

**COMMUNITY HEALTH AND EQUITY  
COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING  
FEBRUARY 28, 2019  
2:00 P.M.  
MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING**

**Members Present:** Councilmember Ana Sandoval, Chair, *District 7*  
Councilmember Art Hall, *District 2*  
Councilmember Rey Saldaña, *District 4*  
Councilmember Greg Brockhouse, *District 6*  
Councilmember Manny Pelaez, *District 8*

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**Members Absent:** None

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**Staff Present:** Rod Sanchez, *Assistant City Manager*; Ed Guzman, *Deputy City Attorney*; Susan Guinn, *Assistant City Attorney*; Joseph Harney, *Assistant City Attorney*; Kristine Duff, *Assistant City Attorney*; Michael Shannon, *Director, Development Services Department*; Colleen Bridger, *Director, Metro Health*; Douglas Melnick, *Chief Sustainability Officer, Office of Sustainability*; Melissa Ramirez, *Assistant Director, Development Services Department*; Rebecca Flores, *Education Program Administrator, Department of Human Services*; Denice F. Treviño, *Office of the City Clerk*

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**Others Present:** John Butchkosky, *Community Liaison, Texas Alliance for Human Needs*;

**Call to order**

Chairwoman Sandoval called the meeting to order.

**1. Approval of the Minutes for the January 24, 2019 Community Health and Equity Committee Meeting**

Councilmember Saldaña moved to approve the minutes for the January 24, 2019 Community Health and Equity Committee Meeting. Councilmember Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Citizens to be Heard**

There were no citizens registered to speak.

**Briefing and Possible Action on:**

- 2. Briefing, Discussion, and Possible Action Regarding the Habitat Compliance Form and Possible Modifications to the Form.** [Roderick J. Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Michael Shannon, Director, Development Services]

Michael Shannon reviewed the various initiatives created by the City to support the mission of the Military. He stated that it was determined that the Habitat Compliance Form (HCF), which was created in 2009, required revisions. He noted that a Task Force comprised of representatives from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), the Military, the development community, environmental consultants, and neighborhood representatives met to discuss changes to increase the efficacy and clarity of the HCF. He stated that the HCF was created in 2009 to be submitted with:

- Master Development Plans
- Planned Unit Developments
- Subdivision plats
- Tree Permits

He noted that the HCF was required to be submitted for development on properties greater than two acres in size in the City Limits and the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ). He stated that the HCF with the USFWS was utilized as a communication tool and served as notification of development activity within the City Limits. He noted that the purpose of the HCF was to alert USFWS to enable them to enforce the Endangered Species Act (ESA) as the City was not authorized to enforce the ESA. He reviewed the members of the Habitat Compliance Task Force (Task Force). He noted that recent projects had highlighted that the current HCF:

- Lacks clarity
- Did not address studies completed
- Affidavit did not address if Biologist concurs with statements made by owner

Mr. Shannon reviewed the proposed key changes to the HCF and noted that said changes would be brought before the Planning Commission on March 13, 2019 and the full City Council in April 2019 for consideration.

Councilmember Pelaez asked of a roll-out plan. Mr. Shannon stated that discussions would continue with neighborhoods and SA SpeakUp would be utilized in March 2019 to gather feedback from residents.

Chairwoman Sandoval asked of the process for recruiting property owners and neighborhood representatives to the Task Force. Mr. Shannon stated that those recruited were very active and involved in the project in question. Chairwoman Sandoval suggested more diversity of Task Force Members in the future if possible.

Councilmember Saldaña moved to recommend and forward the revisions to the HCF to the full City Council for consideration. Councilmember Pelaez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**3. Briefing and Possible Action on Head Start Program Items and Fiscal Activities for December 2018 and January 2019.** [María Villagómez, Assistant City Manager; Melody Woosley, Director, Department of Human Services]

Rebecca Flores stated that the 2019-2020 Department of Human Services Head Start Data Management Procedures have been updated to reflect best practices. She noted that the Family Outcome Assessment assesses a family's functioning and needs and revealed increases in overall family functioning scores from the beginning to the end of the school year. She noted that the City received the Head Start Five-Year Grant Notice of Award for the period February 1, 2019 through January 31, 2024. She stated that a Cost-of-Living Adjustment (CoLA) was included in the Budget for Head Start. 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. She added that fiscal expenditures were on target.

Councilmember Saldaña moved to approve the 2019-2020 Department of Human Services Head Start Program Data Management Procedures. Councilmember Pelaez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**4. Briefing on SA Climate Ready, Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.** [Roderick J. Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Douglas Melnick, Chief Sustainability Officer, Office of Sustainability]

Douglas Melnick stated that on August 11, 2016, the 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 City Council approved a Resolution in support of the Paris Climate Agreement and the Mayor's National Climate Action Agenda. He stated that on November 30, 2017, the City Council approved an agreement with CPS Energy and the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) to develop a CAAP. He noted that the City was creating a plan for the future which included:

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

Mr. Melnick stated that engagement prior to the creation of the draft plan included:

- 90+ stakeholders
  - Steering Committee
  - Technical Working Groups
- 145+ engagement events
- 3,400+ survey responses
- Climate equity focused engagement

Mr. Melnick highlighted draft plan feedback received and provided the following engagement summary to date:

Business Events	Community Events	Neighborhood Association Events	Targeted Stakeholder Events	Total events To date
28	108	21	43	210
Business Event Attendees	Community Event Attendees	Neighborhood Association Event Attendees	Targeted Stakeholder Event Attendees	Total Attendees to date
506	5,620	470	675	7,271

Mr. Melnick stated that 683 open comments had been received during the draft plan public comment period via emails, website, public meetings, community events, phone calls, etc. He noted that of the comments received, 33% were positive responses; 60% were neutral responses; and 7% were negative responses. He stated that the total amount of completed surveys during the draft plan public comment period was 720. He noted that of those; 66% were positive responses; 10% were neutral responses; and 24% were negative responses. He stated that a community meeting was held on February 19, 2019 where there were 130+ attendees and 300+ comments collected. He noted that the following supported topics were discussed at the meeting:

- Increasing mobility options
- Education
- Opportunity to provide feedback

Mr. Melnick stated that the following concerns were raised at the meeting:

- Cost of the implementation
- Disbelief in climate change
- Lack of detailed strategy and targets

He noted that the following suggestions were made at the meeting:

- Increasing energy efficiency through new technologies and/or policies
- Incorporating big corporations
- Conserve water and protect the aquifer

Mr. Melnick stated that more time for public comment was added to the timeline with the item scheduled to be brought before the City Council in May 2019. He noted that the following would occur during the extended public comment period:

- Industry/business stakeholder meetings
- Neighborhood Association/HOA Meetings
- Targeted community outreach-libraries, parks, senior centers
- Media interviews
- City Council Newsletters
- Office of Sustainability Facebook Live Event

- Community events

Chairwoman Sandoval asked what, besides dialogue, would occur during the extended timeline. Mr. Melnick stated that staff would partner with Navigant to clarify strategies, an economic analysis would be conducted, and local case studies would be provided which reflect the intent of the plan.

Councilmember Brockhouse expressed concern that the small sample size of public comments was not indicative of the City as a whole and suggested that staff involve the City Council.

Chairwoman Sandoval stated that she would support a vote by the City Council on the CAAP in early May 2019. She suggested a meeting between herself, Mr. Melnick, and each individual Councilmember to discuss details of the plan. She noted that costs would increase for gathering feedback that represented the entire City. She stated that she would entertain a motion to provide additional engagement with the public on the CAAP.

Councilmember Brockhouse suggested that staff partner with Jeff Coyle to seek input that was representative of the entire City.

Chairwoman Sandoval requested a cost estimate for engagement on the CAAP in each Council District.

Councilmember Hall suggested review of the data gathered to view the gaps in feedback.

Councilmember Pelaez suggested that the feedback received be utilized to revise the CAAP. He stated that he would fully support the CAAP if it included incentives for compliance rather than mandates.

Councilmember Saldaña stated that citizens want details regarding projects and costs and that the City must plan for the future despite opposition to the CAAP.

Councilmember Brockhouse stated that we should be concerned about companies which would be affected negatively by the CAAP.

Chairwoman Sandoval stated that the CAAP sets up a framework and a direction for the City.

No action was required for Item 4.

Councilmembers Hall and Brockhouse exited the meeting at this time.

**5. A Briefing by the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District on the Selection of New Priority Health Indicators.** [Erik Walsh, Deputy City Manager; Colleen M. Bridger, MPH, PhD, Director, Health]

Dr. Colleen Bridger stated that Metro Health's Priority Health Issues Initiative formed the basis of Metro Health's Strategic Plan. She noted that work on other health related issues which

would not be included in the Strategic Plan would be included in other work plans. She stated that a list of 25 major health issues was narrowed down to the top 10 health issues via a survey of Bexar County Residents. She noted that staff convened an Ad-Hoc Community Group to narrow the list of the community's top 10 health priorities down to the top 3 priority health indicators for San Antonio. She reviewed a map of the number of surveys received by residential zip code. She stated that a total of 4,147 Bexar County Residents responded of which: 74% were Female; 55% were Hispanic/Latino; 27% were White; and 5% were Black. She noted that the largest age groups were 25-34 and 35-44. She stated that information was communicated and input was gathered through:

- Interactive survey board at all six SA Speakup events
- Electronic surveys via numerous social media platforms, websites, local media outlets, partner organizations, and Universities
- Paper surveys via community organizations and Metro Health Programs such as:
  - Healthy Start
  - Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
  - Healthy Neighborhoods
  - Stand Up SA
  - HIV/STD Clinics
  - Immunization Clinics

Dr. Bridger stated that participants selected the following Top 10 Health Issues:

- Access to health services
- Aging issues
- Dental Health
- Diabetes
- Drug and alcohol abuse
- Housing issues
- Mental health
- Nutrition
- Traumatic childhood events
- Violence

Dr. Bridger noted that fact sheets for each health issue were compiled and contained:

- Up-to-date data
- Details on risk factors for the issue
- Brief account of current efforts in Bexar County to address the issue
- Brief account of evidence-based and policy interventions for the issue

She stated that a Health Impact Index was created for each health issue based on: 1) Size and scope of the health issue; 2) Seriousness of the health issue; and 3) Average of all interventions considered. She reviewed the Health Impact Index for the Top 10 Health Issues. She noted that

a community and partner prioritization meeting was held on January 26, 2019. She stated that over 30 community members and representatives from key partner organizations participated in the prioritization process comprised of:

- In-depth review of 10 health priorities
- Identification of selection criteria
- Engagement in rating and ranking process

She noted that as a result of this process; the top three health issues for Metro Health's strategic priorities were identified as:

1. Access to health care
2. Adverse childhood experiences
3. Nutrition

She stated that three focus areas were identified for each of the three top health issues. She noted that the 2019-2023 Strategic Plan would be implemented on October 1, 2019.

Councilmember Pelaez asked where subject matter experts were selected from. Dr. Bridger replied that subject matter experts were selected from the community or outside of the City.

Chairwoman Sandoval asked when an update would be provided to the Committee. Dr. Bridger replied that an update would be provided to the full City Council on April 10, 2019 at B Session.

No action was required for Item 5.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

  

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*Ana Sandoval, Chair*

***Respectfully Submitted***

  

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



