stated that on November 30, 2017, the San Antonio City Council approved an agreement to develop a CAAP. He noted that the CAAP process included:

- Understanding the ways our climate is changing
- Developing strategies to adapt to a warming planet
- Taking action to reduce our carbon emissions
- Creating a plan to guide our efforts

Mr. Melnick noted that a robust engagement process was utilized and included:

- Engagement with the Steering Committee and Technical Working Groups (90+ Stakeholders)
- 145+ engagement events
- 3,400+ survey responses
- Climate equity focus engagement

He reviewed the CAAP Public Draft contents and stated that the Climate Equity Screening Mechanism included:

- Access and Accessibility
- Affordability
- Cultural preservation
- Health
- Safety & security

Mr. Melnick spoke of examples of economic inequities. He noted that to adhere to the Paris Climate Agreement; the City must develop a carbon neutral pathway. He reviewed the following community and municipal mitigation strategies:

- Increase carbon-free energy
- Reduce building consumption
- Reduce transportation consumption
- Increase circularity
- Promote biodiversity and healthy ecosystems
- Educate and enable

Mr. Melnick presented the following impacts from climate change by the end of the century in San Antonio:

	Low emissions pathway	High emissions pathway
Summer maximum temperature	+6°F	+10°F
Hot days (maximum temperature >100°F)	+48 days	+94 days
Warm nights (minimum temperature >80°F)	+10 nights	+55 nights
Annual precipitation	-3 inches	-4 inches

He stated that implementation would require:

- Reporting
- Governance
- Priority stakeholder groups
- Annual planning with key institutional partners
- National/international climate action

Mr. Melnick stated that the City of San Antonio was selected as one of 25 cities as an American Cities Climate Challenge (ACCC) winner. He noted that the ACCC was a Bloomberg Philanthropies Initiative which aimed to accelerate and deepen U.S. Cities' efforts to create the greatest climate impact through 2020 and showcase the benefits that climate solutions bring. He stated that the ACCC was a two-year program which runs through December 2020. He noted that the City would receive up to \$2.5 million in direct and technical support. He stated that the award included two Climate Advisor positions and the City was currently finalizing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Bloomberg Philanthropies. He noted that the objectives of the Draft Plan engagement were:

- Build awareness
- Feedback on draft
- Encourage action

He described the Draft Plan engagement process and reviewed the timeline. He stated that the public release of the Draft Plan and open comment period would begin on January 25, 2019.

Chairwoman Sandoval asked of the timeframe for limiting warming to 1.5°C according to the Paris Climate Agreement. Mr. Melnick stated that the timeline was from the 1880's to the end of the century.

Councilmember Pelaez expressed concern that strategies to reduce building consumption would raise housing prices.

Councilmember Brockhouse entered the meeting at this time.

Chairwoman Sandoval asked of an economic impact study. Mr. Melnick stated that the plan would include a high level economic analysis.

Councilmember Brockhouse expressed support for making citizens aware of the associated costs.

No action was required for Item 2.

3. Briefing and Possible Action on Head Start Program Items and Fiscal Activities for November 2018. [Maria Villagómez, Assistant City Manager; Melody Woosley, Director, Department of Human Services]

Rebecca Flores stated that the Community Health and Equity Committee and the Head Start Policy Council served as the governing bodies for Head Start and Early Head Start. She noted that the Head Start Policy Council was comprised of:

- Edgewood ISD Parents
- San Antonio ISD Parents
- Early Head Start Parents
- Community Representatives

She stated that staff was required to submit a Head Start Self-Assessment Report annually. She presented the following strengths and areas for improvement identified in the 2017-2018 Head Start Self-Assessment Report:

Strengths

- Exceeded 10% requirement of enrollment of children with disabilities
- 145 families completed a job training program during the program year
- 99% of children had a medical home at the end of the program year

Areas for improvement

- Improve End of Year (EOY) student assessment outcome results
- Create a process to complete application within 90 days
- Improve response time for addressing families in crisis

Ms. Flores stated that the Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment, Attendance (ERSEA) selection criteria point matrix and the ERSEA policy updates were modified to better serve at-risk children. She provided student outcome data for Head Start and Early Head Start. She noted that the Early Head Start Parent Engagement Project would identify engagement opportunities for parents such as:

- Parent engagement events/activities
- Parent Connection Committee meetings
- Informational tables set up during morning and/or afternoon meet and greets
- Distribution of written advertisement: flyers, posters, etc.

She stated that a parent survey would be developed and distributed and data gathered would be analyzed. She noted that the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Head Start Budget was \$28.3 million and the FY 2018 Early Head Start Budget was \$3.4 million and fiscal expenditures were on target.

Councilmember Brockhouse moved to approve the Head Start and Early Head Start 2017-2018 Self-Assessment Report, the 2019-2020 ERSEA Selection Criteria Point Matrix, and the 2019-2020 ERSEA Policy Updates. Councilmember Pelaez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

4. Staff Briefing to the Community Health and Equity Committee on Atlas 14 and Transportation & Capital Improvements Department’s Recommendation to Amend the Unified Development Code (UDC) to Incorporate Atlas 14 Rainfall Values for the San Antonio Area as part of Storm Water and Floodplain Design Standards. [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; Nefi Garza, Assistant Director, Transportation & Capital Improvements]

Nefi Garza stated that current rainfall standards were utilized for:

- Floodplain Mapping (DFIRM)
- Developmental Standards
- Capital Projects

He noted that Atlas 14, Volume 11 (Atlas 14) was a Federal Study published in September 2018 by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). He noted that said study centered on rainfall frequency and intensity and data was derived from 3,900 rain gauges throughout Texas. He stated that Atlas 14 analyzes historical rainfall data to update the statistical, hypothetical rainfall in Texas. He noted that Atlas 14 assigns the probability of rainfall volumes to estimate the likelihood of a particular rain event. He stated that the overall increase of rainfall was 10-30% in San Antonio. He reviewed the following potential implications of said increase:

- Floodplain Mapping
 - Redefinition and potential widening of the 100-year floodplain
 - Increased numbers of structures in the floodplain
 - Flood insurance
- Drainage Projects
 - Flood risk prevention
 - Land development
 - Capital projects

Mr. Garza reviewed the following potential impacts to different groups:

Group	Potential impacts
Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated floodplain maps • Additional structures in the floodplain • Additional structures requiring flood insurance • Possible increase in flood insurance premiums
City of San Antonio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2017 Bond-drainage projects to be evaluated on a case-by-case basis for effectiveness with Atlas 14 rainfall values • Cost of projects will increase

Mr. Garza stated that staff had been working with numerous stakeholders since a year prior to the release of Atlas 14 with the goal of translating Atlas 14 into usable Best Available Data for San Antonio. He reviewed the

timeline and noted that he would meet with each Councilmember in April 2019 prior to submission to the full City Council for consideration. He described the next steps in the process.

Chairwoman Sandoval asked of the response to Atlas 14 by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). Mr. Garza stated that TxDOT would be adopting Atlas 14 statewide. Chairwoman Sandoval requested the costs of inaction.

Councilmember Pelaez asked how Atlas 14 would affect phased development. Mr. Garza stated that staff were partnering with the Professional Engineers in Private Practice (PEPP) and the Real Estate Council (RECSA) to better define that. Councilmember Pelaez requested that staff emphasize the purchase of replacement flood insurance.

No action was required for Item 4.

5. Briefing on Alternate Giving Options to Encourage Residents to donate to Non-Profit Organizations and Reduce Panhandling that Violate City Code. [Maria Villagómez, Assistant City Manager; Brian Dillard, Interim Chief Innovation Officer]

Brian Dillard stated that the FY 2019 Budget approved funding in the amount of \$30,000 for public messaging, including signage, as part of an initiative to encourage residents to donate to non-profit organizations that support homeless programs and services and to reduce panhandling which violates City Code. He noted that this was a pilot initiative requested by Councilmember Pelaez. He reviewed the following panhandling statistics citywide:

- 9,679 calls received by SAPD in FY 2018
- 3,089 panhandling citations given by SAPD in FY 2018
- Hot spots by zip code
 - ❖ 78223 (D3)
 - ❖ 78216 (D9)
 - ❖ 78230 (D8)

Mr. Dillard stated that the Office of Innovation researched panhandling activity for the City of San Antonio (CoSA) in the following ways:

- Data research with SAPD and the Department of Human Services
- Internal CoSA workgroup session
- External stakeholder workgroup session
- Researched alternate giving solutions
- Researched methods utilized in other cities

Mr. Dillard reviewed best practices in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Ft. Worth, and Lexington, Kentucky such as a work program focusing on panhandlers in Albuquerque, alternative giving in Ft. Worth, and a day labor program for panhandlers in Lexington. He noted that stakeholder workshops were held with:

- South Alamo Regional Alliance for the Homeless (SARAH)

- Haven for Hope
- Christian Assistance Ministries
- Travis Park United Methodist Church
- City Departments:
 - Department of Human Services
 - SAPD
 - City Attorney's Office
 - Center City Operations
 - Government and Public Affairs
 - Transportation and Capital Improvements

Mr. Dillard stated that the proposed approach was a four-step process to include:

- Alternative giving
- Identification
- Marketing and education
- Outreach

He noted that a one-year pilot program would be initiated which would include said four steps and measures of success. He reviewed the next steps in the process.

Councilmember Brockhouse asked staff not to co-mingle panhandling with homelessness.

Councilmember Hall asked of the process for legitimate collections. Mr. Dillard replied that a permitting process was in place for legitimate collections.

Councilmember Pelaez moved to approve and forward the Memorandum of Understanding between CoSA and TxDOT to permit the installation of alternative giving signs on TxDOT right-of-way to the full City Council for consideration in February 2019. Councilmember Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.



Ana Sandoval, Chair

Respectfully Submitted



Denise F. Treviño, Office of the City Clerk

