

**CITY OF SAN JUAN COMMISSION AND
SAN JUAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
JOINT MEETING MINUTES
August 18, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER (Convened at 6:07pm)

The City of San Juan and the San Juan Economic Development Corporation met for a joint special meeting on Tuesday, August 18, 2009 at the San Juan Fire Station #2, Commissioner Room, 2301 North Raul Longoria, San Juan TX. The meeting was called to order by Board Vice President Jose Santillan at 6:07pm.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Vice President Jose Santillan, Treasurer Heriberto Tapia, Assistant Secretary Lourdes Suarez, Board Member Jesse Zambrano

Board Members Absent: President Bobby Rodriguez, Secretary Alma Prado, Board Member Erasmo Garcia

Staff Present: Executive Director Miki McCarthy, Project Specialists Harvey Rodriguez and Samantha Sawyer

City Commission Present: Mayor Pedro Contreras, Mayor-Pro Tem Lupe Rodriguez, Commissioner Eddie Suarez

Others Present: EDC Attorney Jerry Muñoz, EHRA Chris Brown, CDS Ray Lawrence, UTPA CoServe Sai Mullapudi, City Manager Tony Garza, Administrative Assistant Christina Walker, Purchasing Director Carmen Gonzalez, Finance Director Ramiro Lopez, Parks & Rec Director Roel Garza, Police Chief Juan Gonzalez, Fire Chief Tirso Garza, Streets & Sanitation Director Ruben Rojas, Water Plant Trinidad Cantu, Planning Director Emilio Garcia.



Vice President Santillan recommended motion to excuse absent members. Assistant Secretary Suarez motioned. Board Member Zambrano second. Unanimous.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Rezoning Map for North Exp. 83 to Owassa

Mayor Contreras opened item. Planning Director Garcia asked Director McCarthy to present map. Together Garcia and McCarthy discussed their latest efforts and recommendations. Staff recommended consideration of annexation of property within city limits that is currently not annexed. No recommendations for annexation of Sioux Road. After some discussion, commission agreed that the map was consistent with their recommendations.

2. Downtown Revitalization

Presentation by EHRA on Phase I Deliverables

Mayor Contreras opened item. Director McCarthy introduced Chris Brown of EHRA. Brown discussed the Phase I Deliverables then turned presentation over to Ray Lawrence of CDS. Lawrence discussed the data collection that was being done in Phase I. Lawrence discussed

details such as population and demographics in a 5 mile trade area, retail leakage which explains what stores are not represented in trade area, buyer behavior, employment, and retail and office trends. Lawrence suggested that attraction was a key factor to making San Juan a destination location. Brown commented on his surprise in how many businesses existed already in the downtown San Juan area and the variety. Questions were raised about Phase I scope of services not including citizen participation.

McCarthy shared that the SJEDC continuously advocates for downtown revitalization with business owners. McCarthy informed group of the goals and objectives of Mainstreet Program and what incentives business owners would receive should City be awarded with this designation. These same goals are being incorporated into the revitalization plan.

ADJOURNMENT (Adjourn at 7:26 pm)

Vice President Jose Santillan requested motion to adjourn. Moved by Board Member Jesse Zambrano. Second by Assistant Secretary Lourdes Suarez. Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm

SUBMITTED:



Miki McCarthy, Executive Director

CERTIFIED:



Alma Prado, Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL:

August 24, 2009
DATE

SEAL:

