

MINUTES

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

**Two Civic Center Plaza - 2nd Floor
City Council Chambers**

Wednesday, March 22, 2006

There being a quorum; Jim Welshimer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jim Welshimer
John Doering
Trini Acevedo
Miguel Grijalva
Barbara Esparza
Ana Duenez

MEMBERS ABSENT

Billie Brown
Roger K. Curie

STAFF PRESENT

Nathalie Prise, Director
Anthony Shaar, CD Grants & Program Administrator
Eleanor Love, Senior Grants Planner
Kevin Pitts, Grants Planner
Judy Emmons, Grants Planner
Yolie Cedillo, Recording Secretary

Agenda

1. Discussion and Action on Steering Committee Absences – Jim Welshimer, Chairperson

Item 1: Motion made by Barbara Esparza and seconded by Miguel Grijalva to excuse Billie Brown and Roger K. Curie from tonight's meeting. Motion passes unanimously.

2. Approval of the Steering Committee Minutes of March 9, 2006 – Jim Welshimer, Chairperson

Item 2: Motion made by Barbara Esparza and seconded by John Doering to approve the minutes of March 9, 2006. Motion passes unanimously.

3. Review of the Following 32nd Year (2006-2007) Public Facilities Proposals:

A. Citywide Curb Cut Demand Program 2006-2007 (General Services Department)

Item 3A: A representative of the General Services Department gives a presentation about the Curb Cut Program and the high demand for curb cuts throughout the community which benefits all the citizens of the City of El Paso. He responds to questions from the Steering Committee members.

The Chairman of the Mayor's Accessibility Advisory Committee comments on the need for the curb cut ramps throughout the city.

Project rating sheets are filled out by Steering Committee members and returned to Eleanor Love.

B. Audible Pedestrian Signals 2006-2007 (General Services Department)

Item 3B: A representative of the General Services Department gives a presentation about the Audible Pedestrian Signals. He displays a map of different sites throughout the City of El Paso where the Audible Pedestrian Signals have been installed. He responds to questions from the Steering Committee members.

The Chairman of the Mayor's Accessibility Advisory Committee comments on the Audible Pedestrian Signals located at various intersections throughout the city. He informs the committee that the program has won state and national recognition

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C. Borderland Area Street & Drainage Improvements (Engineering Department)

- Phase IV – Salas Lane and Galindo Avenue
- Phase V – Viramontes Street and Tarango Street
- Phase VI – Borderland Road

D. McConnell Avenue Street and Drainage Improvements from Byron Street to Dyer Street (Engineering Department)

E. Tobin Place and Dunne Avenue Street and Drainage Improvements – Tobin Place from bridge at Franklin Canal to Alameda Avenue and Dunne Avenue 150 feet east and west of Tobin Place (Engineering Department)

F. Valley View Heights/Ascarate Subdivisions Street and Drainage Improvements (Engineering Department)

- Navajo Drive from Aztec Road to Sioux Drive (Valley View Heights)
- Navajo Drive from Sioux Drive to Cheyene Trail Drive (Valley View Heights)
- Mohawk Lane from Apache Street to Sioux Drive (Valley View Heights)

- Cheyenne Trail Drive from Apache Street at Navajo Drive to Sioux Drive (Valley View Heights)
- Mescalero Drive from 150 feet north of Aztec Road to Geronimo Drive (Ascarate)
- G. Malaga Place and Cardis Court Street and Drainage Improvements – Malaga Place from Alameda Avenue to Lincoln Park Drain and Cardis Court from Malaga Place to the dead end (Engineering Department)**
- H. Ramona Subdivision Street and Drainage Improvements (Engineering Department)**
 - Miller Circle from Wooldridge Street to Wooldridge Street
 - Orndorff Drive from Ramona Avenue to North Loop Drive
- I. Yale Avenue Street and Drainage Improvements from Pinon Street to the Dead End**
- J. Comanche Avenue Street and Drainage Improvements from Tobin Street to Dolan Street (Engineering Department)**
- K. Sue Hall Court Street and Drainage Improvements from Hernandez Street to Fox Avenue (Engineering Department)**
- L. Wyoming Avenue Street and Drainage Improvements from Cotton Street to Brown Street (Engineering Department)**
- M. Yandell Avenue Street and Drainage Improvements from Cotton Street to Brown Street (Engineering Department)**
- N. Estrella Street Drainage and Street Improvements from Paisano Drive to the bridge at Franklin Canal (Engineering Department)**
- O. Sixth Avenue Street and Drainage Improvements Phase II from Tays Street to Cotton Street (Engineering Department)**

Items 3C through 3O: A representative from the City of El Paso Engineering Department displays an aerial slide of each street and drainage project and explains the types of improvements that each street and drainage project entails. He responds to questions from the Steering Committee members.

Cost estimates for the following street and drainage improvement projects will be broken down into multiple phases and resubmitted to the Community Development staff and the Steering Committee members for their budget deliberations meeting to be held on April 4, 2006:

- Yale Avenue from Pinon Street to the Dead End
- Yandell Avenue Street and Drainage Improvements from Cotton Street to Brown Street
- Wyoming Avenue Street and Drainage Improvements from Cotton Street to Brown Street

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4. Citizen Comments on Item #3

Citizen comments on items 4A through 4O:

Citizens from different districts come forward to speak on behalf of the curb cut program, the audible pedestrian signal program, and the street and drainage projects in their area, that will be considered for 32nd year funding.

5. Discussion of Steering Committee Bus Tour – Eleanor Love, Senior Grants Planner

The Steering Committee members agree to meet on Wednesday, March 29, 2006 for the bus tour.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm