

DATE: 07-20-2016

TO: City Clerk

FROM: City Representative Peter Svarzbein

ADDRESS: 300 N. Campbell TELEPHONE 915-212-1002

Please place the following item on the (Check one): CONSENT XXX REGULAR _____

Agenda for the Council Meeting of July 26, 2016

Item should read as follows: Re-Appointment of Robert Gonzales to the Bicycle Advisory Committee as requested by City Representative Peter Svarzbein, District 1

BOARD COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION: Bicycle Advisory Committee

NOMINATED BY: City Representative Peter Svarzbein DISTRICT: 1

NAME OF APPOINTEE Robert Gonzales
(Please verify correct spelling of name)

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

DOES THE PROPOSED APPOINTEE HAVE A RELATIVE WORKING FOR THE CITY? YES: _____ NO: X

IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE HIS OR HER NAME, CITY POSITION AND RELATIONSHIP TO THE PROPOSED APPOINTEE:

HAS APPOINTEE BEEN A MEMBER OF OTHER CITY BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE NAMES AND DATES: YES, MEMBER OF PARKS AND RECREATION FROM 2004-2008
WHO WAS THE LAST PERSON TO HAVE HELD THIS POSITION BEFORE IT BECAME VACANT?

NAME OF INCUMBENT: Robert Gonzales

EXPIRATION DATE OF INCUMBENT: 06/30/2016

REASON PERSON IS NO LONGER IN OFFICE (CHECK ONE): TERM EXPIRED: X
RESIGNED _____
REMOVED _____

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: July 26, 2016

TERM BEGINS ON : July 1, 2016

EXPIRATION DATE OF NEW APPOINTEE: June 30, 2018

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: 1st TERM: _____

2nd TERM: X

UNEXPIRED TERM: _____

Robert A. Gonzales, PE, CNU-A
President/Principal-In-Charge
Quantum Engineering Consultants, Inc.

Mr. Gonzales has over 30 years of managing civil engineering related projects in El Paso and Doña Ana County, New Mexico from the pre-design phase through construction management and final project acceptance. He has developed extensive experience in all aspects of residential, commercial, and industrial land development; hydraulics and hydrology; educational and institutional facilities design; masterplanning; land use mapping; transportation planning and design; street & thoroughfare design; bicycle facilities planning and design; pedestrian pathway/trail planning and design; drainage infrastructure design; park improvement projects; grading and drainage design; traffic control and circulation; and utility infrastructure design. He is a lifelong resident of El Paso and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Texas at El Paso and has been licensed as a Professional Engineer in the State of Texas since 1991.

Mr. Gonzales has always been very involved in the El Paso community, particularly in improving the region's recreational amenities and preventive health awareness. Mr. Gonzales developed the 1997 Bikeways Study for the City of El Paso's Metropolitan Planning Organization and is also an avid bicycle advocate for the City of El Paso. He was a member of the Rio Grande River Park Task Force and Open Space Advisory Group. Mr. Gonzales is a current member of the TxDOT Bicycle Advisory Committee, Chairman of the City of El Paso's Bicycle Advisory Committee, former local coordinator for the Texas Bicycle Coalition and former member of the City of El Paso's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Mr. Gonzales was involved in the New Subdivision Ordinance Rewrite to review and update the technical design standards for the City of El Paso and was on several sub-committees to provide input on the City of El Paso's Drainage Design Manual and Grading Ordinance. He also provided input on updates to Doña Ana County's Subdivision Ordinance and revisions to the City of El Paso's Drainage Design Manual requirements. Mr. Gonzales is currently assisting with the preparation of the City of El Paso Bike Plan. He has led a number of projects where alternative engineering solutions were proposed and accepted. He is committed to the creation of a new set of engineering standards for community development through all projects he is involved with. His focus is building better communities which involves designing sites that are not only better for the environment, but more cost effective to operate and healthier for the people who will utilize them. In addition, he has led a number of projects utilizing SmartCode principles, where alternative engineering solutions were proposed and accepted. He views all of his projects, whether large or small, as an opportunity to effect positive change. Thus, his designs have included "greener" options, wherever possible, to enhance the overall value of his Client's investments.

Mr. Gonzales is also an accomplished multisport athlete with a career that has spanned over 30 years. Some of his accomplishments include being a two time Texas State Triathlon Champion (1991, 1993) and Duathlon Champion (1991, 1999), National Duathlon Champion (1998), and "Best of the US" Top Texas Male Triathlete in 2005. He has made eight World Duathlon and nine World Triathlon appearances as a member of Team USA. He was the Team Captain for the 1994 USA Duathlon Team that competed in Hobart, Tasmania (Australia). Over his career to date, he has received seventeen All American Honors and has been an eight-time Southwest Challenge Series Elite Champion. In 2011, he placed 5th in the 50 – 54 age group at the World Duathlon Championships in Gijon, Spain, was the 2012 and 2014 National Sprint Triathlon Champion in the 50 – 54 age group and the 2013 and 2015 Runner- Up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He is a three-time Hawaii Ironman finisher and winner of numerous multi-sport events throughout the United States. Mr. Gonzales was inducted into the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame in 2007.

In recent years, he has focused his attention on providing inspiration to the youth of El Paso by directing various children's multi-sport events, giving presentations on the dangers of drug use, and by mentoring young athletes as they embark on their own athletic careers.

City of Residence: El Paso, Texas

Years with Firm: 14 years

Registration: Professional Engineer Texas #69920
Congress for the New Urbanism - Urbanist

Professional

Experience: Quantum Engineering Consultants, Inc. (2002 to present)
Mesa and Associates, Inc. (1999 to 2002)
CSA Consulting Engineers, Inc. (1991 to 1999)

Education: Bachelor of Science - Civil Engineering
University of Texas at El Paso, 1985

Memberships: Texas Council of Engineering Companies - Member
American Society of Civil Engineers – Past President