

From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Ott, Marc](#)
Subject: Billboard debrief
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2009 1:48:04 AM

Thanks for your help earlier re: billboard mess. As the Statesman reported: <http://www.statesman.com/news/content/news/stories/local/2009/12/15/1215billboard.html> we may or may not end up taking action this week. We will be meeting with the various parties tomorrow late afternoon and I hope we can work out a better deal for everyone. I wish I had stayed on this deal from beginning to end as I believe that without the continuity of leadership throughout this episode we didn't achieve the best outcome we could have. I learned a lot from this one....sigh. Below is my opinion of the situation now that I've had the time to step back a bit....we'll see where it goes from here. Thanks again.

In June of 2008 the City Council passed a new bill board ordinance that allowed billboards to be re-located within 500 feet of a residence, only if that residence was commercially rather than residentially zoned. In other words, that action created a new disparity between people who live in a residentially zoned home versus those who live in multi-family mixed use community - the kind of mixed use communities the City is encouraging through countless other policies; the kind of place like the Bridges.

That action was against the Planning Commission and staff's recommendation. That action was taken before CM Riley or Morrison or I were members of Austin City Council. That action resulted in the first and to-date only billboard re-location of this kind.

This is not a situation where we are faced with a nonconforming billboard, nor is it a case where the City is choosing to help remove one billboard over another. This sets no precedence for the City to be in the business of negotiating and funding billboard re-locations. This is a special case, involving one billboard re-location -- a re-location that was legal under a new ordinance, but should not have been; a re-location in large part being made possible by private agreement between the developer and Reagan.

Timeline -- The new ordinance went into effect in June of 2008 and Reagan legally obtained its re-location permit under that new ordinance that fall. Reagan constructed its new billboard the following April, without anyone at the Bridges having any idea such a thing was allowed, much less in the works. The condo project was well underway before the Council took the action they took in June 2008, changing the rules and essentially through a new City Policy enabling units to be sold and occupied several months before a new billboard was legally constructed just outside their windows.

Again, the action the Council took in June of 2008 was wrong and it created a problem that many on this City Council want to fix. Reagan does not have to move this billboard, but we are glad they are taking the steps to do so. We have encouraged the Bridges and Reagan to come to a mutually agreeable arrangement, and we're glad they have. The City's role in fixing the problem is small but given the fact that the City had a role in creating the problem, I am glad we are taking action to not only address this problem but also to prevent it from happening again.

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Morrison, Laura](#)
Subject: Eco Devo Follow-up
Date: Tuesday, February 10, 2009 9:26:13 PM
Attachments: [clean copy Shade-Morrison Edits DRAFT ECO Devo RESOLUTION.doc](#)
[Shade - Morrison Edits DRAFT ECO Devo RESOLUTION.doc](#)

Hi Laura

I am glad we got to discuss the economic incentives resolution earlier today. Thanks for making the time. As promised, attached is the draft we discussed at our meeting this morning. I have attached two versions -- a clean copy and a tracked changes version. Both attachments reflect the changes you asked me to make and both have two sections of text highlighted in yellow. I would prefer not to include the highlighted sections of text for the reasons we discussed, but I left them in since you asked me to do so. I have also included both my proposed version of section (b.) and yours. I went over your version of section (b.) with Lee --- in fact it was the only version I presented to him since I had already made the edits you asked me to make by the time Lee and I had our one-on-one. Lee suggested alternative language for that section that was essentially the exact version I had originally presented to you when you and I met this morning. That prompted me to show Lee my earlier version and ultimately I decided for purposes of our discussion going forward I would include both versions for consideration.

I look forward to getting your next round of suggestions as soon as possible. I share your commitment to having this ready to go for February 26th, and I want to be sure we have the time to circle back with our stakeholders once we (you, me, and Lee) come to agreement. It seems we are very close to something that could work for our stakeholders, but we won't know for sure until we have something definitive to share with them for reaction.

I still hope to discuss process when you have some time. You made a comment earlier about wanting to "control your resolution" I didn't say anything at the time, but that comment has bothered me all day. I don't think of this as "your resolution." I joined the effort thinking it would be "our" resolution -- that is: mine, yours and Lee's. I can't speak for Lee, but I expected to be collaborating throughout the process but instead I have felt like I've been behind the eight ball. I don't want to dwell too much on what hasn't worked process-wise because I am confident that the end product will be a good one. But I want to do better next time. Relly, that's the point. I want there to be a "next time" because despite AND because of our different perspectives, it makes sense for us to work together.

-Randi

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: "[coryellwaltor](#)"
Cc: [Edwards, Sue](#); [Gonzales, Rodney](#); [Morrison, Laura](#); [Garza, Bobby](#); [Bier, Marti](#); [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: [ANC] Fw: Invitation to meet the City of Austin's Music ProgramManager finalist
Date: Thursday, December 10, 2009 8:27:24 PM

Cory

Below is a note I just sent to Joyce. I agree that it was insensitive to do a last minute invitation to you to participate in tomorrow's interviews, but I want to re-iterate how committed my colleagues and I are to ensuring that the concerns Danette raised earlier in this process along with the subsequent input you and others have provided are top of mind with respect to filling this position.

You are absolutely right that the public is a "stakeholder" in this process, but I take issue with your statement that the public has been left out of it especially when I consider the segment of the public you are representing via your role as ANC President. It is because of neighborhood input that our city staff is proceeding to fill this position in spite of the fact that the position came under such significant fire during the summer. If you remember, that was also a time when music industry interests were far more visible and vocal than neighborhood sound issue proponents were in terms of public participation in the process and certainly in terms of media coverage. Nevertheless, we, with the help and support of our City Manager and staff, have proceeded in an earnest effort to see that this position be created and filled before year-end specifically to address the many problems we've all seen go unsolved without having an adequately experienced person in place to bring neighborhoods and the music community together.

Again, I'm sorry for the last minute rush but now that we are so close to getting this position to actually exist, I am focusing on what seems to finally be going right in this arena rather than focusing on what isn't. I hope you'll consider doing the same.

-Randi

From: Shade, Randi
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Edwards, Sue; Gonzales, Rodney; Bier, Marti
Sent: Thu Dec 10 19:41:23 2009
Subject: Re: [ANC] Fw: Invitation to meet the City of Austin's Music ProgramManager finalist

Thanks for writing. I've been following this process closely. I'm sorry for the late notice re: interview panel but feel sure the interview questions submitted will be used. Furthermore, I'm confident that the staff is well aware of how important the ANC sound issues are to any decision they make in terms of filling this position.

-Randi

From: [REDACTED]
To: Leffingwell, Lee; Martinez, Mike [Council Member]; Spelman, William; 'Laura Morrison' [REDACTED]; Shade, Randi; Cole, Sheryl; Riley, Chris
Cc: 'Executive ANC' <ANCExec [REDACTED]>; Everhart, Amy; Moore, Andrew; Rush, Barbara; English, Barksdale; Wilson, Beverly (Council Place 6); Estrada, Deena; Coleman, Glen; Corpus, Grace; Gerbracht, Heidi; Ballas, Marisa; Nathan, Mark; Bier, Marti; Curtis, Matt; Williams, Nancy; Garza, Robert; McDonald, Stephanie; Long, Tara
Sent: Thu Dec 10 19:20:26 2009
Subject: FW: [ANC] Fw: Invitation to meet the City of Austin's Music ProgramManager finalist

Dear Mayor Leffingwell, Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez and members of Council,

Earlier this evening I received an invitation to "meet and greet the new City Music Program Manager" this coming Monday. The interviews for this important public position will be conducted tomorrow. The Austin Neighborhoods Council president, Cory Walton, asked that one of the City's Neighborhood Assistance Center staff be included on the interview panel, but they were asked at 4:30 this afternoon and already have other meetings scheduled for tomorrow. We were asked to submit interview questions for the candidates, but at this time we don't even know if any of those questions will be used in the interviews.

The public is a "stakeholder" in this process but has been left out of it, only to be called in after the fact, for what purpose? The public will not construe this to be an oversight on the part of City staff.

Would you, our elected officials, see to it that we, your constituents, are represented by one of our own at these important interviews?

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Joyce Basciano
Bryker Woods

--- On **Thu, 12/10/09, Parker, Olivia** <Olivia.Parker@ci.austin.tx.us> wrote:

From: Parker, Olivia <Olivia.Parker@ci.austin.tx.us>
Subject: Invitation to meet the City of Austin's Music Program Manager finalist
To: coryellwalton [REDACTED]
Cc: "Gonzales, Rodney" <Rodney.Gonzales@ci.austin.tx.us>
Date: Thursday, December 10, 2009, 10:06 AM

Good morning -

Attached you will find an invitation to the City of Austin Music Program Manager Stakeholders.

A Public meeting will be held on Monday, December 14, 2009 at 4:10pm-4:50pm at City Hall, Council Chambers.

Thank you,

Olivia A. Parker

City of Austin

Economic Growth & Redevelopment Services Office

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Morrison, Laura](#)
Cc: [Coleman, Glen](#); [Leffingwell, Lee](#); [Williams, Nancy](#); [Levinski, Robert](#)
Subject: FW: *bows*
Date: Monday, June 08, 2009 3:29:38 PM

[fyi....](#)

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From: Debbie Russell [mailto:██████████] [██████████]
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2009 1:36 PM
To: Shade, Randi; Leffingwell, Lee
Subject: *bows*

Thanks for #40! :)

plur, Debbie

From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Morrison, Laura](#); [Martinez, Mike \[Council Member\]](#); [Leffingwell, Lee](#); [Wynn, Will](#); [McCracken, Brewster](#); [Cole, Sheryl](#)
Cc: [Ott, Marc](#); [Coleman, Glen](#)
Subject: Fw: About Last Night
Date: Friday, February 13, 2009 9:15:37 AM

Hi all,

I lost some sleep over this one and wanted to forward each of you a copy of the message below.

-Randi

----- Original Message -----

From: Shade, Randi

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent: Fri Feb 13 09:11:07 2009

Subject: About Last Night

Bill,

As I said to you last night I regret not having said something from the dais during the postponement discussion.

Had I done so here's what I would have said. Feel free to share with anyone; I am copying some of the people I remember seeing there last night but know I am forgetting lots of folks.

While I would not have voted for the PUD as it would have been proposed last night had we heard the case, I chose to support the postponement because that postponement came with significant conditions. Specifically, a revised proposal will not come back to Council unless it meets the new PUD ordinance requirements rather than the old PUD ordinance requirements as was the case prior to last night's action. Furthermore, the proposal will not come back to Council without additional public process via the Environmental Board and ZAP. This is an extremely complicated case and there has been a lot of confusion and there have been several conflicting "facts." The postponement also came with the direction that staff evaluate the PUD proposal, including the proposed land uses, open space dedication, protection of critical environmental features and water quality treatment facilities, to determine if it results in improved water quality or provides other hydrological benefits to the Edward's Aquifer Recharge Zone, as compared to the plan that complies with current zoning and the Bradley Settlement Agreement. I and the community will benefit from this evaluation and again, the proposal will not come back to Council without it.

I have learned a lot over the course of these last several weeks while grappling with this challenging case, and I didn't come to my decision about last night easily. I know it is difficult to rally the troops week after week and year after year. The lack of certainty in this process impacts everyone, but whether this proposal was postponed or killed last night, I know I don't need to tell you that as long as there are private land owners there will always be proposals for re-development and new development over the aquifer. We won't ever get to do a touchdown dance or cross some sort of finish line. We can and must, however, continue to strive for better -- better than what would have been considered last night, but also better than the Bradley Agreement, and better than the SOS Ordinance. The conditions of this postponement may or may not result in the "something better" I am talking about but I stand by my decision to see if it does.

-Randi

From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Shade, Randi](#)
Subject: FW: Affordable Housing Opportunity
Date: Thursday, December 10, 2009 12:15:19 PM

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From: Shade, Randi
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2009 12:15 PM
To: 'Harris Block'
Cc: Shaw, Margaret; Cole, Sheryl; McDonald, Stephanie; Bier, Marti
Subject: RE: Affordable Housing Opportunity

Hi Harris,

I wanted to let you know that I spoke with our Housing Director Margaret Shaw yesterday about your properties and pending HAP contract renewals, and she says she'll be in touch with you shortly. She also shared with me that the City has a standard process for responding to requests like yours. I assume that means we should have no problem meeting your timeline for getting support letters in January. I am happy to meet with you the first week of January, too, if you plan to be in town then, but it looks like it will be difficult for me to meet before then. These last few weeks of the year turned out to be busier than I expected – I should know better 😊

Please call with any concerns – including over the holiday season. My contact information is below.

All the best,
Randi

Randi Shade

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From: Harris Block [mailto:]
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2009 1:00 PM
To: Shade, Randi
Subject: RE: Affordable Housing Opportunity

Randi,

I appreciate this timely response. I look forward to working with you.

Many thanks,

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Our firm owns two affordable housing properties in Austin: Oak Creek Village at 2324 Wilson (@ Oltorf) and Mount Carmel Apartments on East 12th at Pleasant Valley. I am writing to seek your assistance with introductions to the Mayor and/or certain Austin City Councilmembers so that I can discuss possible grants for Oak Creek Village Apartments, our 176 unit, Project Based HAP Section 8 property located in the South Congress/Oltorf area.

The HAP Contract concerning Oak Creek Village is up for renewal early next year and we want to preserve this affordable housing asset in Austin. We would like to show HUD that this property is a priority for the local community as demonstrated by a contribution of State or local agency funds. We do have a community center on site that could use some minor refurbishment and we would like to establish it as a Neighborhood Network Center to benefit the residents and citizens in the adjacent area. We will provide the space, staff, and pay all utilities. We envision the Center as a "hub" for after-school activities, neighborhood networking, job placement research with computer and internet availability, English as second language training, neighborhood crime watch meetings, etc. Any amount of contribution is absolutely acceptable, literally as low as \$1,000; we just need to demonstrate a level of local funding support. A letter from the Mayor's or City Council office acknowledging the property is also helpful to HUD.

I have spoken with folks at the Dept. of Neighborhoods and submitted this same information. Having said that, I believe it is important for the elected officials to be aware of the request and to support the request concerning the modest financial support as well as the letters of support to HUD.

I appreciate your attention to this correspondence. Please let me know what you think our "next steps" should be.

Thank you,

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Morrison, Laura](#)
Subject: Fw: Building a Healthy Austin Event- Randi & Chris opening
Date: Monday, October 19, 2009 12:01:38 PM

Fyi....

From: Ballas, Marisa
To: Shade, Randi; Riley, Chris
Cc: gmesparza@ci.austin.tx.us <gmesparza@ci.austin.tx.us>
Sent: Sun Oct 18 18:05:40 2009
Subject: Building a Healthy Austin Event- Randi & Chris opening

Randi and Chris,

I'm looking forward to the CNU event this Tuesday evening from 7-9pm at the Independent (501 Studios, which is located at 5th and Brushy Street). We have a bunch of great panelists (see the description below) and I really appreciate you both saying a few words about your thoughts on Austin's future and how we can plan for a healthier community. Here's the agenda:

7:15 Randi

7:20 Chris

7:25 Marisa & Greg Esparza introduce the moderator & panelists

7:30 Presentations

8-9/9:30 Panel Discussion and Audience Questions

End of event: Carol Haywood (City of Austin) talks about how folks can get involved in the Comprehensive Plan

Evening | Building a Healthy Austin

October 20th, 2009

A Panel Discussion: 7-9pm at the Independent (501 Studios - E. 5th & Brushy Street)

Our urban environment is more than a visual backdrop for our lives— it creates opportunities for where and how we work, learn, gather, commute, eat, and play. By promoting opportunities for healthy everyday living our community can ultimately impact the greater well-being of Austin. Join us for an evening panel that will feature short presentations of visions for a healthy urban future from six leaders in the Austin community on critical issues such as food access and community agriculture, affordable housing, youth environmental education, alternative transportation, playgrounds and urban connectivity, and access to healthcare. These presentations will be followed by a discussion of how to implement these visions for a healthy future, and how citizens can advocate and support their visions by getting involved in Austin's current comprehensive planning process.

This meeting takes place at **The Independent at 501 Studios on Oct. 20, 2009**. The panel will last for approximately an hour and will include a Q&A session. This event is open to the public and is free of charge (**free beer & appetizers will be served!!!**)

Evening Panelists include:

Amanda Navarro, Moderator

A leading health disparities analyst and former researcher at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Ms. Navarro works with funders and other institutions to improve access to healthy eating and active living. As a key staff member in the PolicyLink Center for Health and Place, Ms. Navarro coordinates the Convergence Partnership funders' collaborative.

Ann Kitchen

Ann Kitchen is a former State Representative in the Texas House of Representatives, where she successfully passed groundbreaking legislation related to public education, healthcare, violence against women, and the environment. She has served on the boards of numerous community organizations such as the Austin Rape Crisis Center and People's Community Clinic. Kitchen is an attorney and former healthcare consultant, state agency official and social worker with expertise in Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, and other state and local programs for uninsured and underinsured individuals. She currently serves as Executive Director of the Indigent Care Collaboration (ICC) a regional collaboration of public and private hospitals, clinics, MHMR, public health departments, university medical departments, and medical society responsible for providing care for uninsured individuals. The ICC is a nationally recognized leader in proactive coordination of community healthcare for the underserved.

Glenn Gadbois:

Glenn Gadbois is a principal for Gadbois Consulting Company, a resource for creative marketing, research and public engagement, and for Move Me LLC, building demand for mobility options. He is professionally and civically passionate about helping people find their interests and roles to get the mobility and land use options that meet their quality of life needs and community aspirations.

Ronda Rutledge

Ronda Rutledge is the Executive Director of Sustainable Food Center in Austin Texas. She represents SFC on the Basic Needs Coalition and was appointed by city council to the Sustainable Food Policy Board of Austin/Travis County, where she chairs the Access and Wellness Committee. She was introduced to SFC as an affiliate consultant with Greenlights for Nonprofit Success. Prior to joining SFC, Ronda served as Executive Director of the American Indian Child Resource Center in Oakland, California for nearly ten years. She was a LeaderSpring fellow in the Bay Area - a leadership program for Executive Directors of nonprofit organizations.

Frank Fernandez, Executive Director

Frank joined Green Doors as Executive Director in March 2006. He oversees all core

functions and is focused on growing the organization to meet the community's acute need for affordable housing. Prior to joining Green Doors, Frank served as Deputy Director for PeopleFund, a community development financial institution. Frank is very active in advocating for affordable housing and folks who have struggled with homelessness. Co-founder of the housing advocacy organization, HousingWorks, he served as Chair of the affordable housing bond campaign that successfully advocated for the passage of the \$55 million City of Austin affordable housing bonds in November 2006. He co-chaired the City of Austin's Affordable Housing Incentives Taskforce from Summer 2006 through Spring 2007. Currently, Frank serves as the Chair of the Texas Supportive Housing Coalition, a statewide coalition of supportive housing providers, and Chair of the Austin CHDO Roundtable, the local non-profit housing coalition. He also serves on the Executive Committees of ECHO, Austin's local homeless coalition, and HousingWorks.

Gina LaMotte

Gina LaMotte is the Founder and Executive Director of UpLift Austin. Gina earned a bachelor's degree from Long Island University in Education and Identity Politics while studying and working in India, Nepal, Brazil, NYC, Costa Rica and Taos Pueblo, New Mexico. Her experience includes work at a Native American Day School, service organizations in the slums of Rio de Janeiro, and the United Nations Department of Education in Kathmandu. Since moving to Austin five years ago she has been active in organizing events and initiatives around the themes of youth empowerment, cultural exchange, and the arts. Gina is currently working towards her M.A. in Latin American Studies with a focus on Non-Profit Management and Sustainable Development.

Alex Gilliam

Alex Gilliam is the founder of Public Workshop, an organization dedicated to helping individuals, schools, and communities achieve great things through design. He fundamentally believes that great design, empowerment, innovation, and having fun are not mutually exclusive. He has worked with such organizations such as the Cooper Hewitt National Design Museum, the Rural Studio, the Chicago Architecture Foundation, and the University of Pennsylvania. He is a national expert on K-12 design education and engaging children in redesigning and rebuilding their schools, and communities. Currently, he is currently researching the role of play spaces and temporary land use policy as tools for neighborhood regeneration while continuing to develop unique design methods that enable communities to quickly and directly change the built environment around them.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Shade, Randi](#)
Subject: Fw: City of Austin: Citizen Response. Citizen name: Daniel Cabela
Date: Thursday, August 13, 2009 4:35:00 PM
Attachments: [CAF2781final.pdf](#)

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

From: "D.Cabela"
Date: Thu, 13 Aug 2009 15:44:38 -0500
To: Chris Riley [REDACTED]; Randi Shade <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Fw: City of Austin: Citizen Response. Citizen name: Daniel Cabela

Chris,
Randi,

I did not know if you had seen this response and I wanted to make sure that you are comfortable with it.

Thanks,
Danny Cabela
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----- Original Message -----

From: acap@ci.austin.tx.us
To: [REDACTED]; acap@ci.austin.tx.us
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2009 1:35 PM
Subject: City of Austin: Citizen Response. Citizen name: Daniel Cabela

Dear Daniel Cabela,

Thank you for your inquiry to the City of Austin. Your response is attached to this e-mail.



From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Leffingwell, Lee](#)
Cc: [Jackson, Janet](#); [Martinez, Mike \[Council Member\]](#); [Cole, Sheryl](#); [Garza, Rudy](#); [Williams, Nancy](#); [Bier, Marti](#)
Subject: Fw: Council Member Morrison request for mtg re: Heritage Grant/Funding, ACVB
Date: Friday, September 04, 2009 11:48:38 AM

Hi Lee

Per our conversation earlier today, please know that Bob Lander's staff led by Julie Hart has begun working directly with Patti Hansen who chairs the HLC grant committee. They have a meeting scheduled for 12:15 on 9-17 that will be posted since it will include a quorum of HLC grant committee members and include HLC Chair Laurie Limbacher. Steve Sadowsky is also participating. He and Patti asked Elaine in my office to reserve a meeting room at City Hall which I believe she did. Since it is a public meeting -- anyone is welcome. My suggestion is that given the holiday weekend and short notice, it makes the most sense to have the meeting on the 17th take place before having the sort of meeting CM Morrison is suggesting for next week in her assistant's email below. It feels like the right folks are working together now with the right spirit of collaboration, and I'd hate to see the apple cart upset before they have the chance to meet --- especially since I know first-hand how hard Patti Hansen and Julie Hart have been working to get things back on track. Travel schedules and posting requirements are why they honed in on 9-17 and not sooner. Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

-Randi

PS. I got the heads up from John Donisi about CM Morrison's meeting invite to you earlier today (he seemed to think it may be premature, too) which is why I wanted to share with you what's been going on. I have been communicating with Sheryl and Mike along the way, as well as with City Manager Office. I planned to discuss with CM Morrison, too, but she unexpectedly canceled our scheduled meeting this week.

From: John P. Donisi [REDACTED]
To: Shade, Randi
Sent: Fri Sep 04 10:01:32 2009
Subject: FW: Council Member Morrison request for mtg re: Heritage Grant/Funding, ACVB

FYI

From: Linda Team [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2009 5:12 PM
To: 'Corpus, Grace'
Cc: John P. Donisi; jacqu [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Council Member Morrison request for mtg re: Heritage Grant/Funding, ACVB

Grace,

Thanks for this invitation. I am available for Thursday 4-5 or Friday 3-5. Tell Laura that Sheryl Cole has been trying for more than a year to get information on how the grants are made, how much money is available, who has been awarded grants, etc. We hoped that as a member of the Budget and Audit Committee she could leverage that information for us. However, we have only gotten references to city code about it and no meaningful information. As of a couple of weeks ago she said she would try again. But that might mean that she would want to be included in this circle. Up to you...

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From: Corpus, Grace [mailto:Grace.Corpus@ci.austin.tx.us]
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2009 5:03 PM
To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; Gayle Hight; [REDACTED]; Beekley, Taja; Jackson, Janet; Williamson, Laura; Candi Diebel
Cc: Levinski, Robert
Subject: Council Member Morrison request for mtg re: Heritage Grant/Funding, ACVB

Hello to everyone.

I hope the week has been treating you all well. Laura wanted to get a group of folks together to discuss the subject referenced above. Some of you are the people who have been recommended to us and some of you are included so you can help us brainstorm regarding who should be included from your respective groups. Here's our list so far. I would appreciate any help you could give. She had let me know earlier today that she would like to meet next week so I do apologize for the short notice. I'm assuming that we'll probably need at least 45 minutes to an hour for the meeting. For the council offices that are included on this email, I will work with you to see if we can't get your bosses to attend the early part of the meeting if they are unable to stay for the duration of the meeting.

Thank you so much for your cooperation and help. I am also listing what openings I have available for next week.

List of participants:

Heritage Society of Austin – John Donisi, Lin Team as per Jacqui Schraad's suggestion
Austin Women's Club – Gayle Hight
Historic Landmark Commission – Patti, Laura would like your suggestion for a rep from the Heritage Grants Committee.
COA Staff – Taja, can you check in with Rudy on who he thinks should be at the meeting?
Council – Janet and Laura, just looking to see if your bosses are available at all next week.
ACVB – Candi, can you discuss with Bob about representatives to this meeting?
Austin Hotel & Lodging Association – I've called the office and left a message since we didn't have direct connection. If anyone knows the person I should talk to there, I would greatly appreciate the connection.

Available dates:

Thursday, Sept. 10th: 11:30 – 12:30 p.m., 4-5 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 11th: anytime between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Sorry for the slim pickings but the holiday cuts the week short. Thank you and have a nice day. I will be out of town tomorrow so feel free to email me or talk to Bobby if you have any immediate questions. I'll work full speed on this meeting on Tuesday.

Best,

GRACE CORPUS
CONSTITUENT LIAISON & CALENDAR

From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Morrison, Laura](#)
Subject: FW: CPIO Public Information Request Report: Jan. 30- Feb13
Date: Tuesday, February 17, 2009 4:01:13 PM
Attachments: [Jan.30- Feb.13.xls](#)

I am assuming you noticed Brian Rodgers' request...

2/8/2009 Brian Rodgers, Stop Domain Subsidies

Requesting 1) For the period from January 1, 2005 to the present, a copy of the check register showing the date, amount, payee, and purpose of each check or payment made by GAEDC from funds received from the City of Austin. 2) For the period from January 1, 2008 to the present, a copy of each invoice charged to Greater Austin Economic Development Corporation (GAEDC) accounts and paid from funds received from the City of Austin. 3) For the period from January 1, 2008 to the present, a copy of all correspondence (whether by paper or by email) between officials or employees of the City of Austin and officials or employees of GAEDC regarding any subject. 4) For the period from January 1, 2005 to the present, a copy of all advertisements placed under the scope of work specified in the contract under Paragraph 1.A. National Marketing.

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Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2009 3:05 PM

To: Ott, Marc; Barasch, Carole; Corona, Bob; Decrane, Michelle; Florance, Christopher; Fraga, Patricia; Gilchrist, Suzanne; Gross, Drema; Halbrook, Jim; Hays, Rebecca; Herber, Jennifer; Jefferson, Cheryl; King, Amber; Lightsey, Lynne; Lott, Stephanie; Martinez, Melissa [SWS]; Matustik, David; McBride, Terri; Ovalle, Victor; Rhodes, Lisa; 'Sabana, Anna'; 'Starkey, Serena'; Strong, Julie; Browder, Leslie; Cole, Sheryl; Council Executive Assistants; Council Executive Secretaries; Directors/Exec. Secretaries; Esquibel, Matthew; Gardner, Bill [PWD]; Garza, Rudy; 'Goodfleisch, Marcy'; Grace, Cary; Ihnat, Mike; DeCola, Kimberly; Leffingwell, Lee; 'Madrigal, Devon'; Martinez, Mike [Council Member]; McAleer, Nancy; McCracken, Brewster; McDonald, Michael [APD]; Olmstead, Alicia; Sandoval, Marie; Spence, Yvonne; Springer, Kimberly; Wynn, Will; Friedman, Amanda; Hart, Pamela; Mason, James; Decrane, Michelle; Putnam, Helena; Hernandez, Nicole (Theresa); Blackstone, Deanne; Toomey, Gregory; Valdez, Pete (Community Court); Campbell, Sandra; Sanchez, Mona; Parker, Olivia; Telles, Reyne; Contreras, Mary; Arzola, Sylvia; Longmore, Aoife; Herber, Jennifer; Castro, Carolyn; Gonzalez-Flores, Amelie; Warner, Lia; Reina, Jane; DeCola, Kimberly; Buchman, Kevin; Clark, Ed; Cordova, Carlos; De la garza, Brenda; Hagins, Megan; Hargrove, Frances (COACD); 'Hartley, Sara'; Hassinger, Warren; 'Goodfleisch, Marcy'; Schneiweiss, Leslie; Fernandez, Rolando; Cortinas, Lisa; Gecic, Filip; Brown, Susan [CTM]; Giello, Rebecca; Alvarado, Melissa; Goode, Robert; Martinez, Rose Marie; Morrison, Laura; Shade, Randi; Perez, Carolyn; Sherbert, Nicole; Nusbaum, Teresa; Diaz, Gricelda; Alexander, Jason; Kerr, Terri; Pantalion, Joe; Li, Victoria J

Subject: CPIO Public Information Request Report: Jan. 30- Feb13

Attached is the most recent CPIO, Public Information Request Report. Please contact me if you have any questions.

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To: [Everhart, Amy](#); [Rush, Barbara](#)
Cc: [Morrison, Laura](#); [Nathan, Mark](#); [Leffingwell, Lee](#); [Coleman, Glen](#)
Subject: FW: DRAFT PSP Phase II Vision
Date: Thursday, August 20, 2009 3:12:37 PM
Attachments: [PSP Phase II Vision Session Results.doc](#)

Hi Amy and Barb,

Glen and I attended the PSP vision session last week that is outlined below and attached. I will be attending the PSP board meetings (next one is Aug 28th) and will participate on behalf of the City in the upcoming Clean Texas Forum's PSP Session taking place on August 26th. There continues to be a great deal of activity especially given the recent announcement about the successful CAPCOG grant and the upcoming due date for the DOE demonstration project grant. Glen and I are happy to give you and any council offices regular updates if you like (i.e., monthly) and/or we can do it on an as needed basis. Just let me know your preference. I don't want to overwhelm you with PSP stuff -- those of us involved to date, know how much email, documentation, etc. PSP folks seem to generate --, but I also don't want anyone on Council to feel un-informed.

-Randi

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Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2009 2:18 PM
To: Brewster McCracken; Coleman, Glen; Duncan, Roger; Edgar, Thomas F; ibarchas [REDACTED]; Jim Marston; Jose Beceiro; Morrison, Laura; Rabago, Karl; Rush, Barbara; Shade, Randi; Baker, John; Bruce, Daena; Carolyn Purcell; Colin Rowan; JD Stanley; Jeff Krech; John Barabino; John Cooper; May, Rachel
Subject: DRAFT PSP Phase II Vision

MEMORANDUM

TO: Pecan Street Project Governance Committee
Pecan Street Project Strategic Integration Team
FROM: Daena Bruce, PMP, Strategic Integration Team Lead
DATE: August 28th, 2009
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Pecan Street Project

Draft - Phase II Vision, Strategy, Goals and Next Steps

August 20th, 2009

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1. Pecan Street Project - Phase II Vision and Strategies

Introduction

The Pecan Street Project has completed its Phase I objectives and now moves into Phase II. A significant development is the creation of a non-profit organization named Pecan Street Project.

The following is a vision and strategy that addresses the transition to Phase II, including the role for the new non-profit. They are specific to Phase II and are supplementary to the vision in the PSP Strategy Document

PSP Phase II Vision

The Pecan Street Project will continue to be a *community wide* initiative with diverse participants; being an independent entity allows the Pecan Street Project non-profit to transcend boundaries between organizations and serve the entire Austin community. They will act as a convener of resources and perform centralized planning functions.

The Pecan Street Project (PSP) non-profit organization will support the creation of a clean energy future for the Austin community and will share their discoveries with other communities.

The PSP will act as a deployment platform for achieving goals that will serve the entire community through Economic Development, Social Equity and Environmental Responsibility. The Austin community will be well prepared for the exponential growth anticipated beyond 2020.

PSP Phase II Strategies

PSP will engage and mobilize community members, private business and public entities as stakeholders. Close attention will be paid to bringing together stakeholders who reflect Austin's rich diversity. Cooperation among stakeholders will be promoted and when possible a regional approach will be taken to address the special issues and needs of the Austin to San Antonio corridor. PSP will leverage outside capital and seek to maximize the local benefit throughout the value chain; from manufacturing to installation.

PSP will define success through measureable goals while accepting that strategizing under high uncertainty requires lots of experimentation and there are sure to be changes along the way. The goals will be defined under four meta-functions and will have metrics established for measuring progress. These meta-functions are 1) Meet energy needs, 2) Meet economic development needs, 3) Meet environmental goals and 4) Meet social equity needs.

There will be a pro-technology bias for project selection and a well diversified portfolio of technologies pursued for research, testing and deployment. A comprehensive systems

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approach is considered critical and these five components: Solar, Energy Efficiency, Energy Information, Fueling Transportation and Storage are priorities.

Goals: Measures and Matrix

Listed beneath the meta-functions are the items discussed throughout vision session. They are grouped under corresponding meta-function.

This serves as a starting point for discussing and defining goals, measures under those goals and an evaluation matrix.

Meet energy needs through an evolution to clean energy systems

- Anticipated are a test laboratory for the creation of options and demonstration projects (i.e. Schools, Mueller)Clean
- Reliable
- Affordable
- Two way flow of energy and information
- Renewable energy
- Less reliance on ‘legacy’ energy
- Deployment platform for achieving energy goals
- Portable where innovation can be tested
- Smart Grid leaps
- Solved the question of energy storage
- Value diversity to promote stability; not focused on one source of energy

Meet economic development needs

- Focus on end-to-end opportunities, research, business manufacturing through installation
- Cost control
- Trained and mobilized citizens
- Manufacturing/economic models is underway and producing jobs, careers, certification programs, jobs/skills/production available to support solar city
- Public as well as private investment
- Creative environment – new models, higher level, prepared to let private sector take care
- New innovations will create opportunities. Transition new ideas to companies
- Define the next economy; economic values
- New business models
- Manufacturing model that can evolve with technologies;

Meet environmental goals

- Clean energy
- Renewable energy
- Fueling of transportation system
- Clean and responsibility powered by available energy resources

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Meet social equity needs

- Trained and mobilized citizens
- Better individual control.
- Value diversity to promote stability
- PSP job creation yields major advance in economic development

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2. Summary: PSP non-profit-Structure, Tasks and Next Steps

PHASE II STRUCTURE

The Purpose of PSP is to provide support for the clean energy future for the Austin Community. A key issue is to define how we add value and avoid duplication.

Potential roles for nonprofit:

- Provide outside analytical help; measurement and verification
- PR. We have a hell of a good story to tell and the nonprofit can help sell it.
- Project management on stimulus funding
- Platform for fundraising on behalf of universities/university researchers to address funding gaps.

Roles of the Stakeholders:

- Stakeholders should determine roles based on specificity of projects
- Identified stakeholders: AE, ATI, UT, Private sector COA, Not for Profit entity, Social service sector (EDF)

CRITICAL QUESTIONS

- What is the value proposition to stakeholders: (Board positions, sponsorships, project design & implementation, intellectual asset)?
- Do we expect volunteers to serve in quasi-staff role?
- Fundraising?

Needs:

- Business model architecture
- Technology review committee

TASKS: 6-12 MONTHS

Priority Project Task

- Mueller stimulus project – community education campaign
- PSP – up and running: funding, system, communication
- Operational Planning for the next several years
- Community mobilization – maximization plan, keep energy going and stimulated

Other tasks:

Demonstration house

- Selected analytical work from the report – Develop and implement the communication strategy for PSP
- Quantify the Meta-functions

Convene/provide stakeholder input on the AE stimulus project (58) and other ongoing projects

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NEXT STEPS

- Meeting record will be forward to Rachel May by first of next week.
- Meeting report will be sent to participants.
- Next Meeting – to be held within the next 30 days will be set by Roger Duncan, Jim Marston, & Brewster McCracken

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3. Pecan Street Project - Vision Meeting Record

Provided by Corky Hilliard, facilitator
Austin City Hall
Executive Session Room
August 13, 2009

1. Phase I Vision

General validation of the statement with additional comments:

- Green energy jobs engage communities (disabled, etc.) not normally engaged. This is meant to be a fairly extensive statement.
- Broaden the focus of this statement beyond (or to include) those with GED's, AA degrees, not just those with advanced degrees. Involving both the skilled and unskilled workforce
- Replace and expand. This is not just high tech jobs but also green collar jobs
- Economic Development focus...economic sustainability for the community in general.
- Access to jobs and meaningful work (How can I get involved?).
- 3rd from last bullet – electric distribution system
- Next to last bullet – Using energy efficient inc.
- Add: work “efficient in the document”. We want more efficient use of what we have.
- 4th bullet - state “social equity”
- Second to last bullet - a national migration not a babble state “evolve to from old” new technology, new commitment for energy services
- Preserve utility as a viable entity; a strong public policy interest in protecting energy as a community asset – this is a differentiation from other projects. “Greater good” aspect of PSP. Public participation differentiates this project from others. This is a community effort not a utility effort.

Action: Amend Phase 1 Vision and add to the report

STORY LINE:

Add larger picture –

- Community project and community mobilization – “lucky to be in this community.
- Greater opportunity not only for energy, university, start-ups
- Three legged stool – public, university, private sector. Need to add social service sector (i.e. EDF) and community involvement processes.

Action: John will amend story line to include community involvement.

KEY FINDINGS:

Add:

- PSP is aligned with billions of dollars of federal funding
- Regional mobilization and impact is critical to the public and
- “what we do now’ quote: from John Q. Citizen
- Permeates the culture of the community
- Costs are huge – it’s a significant undertaking

ACTION: Write up the additional key findings – send to Rachel, John, and Collin for incorporation in the report

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2. Phase II Vision

Vision elements mentioned in summary:

- Trained and mobilized citizens
- Manufacturing/economic modes is underway and producing jobs, careers, certification programs, jobs/skills/production available to support solar city
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- METAFUNCTIONS (can be quantified - metrics allow the mobilization of the community to meet goals).
 - Meets energy needs
 - Meets economic needs (including jobs, etc.)
 - Meets environmental goals
 - Meets social equity needs

Other Vision elements mentioned but not in summary discussion:

- Solar Saves
- PSP job creation yields major advance in economic development
- Public as well as private investment
- Framework allows exponential growth beyond 2020
- Smart Grid leaps
- Fueling of transportation system
- Solved the question of energy storage
- Leading with our opportunity
- Impact larger than carbon or jobs
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- Satisfying multiple objectives
- Focus on outcomes we want
- Jobs associated with this new platform/business model
- Creating jobs from start ups

STRATEGY:

- Pro-technology
- Leverage outside capital
- Maximize the local benefit of the value chain (ex. Manufactured solar)
- Regional approach – local = Austin + SA, corridor issues/needs
- Role of convener
- Integration/coordination – central planning function
- Mobilize the community

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- Leverage the idea of cooperation
- Test laboratory for creation of options, demonstration projects (i.e. Schools, Mueller)
- Diversity
- Transportation linkages
- Systems thinking

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4. Tasks: 6 – 12 Months

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To: [Morrison, Laura](#); [Cole, Sheryl](#)
Subject: Fw: Gonzalo Call
Date: Thursday, April 02, 2009 10:17:00 AM

Fyi.....

From: Shade, Randi
To: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu Apr 02 08:41:51 2009
Subject: Re: Gonzalo Call

I am not suggesting that anyone has failed to play by the rules, and I take issue with your suggestion to the contrary. I have raised no concerns about the quality of the Malibu developer, but stand by the City's priority location policies. You're doing what you are paid to do, and I am doing what I was elected to do.

-Randi

From: [REDACTED]
To: Shade, Randi
Sent: Thu Apr 02 08:03:27 2009
Subject: Re: Gonzalo Call

I believe there is a tremendous amount of misinformation circulating about the developer of the Malibu Rehab project. I have heard that we were asking for letters of opposition for the other Austin projects, specifically Mr Moreau, which is totally inaccurate. On the contrary we heard from legislator's offices that it was Mr. Moreau.

We actively encouraged legislators to write letters of support for all projects period.

If we put aside all of the politics and merely address the technical merits of the applications in Region 7 and or any region for that matter the TDHCA dept and staff traditionally and almost consistently rank rehab projects higher than new construction projects. In these tough economic times even if you secure tax credits, these new construction projects are extremely difficult to finance.

Malibu as you know was ranked # 1 after TDHCA evaluated the technical merits followed by the Leander deal and Moreau and McIver. A forward commitment is rare and few these days.

We played by the rules and simply requested a letter of support from the local legislators and were successful.

The Malibu rehab project consist of the rehab of nearly 50 bldgs and over 450 units in a neighborhood that I know very well. My parents have lived in that neighborhood NACA for over 30 years.

The project is absolutely consistent with the adopted neighborhood plan and will house families (sooner rather than later) who are at 30 percent MFI to market rate.

Let me also clarify that my role with the Northeast Austin Business and Community Alliance and the tax credit project led by Mr Fernandez and the Malibu project are extremely different. NEABACA along with the neighborhood planning team opposed that tax credit project because it was not consistent with the neighborhood plan and frankly the developer attempted to circumvent the process outlined by your Neighborhood Planning Department.

I have worked on at least 6 to 7 tax credit projects in the last 10 years and continue to be proud of the positives impacts made to our City by these projects. Most notably for me is the Villas on Sixth project in the neighborhood where I grew up and now house my business.

It's my hope that Mr. Moreau is held to the same standard that my guys are.

Thanks!

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

From: "Shade, Randi"
Date: Thu, 2 Apr 2009 06:58:49 -0500
To: <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Gonzalo Call

Thx and I think I understand the politics, too. I was surprised to see you involved in this instance and in this way given the role you played in the one and only tax credit deal Austin got last year but I get it.

-Randi

From: [REDACTED]
To: Shade, Randi
Sent: Wed Apr 01 18:54:02 2009
Subject: Re: Gonzalo Call

Feel free to call me anytime cell 771-7284

I did fail to mention that I have worked on tax credit projects for the last 9 to 10 years. I am also aware of the politics associated with prioritizations and TDHCA scoring.

Take care

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

From: "Shade, Randi"
Date: Wed, 1 Apr 2009 18:42:14 -0500
To: <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Gonzalo Call

I was just curious since I hadn't known you or Gonzalo to be associated with the project prior to today. From your note though I gather that you work for the Sarah's and/or Mike Warner rather than directly for the developer. Got it. Thanks.

From: [REDACTED]
To: Shade, Randi
Sent: Wed Apr 01 18:18:33 2009
Subject: Re: Gonzalo Call

Hi Council Member,

Yes the Senator informed me that he called you.

I have worked with the associates of the developer for several years and my role has consistently been in the public relations and governmental affairs area.

May I ask why?

Thanks

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

From: "Shade, Randi"
Date: Wed, 1 Apr 2009 18:05:49 -0500
To: <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Gonzalo Call

Hi Paul

I just got a call from Gonzalo Barrientos regarding Malibu tax credit project. Just curious but what is your role with that developer and how long have you been working for them?

-Randi

From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Cole, Sheryl](#); [Morrison, Laura](#)
Cc: [Rush, Barbara](#); [Bier, Marti](#); [McDonald, Stephanie](#)
Subject: FW: housing resolution
Date: Monday, March 23, 2009 10:48:06 AM
Attachments: [Housing Projects Resolution 3-23-09.pdf](#)
[RE housing resolution.msg](#)

Interesting weekend of discussions with Margaret Shaw (see attached if you're interested), but suffice it to say I am pleased with the edited version of the draft we discussed last week -- see attached. Am assuming y'all are fine with it, too. Please let me know if not.

Bottom line is that we added language that explains how we support all projects, but prioritize TOD and Mueller projects. Margaret Shaw seems bound and determined to see if she can get Senator Watson to write letters of support for all three projects on the finalist list for state tax credits, but writing letters for all three projects doesn't accomplish what Council hopes to accomplish. It isn't as if we would turn away the Malibu project, but we need the letters from Watson's office to change the state's current ranking so that Council's location priorities have a better chance of being met first. Of course we hope that ultimately all three projects will work out (and they might) but right now it sounds like one and possibly two is a more likely scenario -- that's what makes prioritization so important this year. My sense is that without our resolution, Senator Watson will write no support letters.

Please contact me directly with any questions. Thanks!

-Randi

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From: Shaw, Margaret
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2009 4:38 PM
To: Bier, Marti; Fireside, Leela; Shade, Randi
Cc: Rios, Myrna; Lott, Cindy; Rodriguez, Patricia [NHCD]; Britain, Rebecca; Snipes, Anthony
Subject: RE: housing resolution

After talking to the CM today, I believe this draft better suits her priorities.

thanks!
MRS

Margaret R. Shaw
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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Cole, Sheryl](#); [Morrison, Laura](#)
Subject: FW: housing resolution
Date: Friday, March 27, 2009 3:24:43 PM
Attachments: [fisca001.pdf](#)
[2009 Tax Credit Projects.pdf](#)

Hi Sheryl and Laura

Thanks for working with me on the Tax Credit resolution we passed yesterday. Please see the email below and attachments that I sent to Marc and let me know if you have any thoughts beyond what I have already conveyed to him. Thanks again.

-Randi

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From: Shade, Randi
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2009 3:21 PM
To: Ott, Marc
Subject: FW: housing resolution

Hi Marc,

Per our discussion about the housing tax credit program -- thanks for your support on this matter. I didn't raise the issue yesterday, but if you read my email below (no response from Margaret received) and consider the comments I made from the dais about this item (#49), you will understand my surprise to have seen the fiscal memo item associated with this resolution (see attached). I am not asking for anything remotely like what the fiscal memo suggests (100 hours!). In fact, I would expect no extra time related to this item be spent by Margaret and her staff. Please let me know if I am missing something. Thanks!

-Randi

P.S. Please also see the attached letter I sent per Senator Watson's request.

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From: Shade, Randi

Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2009 5:38 PM

To: Shaw, Margaret

Cc: Rios, Myrna; Lott, Cindy; Rodriguez, Patricia [NHCD]; Britain, Rebecca; Snipes, Anthony; Bier, Marti; Fireside, Leela

Subject: RE: housing resolution

Hi Margaret

In re-reading your message below I want to be clear that I and my colleagues are not suggesting that this resolution direct staff to change current scoring guidelines for GO Bonds; I realize you have been holding stakeholder meetings and public forums, doing surveys, etc. and that there is a process underway for a five-year consolidated plan not to mention a whole history that has led to the current guidelines. Furthermore, now that you explained it to me, I realize that our scoring process is done on a one-by-one basis --- not in the sort of competitive ranking way as is done at the State. That's why it doesn't seem to make sense to even be discussing at this time whether a TOD project that receives only a few extra points might not score higher than an application with more 30 pct units and in "high opportunity areas" (near good schools, job centers -- the map that HsgWorks provided) in NW Austin.

With this resolution we are only looking to ensure that we promote --- for purposes of feedback related to this year's current Texas Tax Credit projects under consideration --- a ranking of local projects that is consistent with our City's priorities. Clearly, TODs and Mueller are current Council priorities -- that's the point of weighing in, and as I said earlier, the resolution as you have written it now, conveys that message without a doubt. It may or may not make sense to weigh in like this every year. We may not always be asked, there may not be the sort of mix of finalists as there is this year, and as you've taught me over the course of our recent discussions, there are tons of other moving parts to consider.

I am new to all this but it sure seems that TOD's are "prioritized" at every turn -- not just by being called out as a "priority location" and getting some extra points in GO Bond evaluation, but in resolution after resolution --- here's one I found while searching the City's website (note Item D):

<ftp://coageoid01.ci.austin.tx.us/GIS->

<Data/planning/TOD/TOD%20Signed%20SMART%20Housing%20Resolution.pdf> and in task force report after task force report (i.e., the number one housing rec in the Family and Children Task Force: "we recommend that the City create and assist with funding of a model family-friendly development in one of the TODs.") The only reason I asked about including mention of the scoring guidelines in a WHEREAS statement was to give additional evidence that we have identified priority locations in our own scoring matrix (along with task force reports, etc.), I thought it might help address the issue you raised about it looking like we were introducing new criteria late in the game. It isn't as if we would turn away any project that meets the City's scoring threshold, but if possible, we should all want to see the State's current ranking change so that Council's location priorities have a better chance of being met first. Of course we hope that ultimately all three projects will work out (and they might) but right now it sounds like one and possibly two is a more likely scenario. That's what makes prioritization so important.

Thanks again and trying not to over-complicate this,
Randi

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From: Shaw, Margaret

Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2009 9:46 AM

To: Shade, Randi

Cc: Rios, Myrna; Lott, Cindy; Rodriguez, Patricia [NHCD]; Britain, Rebecca; Snipes, Anthony; Bier, Marti; Fireside, Leela

Subject: Re: housing resolution

TODs are. I cannot be sure off top of my head about VMU and PUD and I presume Mueller.

TOD receives only a few points extra. It's possible I think that an app with more 30 pct units and in "high opportunity areas" (near good schools, job centers -- the map that HsgWorks provided) in NW Austin would score higher. That's what I need to confirm with staff and change if so so that TOD VMU PUD RMMA deals would win over those in other areas of town.

MRS

From: Shade, Randi

To: Shaw, Margaret

Cc: Rios, Myrna; Lott, Cindy; Rodriguez, Patricia [NHCD]; Britain, Rebecca; Snipes, Anthony; Bier, Marti; Fireside, Leela

Sent: Sun Mar 22 09:13:37 2009

Subject: Re: housing resolution

Thanks -- just to clarify, though, isn't extra consideration for TOD, PUD and VMU location already given in our current guidelines? Or did I misunderstand something I thought you shared with me yesterday?

From: Shaw, Margaret

To: Shade, Randi

Cc: Rios, Myrna; Lott, Cindy; Rodriguez, Patricia [NHCD]; Britain, Rebecca; Snipes, Anthony; Bier, Marti; Fireside, Leela

Sent: Sun Mar 22 08:36:34 2009

Subject: Re: housing resolution

Happy to do so. It helped me clarify staff's direction too.

I think simply verbal statement from dais to ensure all our funding and housing policies follow this direction is enough for us to update guidelines.

All best

MRS

From: Shade, Randi

To: Shaw, Margaret
Cc: Rios, Myrna; Lott, Cindy; Rodriguez, Patricia [NHCD]; Britain, Rebecca; Snipes, Anthony; Bier, Marti; Fireside, Leela
Sent: Sun Mar 22 02:19:21 2009
Subject: Re: housing resolution

Thanks so much, Margaret. Yes, your proposed draft conveys the priorities perfectly. Thank you!

My only question is whether you think it makes sense to add another WHEREAS statement that explicitly states the point you made about AHFC's current GO Bond evaluation criteria giving extra points for development in TOD, VMU and PUD locations. I realize that criteria item is as you said "not an all or nothing" item, but it sounded like yet another example of existing policy (and practice) in line with what we are promoting via this resolution. I defer to your judgment on whether to change the draft in response to this question. If you think it strengthens the resolution - great, but if not I am very happy with your new draft as is.

Thanks again! I really appreciate your help and am so thankful we got to discuss this in more detail --- and, I think you're right about Saturday clarity, too:-)

-Randi

From: Shaw, Margaret
To: Bier, Marti; Fireside, Leela; Shade, Randi
Cc: Rios, Myrna; Lott, Cindy; Rodriguez, Patricia [NHCD]; Britain, Rebecca; Snipes, Anthony
Sent: Sat Mar 21 16:37:57 2009
Subject: RE: housing resolution

After talking to the CM today, I believe this draft better suits her priorities.

thanks!
MRS

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Assistant: Cindy Lott 512.974.1049

From: Bier, Marti
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2009 8:45 AM
To: Shaw, Margaret; Fireside, Leela
Cc: Shade, Randi; Rios, Myrna; Lott, Cindy
Subject: RE: housing resolution

All,

Here is version 3.1 with Margaret's tweek.

Marti

Marti Bier

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From: Shaw, Margaret
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2009 6:06 PM
To: Bier, Marti; Fireside, Leela
Cc: Shade, Randi; Rios, Myrna; Lott, Cindy
Subject: RE: housing resolution

only one minor tweak to last 'whereas'...

WHEREAS, priority development areas, including Transit Oriented Districts ("TOD"s) and the Robert Mueller Airport re-development, incorporate urban design principles of maximizing mixed use development, transportation and employment centers; and in these priority development areas, Council has set a goal of 25% of the new housing be affordable;

NOW, THEREFORE

From: Bier, Marti
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2009 5:43 PM
To: Shaw, Margaret; Fireside, Leela
Cc: Shade, Randi; Rios, Myrna; Lott, Cindy
Subject: RE: housing resolution

[Margaret, Leela, Randi,](#)

[Please see the attached "3.0" version. I am about to leave the office, but I'll also be on in the morning to make any changes. Please call my cell at 507-6842 if you have any questions by phone.](#)

Posting Language: Approve a resolution stating Council priorities for the 2009 Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program.

[Thanks!!](#)
[Marti](#)

Marti Bier

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From: Shaw, Margaret
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2009 5:28 PM
To: Bier, Marti; Fireside, Leela
Cc: Shade, Randi; Rios, Myrna; Lott, Cindy
Subject: RE: housing resolution

Marti & I just finished working on revisions to both resolution & posting language. I'm in tomorrow morning and told her I'm happy to review final too.

MRS

From: Bier, Marti
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2009 3:12 PM
To: Fireside, Leela
Cc: Shaw, Margaret; Shade, Randi; Rios, Myrna
Subject: housing resolution

Leela,

Cathy told me you're our legal contact for this resolution. Here is a current draft, but I expect it to have some changes by tomorrow at noon. I'm copying Margaret for some feedback, and I'll look to you for any legal feedback as well. Please let me know how it looks.

Myrna, I'll send you posting language shortly.

Marti

Marti Bier

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Morrison, Laura](#)
Subject: FW: Housing Tax Credit follow up
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2009 3:00:44 PM
Attachments: [Memo to Mayor and Council by NHCD re 2009 Housing Tax Credit Applications.msg](#)
[Housing Projects Resolution 2.0.doc.msg](#)

Hi Laura

Since you and I spoke, I have discussed this issue further with Margaret and Anthony. Below is a recap. Margaret will be working with Marti and legal staff to improve current draft resolution. Attached is the draft they are starting with, but I expect to have a newer version to you later today or early tomorrow. I am also attaching Margaret's memo. After she, Anthony and I spoke a little while ago, though, Margaret seemed more willing to recognize that this is a policy call for Council to make:-) She also acknowledged that CHODO roundtable expressed desire to see more effort to prioritize efforts going forward. I explained that the purpose of this resolution is to help with an immediate situation but that I certainly was willing and felt sure you'd be willing, too, to help with better overall prioritization. That would be a bigger undertaking, but one it seems we should pursue in the coming months. Let me know your thoughts. And be on the lookout for a newer version of the resolution as soon as we can get it to you. Thanks again!

Thanks,
Randi

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From: Shade, Randi
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2009 2:40 PM
To: Shaw, Margaret; Bier, Marti
Cc: Snipes, Anthony
Subject: Housing Tax Credit follow up

Margaret

Thanks so much for your time earlier today. I've told Marti you'll be heading her way. Below are the key points behind my thinking on this. Some of this is already captured in the draft resolution Marti has. Based on your comments earlier I have no doubt that your input will make the resolution far better than where it is currently. Please call with any questions: 963-4863.

Thanks again.

-Randi

Key points:

- TDHCA scoring creates opportunity for local preferences to be conveyed -- that's why Senator/Rep letters count.
- State scoring matrix doesn't give points for City priorities such as: mixed-income with inclusion of supportive housing program, past track record, neighborhood association support, LEED construction, on-site support services such as childcare, location (i.e., TOD, city-owned property, proximity to schools, greenbelt, etc.)
- State scoring matrix gives more points for re-hab than for new construction but doesn't seem to take into consideration impact of post-renovation rent increases and net increase in total number of units available in the market.
- Projects in a TOD or Mueller need state funding (tax credits) or they won't happen -- without a Senator/Rep letter these projects will not score high enough number of points.

I realize that only 1 and possibly 2 projects will ultimately get funded. To re-cap what we discussed earlier by phone, here's my understanding of what happens with and/or without action:

If Leander gets a letter and we do nothing, then Leander becomes #1, Malibu falls to #2, Mueller and TOD remain #3 and #4.

If Leander gets a letter and Watson supports Mueller and TOD then Leander becomes #1, Mueller and TOD become #2 and #3, and Malibu falls to #4.

If Leander doesn't get a letter and Watson supports Mueller and TOD, then Mueller and TOD become #1 and #2, Malibu becomes #3 and Leander falls to #4.

If Leander doesn't get a letter and Watson supports Mueller, TOD and Malibu, then Malibu remains #1, TOD and Mueller become #2 and #3 and Leander falls to #4.

In other words, I don't see how the scenario Anthony presented with Leander getting funded and our action preventing an Austin project from being selected would happen....help me if I am missing something, but as I see it, the only way that happens is if Watson fails to do anything while the Leander legislator does. That's all the more reason it seems to me that we should encourage our Senator to step up. That means the decision is really whether to encourage Watson to support all three equally or offer some sort of prioritization as has been requested by his office. I recognize the importance of the issues raised in the recommendation memo, but I don't believe we're setting a precedent for applicants to work with Council offices. Instead it seems we are setting a precedent for weighing in with local input as the state matrix allows at this stage of the process. I am afraid that not doing so sets a worse precedent, especially knowing how aggressive our affordability goals are for particular locations in town.

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [Morrison, Laura](#); [Riley, Chris](#); [Leffingwell, Lee](#); [Nathan, Mark](#); [Ott, Marc](#)
Subject: Fw: important PSP updates
Date: Friday, August 14, 2009 5:09:31 PM

Brian -- sorry to have missed you earlier, but speaking of the CAPCOG grant for PSP This is fantastic news.

-Randi

----- Original Message -----

From: Brewster McCracken [REDACTED]
To: Isaac Barchas [REDACTED] >; Jose Beceiro [REDACTED] >; Duncan, Roger; Tom Edgar [REDACTED] >; Jim Marston [REDACTED] >; Shade, Randi; Colin Rowan <[REDACTED]>; Coleman, Glen
Sent: Fri Aug 14 16:52:20 2009
Subject: important PSP updates

The Pecan Street Project received some positive news in the last few hours.

First, Senator Cornyn's office informed CAPCOG that the Department of Commerce EDA grant has been approved. The total grant award is \$442,854 - \$300,000 of that amount will go to PSP.

Second, the following have all agreed to serve on a technical review and advisory committee for the Mueller Demonstration Project: Bluebonnet, ERCOT, Pedernales Electric Coop and San Antonio CPS.

I won't bombard you, but these are significant positive developments that I wanted to make sure you knew about.

Brewster

From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Trish Your](#); [Tom Coopwo](#)
Cc: [Bier, Marti](#); [Morrison, Laura](#)
Subject: FW: Joint Appointment
Date: Thursday, May 07, 2009 2:01:04 PM
Attachments: [Scan001.PDF](#)
[RE TCHD Process.msg](#)

Hi Trish and Tom

I wanted you to be sure you received a copy of the correspondence I've had with Judge Biscoe this week. I've heard that there may be board members under the impression that the City somehow failed to follow a procedure presented by the County. As you will see from the correspondence below and attached, however, there is ample reason for confusion. We hope to use this experience as a basis for clarifying the process for joint selections in the future. Of course we also hope to resolve this year's process as quickly as possible following our subcommittee interviews this afternoon so that your board will have its full membership soon.

Best,
Randi

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From: Shade, Randi
Sent: Wednesday, May 06, 2009 4:45 PM
To: 'sam.biscoe@co.travis.tx.us'
Subject: Joint Appointment

Judge Biscoe

Again, I am sorry for the confusion and I look forward to finding a resolution.

If you review the attached (and below) -- the 2nd to last paragraph of your letter plus the email exchanges below and attached between Marti Bier and Sherri Fleming -- then I think you will see why things were more confusing than you may have thought with respect to the process.

I spoke with Marti Bier a few minutes ago, and she says she provided the three names on the City's short list for consideration for the joint appointment to Sherri in person when they attended a meeting at United Way together on February 20th. Although all three on the City's short list may be qualified, we believed we would have the opportunity to weigh in on the joint selection after the County selected someone for its open position.

I will contact you after our subcommittee meets and interviews the three candidates on

our short list.

-Randi
[REDACTED]

P.S. Sorry the scan is upside down -- it came from someone else's office that way: -), but here is the 2nd to last paragraph of your letter outlining the process we were to follow:

To select the joint appointee, the County suggests that the City solicit applications contemporaneously with the County, with a time period ending January 30, 2009. The City Council, or a committee thereof, and the Commissioners Court, or a committee thereof, would next each select two or three applicants that each governing body believes are qualified for the joint appointee position. These two committees could then meet jointly and interview the candidates identified by the City and County and select the joint appointee.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Bier, Marti
Sent: Monday, May 04, 2009 6:55 PM
To: Shade, Randi
Subject: Biscoe letter

Randi,

Here is the letter from Judge Biscoe which I have been going from. Please see the 2nd to last paragraph where he suggests we meet as a joint committee. I have numerous emails between myself and Sherri where I'm asking when we intend to have that suggested joint committee meet together. Below is the first one:

>>> "Bier, Marti" <Marti.Bier@ci.austin.tx.us> Thursday, February 12,
>>> 2009 9:55 AM >>>
Ana and Sherri,

It was great meeting you both yesterday and thank you so much for explaining the County's process to me.

Randi would like to sit in on the interviews if possible, and clearly having everyone in a room where they can immediately discuss and make a decision would be ideal. The problem that arises is that we have Council meetings on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of every month until April 9th, however she will be out of town that day for Passover. So there's the dilemma.

If you think it's impossible to get the group together on a different day, than Randi completely understands, and we need to move onto Plan B (which we can figure out) of collaborating for the decision. If there is another option please let me know.

Thanks,
Marti

Randi -- I'm also attaching an email where I had back and forth discussion with Sherri regarding the process, starting with my question about when we would have a joint meeting. As you can see from the email trail, there was definitely some confusion. Had this been a laid out process I don't think we would have had this confusion. After many email exchanges Sherri told us on Tuesday, the week of the interviews, that they would be selecting 1 person to send back, --- that was after I had been asking over and over what we should be expecting. So, yes in the end, after we knew y'all couldn't attend the interviews, and we were still under the impression that we were going to be making a joint decision in some kind of formal meeting together, we were informed that the Commissioners would be sending us only one name rather than the 2 or 3 initially suggested in Judge Biscoe's letter. I don't think it was clear nor had it been laid out from the get-go...unless there was a communication break-down somewhere on their side.

Marti

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Morrison, Laura](#); [Martinez, Mike \[Council Member\]](#); "Brad Steir"
Cc: [Bier, Marti](#); [Garza, Bobby](#); [Levinski, Robert](#)
Subject: FW: Music Resolution
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2009 6:03:42 PM
Attachments: [Option 3.ppt](#)
[Draft Resolution re Music Dept-2.1.doc](#)

Hi all,

I realize that Laura is working on a different option for consideration. I am happy to consider it. Admittedly I approached the attached version using the principle of "path of least resistance." My goal has been simply to make sure we have something to vote on at next week's meeting that achieves as many of the music community's goals as possible as quickly as possible. After talking with Laura this afternoon, we made changes to the earlier version some of you may have seen. Most importantly, we added explicit language per her suggestion to require reassessment within EGRSO or as a separate department a year from now. I welcome any and all suggestions. Please cc Marti and others you wish to include.

Thanks,
Randi

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From: Bier, Marti
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2009 5:31 PM
To: Shade, Randi
Subject: Music Resolution

Marti Bier

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Morrison, Laura](#)
Subject: FW: News release - City partners to provide water to the needy
Date: Thursday, June 25, 2009 10:25:40 AM

Very good stuff. Way to go!

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From: From the Public Information Office
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2009 9:12 AM
To: Official Distribution
Subject: News release - City partners to provide water to the needy

This will be going out to the media shortly.

Doug Matthews
Chief Communications Director
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[REDACTED] cell

From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Shade, Randi](#); [Bier, Marti](#)
Subject: FW: PHHS Committee
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2009 9:05:49 AM

[for our files...](#)

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From: Shade, Randi
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2009 9:05 AM
To: Ott, Marc; Snipes, Anthony
Subject: RE: PHHS Committee

[Thanks from me, too, Anthony.](#)

[Please be ready to discuss communication plans, too.](#)

[At the very least, it seems to me that folks should have been updated as soon as we missed the October deadline not in response to asking about it now in anticipation of the holiday/winter season upon us.](#)

[We needed to do better and we need to lead now rather than use "community and partner difficulties" as a rationale for our delay in getting much needed help from OUR OWN city program to the people who need it. In other words, it isn't as if this is some federal bureaucracy, etc. that we've had to get through. This is locally funded, locally driven -- this is all about our City's ability to respond to what for many citizens is a crisis -- no roof, etc. We have been talking about this program for five months already.....](#)

[-Randi](#)

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From: Ott, Marc
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2009 8:09 AM
To: Snipes, Anthony
Cc: Shade, Randi
Subject: Re: PHHS Committee

Thank you Anthony.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 12, 2009, at 7:52 AM, "Snipes, Anthony" <Anthony.Snipes@ci.austin.tx.us> wrote:

Council Member Shade,

On last week, I asked Margaret Shaw to provide City Council with a status update on the GO Bond funds due to some community and partner difficulties. Margaret forwarded me a detailed memo regarding the home repair funds on Monday that she plans to forward to the full City Council on today or tomorrow. After I share the memo with the City Manager on today, you should receive it no later than tomorrow. It addresses all of your concerns listed below, along with specific reasons for the delays. If the memo does not answer all of your questions, please let me know and we will schedule a briefing. Thanks.

From: Shade, Randi
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2009 5:45 PM
To: Ott, Marc; Snipes, Anthony
Subject: Fw: PHHS Committee

Marc

Just an FYI.... This is related to the home repair money I mentioned to you last week. When we chose stimulus grant recipients last summer (African Culture Center, Critical sidewalks, PeopleFund, and LifeWorks) we said we'd be spending 2 million in GO Bonds for roof and home repair. We said that money would become available in October. So far that money isn't being spent but we're in November now. Urban League's in a holding pattern and we're getting into winter months. I don't want people waiting on lists for repairs to suffer holidays and winter with no relief while we sit on 2 million dollars. We're already hearing from folks waiting.... That's why I'm asking for update at PHHS meeting next week. I figure at the very least we need to be proactive in managing community expectations.

-Randi

From: Bier, Marti
To: Shaw, Margaret
Cc: Corona, Bob; Diaz, Elaine; Shade, Randi; Britain, Rebecca
Sent: Tue Nov 10 17:12:39 2009

Subject: PHHS Committee

Hi Margaret,

Randi wants to request a briefing at the 11/17 Public Health and Human Services Committee meeting on the status of the \$2M Rehab Program funding. Please send posting language to Elaine Diaz in our office by Thursday. If you've got any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,

Marti

Marti Bier

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Morrison, Laura](#)
Cc: [Bier, Marti](#); [Levinski, Robert](#)
Subject: FW: Res Draft
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2009 8:25:57 PM
Attachments: [Draft Resolution re Music Dept v3.doc](#)

I like many of the changes you and Bobby have made, but am still not sold on what we gain from this versus eco devo option – the community stakeholders seem fine with EGRSO version, and with the requirement to re-visit within a year, it seems we can't go wrong either way – assuming we don't lose any time or momentum. As I see it the EGRSO version:

- already has safe money set aside,
- is a known entity (good and bad) among the stakeholders from neighborhood, music and other arts,
- allows for extra staff member in exchange for Director versus Manager salary range,
- builds on what's in the works with respect to neighborhood sound stuff and economic development tie-in without totally separating from rest of arts, and
- the Eco Devo connection is also the stronger desire for Will and Brewster, but that said, if the three of us are united then I feel sure we can convince our colleagues otherwise.

My suggestion is that we leave the decision up to the statekholders....what would they prefer?

Seems like we ought to poll them asap.

-Randi

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From: Morrison, Laura
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 6:43 PM
To: Shade, Randi
Subject: FW: Res Draft

Randi – Here's a draft which captures the alternative I showed you yesterday.

From: Levinski, Robert
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 6:39 PM
To: Morrison, Laura
Subject: FW: Res Draft

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Shade, Randi](#)
Subject: Fw: Soundcheck / 2006 Bond Election Oversight Committee
Date: Thursday, August 20, 2009 3:08:44 PM
Attachments: [ATT695325.htm](#)
[contractvotersdoctrine.pages.zip](#)
[ATT695326.htm](#)
[gk-soundcheck-analysis7-7-09.doc](#)
[ATT695327.htm](#)
[gk-soundcheck-solutions7-8-08.doc](#)
[ATT695328.htm](#)
[Prop4AustinStudios-CouncilPresentation.pdf](#)
[ATT695329.htm](#)
[City of Austin - Prop 4.pdf](#)
[ATT695330.htm](#)
Importance: High

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

-----Original Message-----

From: Paul Alvarado-Dykstra [REDACTED] >

Date: Thu, 20 Aug 2009 14:41:31

To: Randi Shade [REDACTED] >; Chris Riley <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Re: Soundcheck / 2006 Bond Election Oversight Committee

Dear Randi and Chris,

Thank you for your continued attention on this matter.

FYI, I sent the following to Beverly Silas, Chair of the 2006 Bond Election Oversight Committee, asking her to assert oversight authority on this proposed Soundcheck deal. Additionally, I think this needs to go before the Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission, the Austin Music Commission and the Austin Film Office before it comes anywhere near Council for a vote.

If you concur, I would greatly appreciate you expressing this to Mark Ott a.s.a.p. (He seemed receptive to this when I met with him last Friday.)

Kindest regards,

Paul

Begin forwarded message:

> From: Paul Alvarado-Dykstra <[REDACTED]>
> Date: August 20, 2009 2:36:32 PM CDT
> To: Beverly Silas [REDACTED]
> Subject: Prop. 4 / Austin Film Studios / Soundcheck
>
> Dear Beverly,
>
> We spoke earlier this summer, but this issue has reared its head

> again. To cut to the chase, I need to ask you to contact City
> Manager Mark Ott a.s.a.p. to request that he allow you and the 2006
> Bond Election Oversight Committee to assert your oversight authority
> before this item is put on Council's agenda tomorrow for a vote next
> Thursday. Let me explain...

>

> Austin Film Society has announced (see forwarded message below) that
> City Council will vote next Thursday on their proposed long-term sub-
> lease of Austin Film Studios' Stage 4 (the largest in the state, 29K
> sq. ft.) to Soundcheck, a music company from Nashville that hardly
> does anything related to film (see <http://soundchecknashville.com>),
> nor does it even bring anything new to Austin. Everything
> Soundcheck does already exists here in Austin across a host of local
> businesses that Soundcheck will unfairly compete with (through an
> exclusivity clause, and a huge cost-of-doing-business advantage from
> no property taxes, lower Austin Utilities rates, zoning/permitting
> exemptions, included improvements, etc., by virtue of being in a
> City-owned building on City-owned land with millions of dollars of
> taxpayer improvement investments; see the attached two-part
> independent analysis Greg Klinginsmith did for Wire Recording).

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> Furthermore, Soundcheck will dramatically reduce overall film
> production capacity at Austin Film Studios, cripple the capacity
> that remains, and undermine the investment voters made with Prop. 4
> in the 2006 Bond Election -- just when we finally got major film
> production legislation passed and fully funded by the Legislature
> this past session, and are now bringing more production to Texas.
> (Please see the included letters from producers Alma Kuttruff and
> Nan Bernstein, who confirm this assessment.)

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> Film Society's answer to this? Per their latest announcement (see
> attached below)...

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>> "There are plenty of empty warehouses in Austin willing to do short-
>> term leases. No film job will be lost because Soundcheck moves in."

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> First of all, this is simply untrue -- there aren't plenty of
> equivalent spaces, and the handful of empty warehouses that exist
> here aren't rarely available for short-term leases (and, of course,
> they don't offer adjacency to Austin Film Studios). Secondly, what
> was the point of creating Austin Film Studios and passing Prop. 4 if
> not to provide this unique array of large studio spaces for film
> production? Now that they've spent our \$5 million, Austin Studios
> is telling the film industry they can take away their largest stage
> so they can make money off it (none of which the City or taxpayers
> get), and that we can all go find space somewhere else. There's no
> way AFS can guarantee no film jobs will be lost by this.

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> Meanwhile, when asked why this hasn't gone before the 2006 Bond
> Oversight Committee, AFS has stated on their own website:

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>> For AFS to sign a sublease does not involve the Bond Oversight
>> Committee. Oversight of our subleases is handled through the
>> Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services Organization of the City.

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> See: <http://www.persistenceofvision.org/2009/06/30/questions-concerns-raised-at-june-25-public-forum/>

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> As a citizen who supported and voted for Prop. 4, and as a member of

> the film industry, I have a problem with this -- as do many other
> people -- and am asking you to assert your oversight authority and
> ask City Manager Mark Ott (who I met with last Friday) to allow the
> 2006 Bond Oversight Committee to thoroughly review this matter
> before it is put on Council's agenda for a vote. Please contact him
> a.s.a.p., because Thursday's agenda will be set tomorrow.

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> In addition, I would like to ask your committee to review the
> proposed Soundcheck sublease in the context of the "Contract with
> the Voters" Doctrine of the Texas Constitution (see attached case
> law), as I believe it may be in violation of that as well, per the
> specificity of ballot language, project description language, and
> what Council approved (see attachments) that defines Austin Film
> Studios as being for film production, period -- nothing else.

>
> Finally, I would like to schedule a meeting with you and other
> Committee members to discuss, and have you hear from other film
> industry professionals and local music business owners who are
> opposed to this deal.

>
> Thank you for your time and attention.

>
> Paul

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> P.S.: Please take a moment to read the letters that "Friday Night
> Lights" producer Nan Bernstein sent to City Council, and that
> producer Alma Kuttruff (who's made four films at Austin Film
> Studios) sent to the Austin Producers Association (both included
> below). I think you'll find them particularly illuminating and
> alarming.

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> --

> Paul Alvarado-Dykstra

> [redacted]
> desk . 512.385.9697
> cell . 512.293.5254

> [redacted]

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>>> --- On Wed, 8/19/09, Rebecca Campbell [redacted]
>>> wrote:

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>>> From: Rebecca Campbell [redacted]
>>> Subject: Update on Soundcheck Austin at Austin Studios
>>> To: [redacted]
>>> Date: Wednesday, August 19, 2009, 2:04 PM

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>>> Update on Soundcheck Austin at Austin Studios
>>> Dear ,

>>> I'm writing to all AFS members to thank you for all the support
>>> you have shown for Soundcheck Austin's becoming a long-term tenant
>>> at Austin Studios. City Council does not have us on its agenda
>>> this week, but we should be on the agenda next week (August 27).
>>> We hope that you will be able to attend the meeting and show your
>>> support. Please mark 9:30 - noon on your calendar and I will send

>>> out details next week.
>>>
>>> Keep those positive calls and emails coming! There are plenty of
>>> empty warehouses in Austin willing to do short-term leases. No
>>> film job will be lost because Soundcheck moves in. Your elected
>>> officials need to hear that Austin welcomes this investment of
>>> \$500,000 into Austin Studios, and the creative digital media jobs,
>>> facilities, equipment and clients that they will bring.
>>>
>>> Please let me know if you would like more information. And thank
>>> you again!

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>>> Rebecca Campbell
>>> Executive Director
>>> Austin Film Society Home • Email Preferences • Privacy Policy
>>>
>>> 1901 East 51 Street, Austin, TX 78723 | 512.322.0145
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> Begin forwarded message:

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>> From: "Alma Kuttruff" [REDACTED]
>> Date: August 19, 2009 11:19:35 AM CDT
>> To: "Brady Anderton" [REDACTED]
>> Subject: Austin Film Society/Soundcheck
>> Reply-To: [REDACTED]

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>> Dear Brady:
>>
>> I understand from one your members, Paul Alvarado-Dykstra, that the
>> Austin Producers Association is meeting this afternoon with the
>> Austin Film Society to discuss their intent to rent Stage 4 to
>> Soundcheck, a long-term music tenant, and subdivide the space into
>> permanent rehearsal and sound recording studios. As someone who
>> strongly opposes this, I would like to offer you my view of the
>> proposal.

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>> As way of introduction, I have worked as a production manager or
>> line producer on feature films for over 20 years in Texas and
>> around the country, on projects ranging from \$5 million to \$120
>> million. I have worked for most of the major studios, including
>> Warner Bros., Universal, Walt Disney, and Paramount. I got my
>> start, however, working with Joel and Ethan Coen on their first
>> feature, "Blood Simple," so I've also been at the front with
>> filmmakers working with limited resources. I've lived in Austin
>> all this time and watched the city grow into one of the most
>> respected film communities in the country. I have personally
>> worked at Austin Studios on four features.

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>> Austin Studios is a unique and critical component of our local film
>> industry, and it was a very forward-thinking move on the part of
>> the City in 2000 to set aside these buildings for film, television
>> and commercial production. Austin Studios is the first place
>> producers look when considering Austin as a location because it
>> provides not only stages, but space for all the vital off-
>> production departments. If we lose Stage 4 – the largest building

>> in the complex – it will have a major impact on our local industry
>> for the simple reason that these type of structures and this kind
>> of facility just don't exist anywhere else in our City.

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>> Losing Stage 4 not only limits our production capacity, but it
>> compromises the value of the remaining stages and undermines the
>> investment made in the Studios by Prop 4. No producer wants to
>> rent a sound stage if there's no space nearby to house the off-
>> production departments, and frankly, producers will think twice
>> about renting a stage that is adjacent to a building where bands
>> will be conducting full-blown tour rehearsals.

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>> We all know that motion picture, television, and commercial
>> production is good business and creates hundreds of well-paying
>> jobs. Even a modest movie, like last year's Friday the 13th - in a
>> short, four-month period - hired over 150 local area residents and
>> paid \$4.5 million in salaries and benefits. In addition, it spent
>> another \$2.9 million at local businesses. Despite claims that
>> Stage 4 sat empty and generated no income in 2008, Friday the 13th
>> rented Stage 4 for four months in 2008 and paid \$31,450 in rent.
>> And in the latter part of the year, Stage 4 wasn't even available
>> for outside rentals because it was being used as the staging area
>> during the renovations of Stages 3 and 5.

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>> Since 2005, we have seen our film industry hurt by the film
>> incentives offered by neighboring states. Now that Texas has a
>> healthy film incentives package in place, we are already seeing an
>> increase in film production and renewed interest in our City. This
>> is not the time to erode such an important part of our
>> infrastructure. We need more stage and support space, not less.

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>> I have no doubt that the Soundcheck deal will benefit the Austin
>> Film Society. But our film community is wide and varied, and this
>> move will hurt the hundreds of professional film crew and the
>> businesses that comprise our local industry. The services offered
>> by Soundcheck are only tangentially related to feature film and
>> television production, and it being a permanent tenant at Austin
>> Studios will not help attract feature film or television production
>> to our City or to the Studios.

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>> I would be happy to discuss this issue in more detail if you wish.
>> I can be reached at 512-663-7903.

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>> Thank you for your time.

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>> Sincerely,

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>>
>> Alma Kuttruff

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>> From: Nan Bernstein [REDACTED]
>> Subject: AFS & Soundcheck

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>> Greetings Everyone --

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>> I attended the City Council meeting regarding the Lease
>> Option for Austin Film Society. My name is Nan Bernstein and I am
>> the Producer of FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS. I applaud Austin Film
>> Society's non-profit mission statement as well as their need for
>> income for them to survive. However, Soundcheck does not currently
>> seem compatible with the film and television industry. It is not a
>> visual media company. Although it MIGHT, on occasion, be used for a
>> music video or an independent low budget film, most of the film and
>> television industry does music recording in Los Angeles. It is even
>> difficult to get any of this work contracted for New York.

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>> Once the stage at AFS is altered and broken into smaller
>> spaces, it will be expensive to return it to a working stage. This
>> also begs another question - how will AFS balance the renovation
>> costs with the income they will receive from Soundcheck? Not every
>> production needs a stage, but when they are needed, companies
>> utilize many spaces at the same time for multiple departments.

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>> More importantly, Music Lab is currently in Austin and serves
>> the music industry in a similar way. Wouldn't having Soundcheck at
>> AFS position them unfairly in the music community?

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>> FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS has spent roughly \$100 million dollars in
>> Austin over the past three seasons. We were initially interested in
>> renting spaces at Austin Film Society for the show, but were told
>> there wasn't enough available space at that time. Why reduce the
>> potential film footprint now -- just when the tax incentive for
>> film making in Texas has passed?

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>> Respectfully,

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>> Nan Bernstein

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>> --

>> Nan Bernstein

>> FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS Season 4

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>> Austin, TX 78744

>> 512.707.6900 o

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Lurie, David](#); [Lumbreras, Bert](#)
Cc: [Ott, Marc](#); [Bier, Marti](#); [Williams, Nancy](#); [Cole, Sheryl](#); [McDonald, Stephanie](#); [Pulliam, Dorinda](#); [Morrison, Laura](#)
Subject: Fw: spay/neuter info
Date: Friday, May 08, 2009 3:54:49 PM

David and Bert,

I find this email exchange about plans for the future adoption center disturbing. We all need to be singing from the same page of the same song book. How do we get there?

-Randi

From: Ryan Clinton
To: Bier, Marti
Cc: Shade, Randi
Sent: Fri May 08 15:21:16 2009
Subject: Re: spay/neuter info

Thanks so much, Marti.

Re: the Davenport building, Stephanie McDonald (Cole's office) called me this week and specifically said that in Cole's view, the "adoption center" will **not** have animals but will instead have one staff member who takes applications and refers people to the website. She specifically stated that there is an example of such an "adoption center" in town (off of Exposition, she asserted) and that the Davenport building will be modeled off of it. That is not just my understanding from Cole's questionnaire answers; that is what I was directly told by Cole's office.

I also know that when Nancy Williams asked staff, by e-mail, whether they are contemplating the Davenport building to house offices for Parks, Fleet Services, etc. instead of it being dedicated for adoption animals, David Lurie answered that he couldn't answer the question until after the stakeholder meetings. That answer is alarming to me (and was to Nancy as well) given that no one has ever mentioned Parks and Fleet Services officing in the building at those stakeholder meetings (which you've correctly pointed out I didn't attend; I assure you that FixAustin was represented).

And separately, I have had colleagues tell me that they were directly told by HHS staff that staff does **not** intend to have an adoption center at the Davenport building. Instead, once the shelter is moved, they will say there are no resources for a separate adoption center.

Marti, I believe and understand your faith that staff is telling you the truth about their intentions and plans. Given that you work closely with them on a daily basis and do not know me well at all, I truly understand your reluctance to believe that my concerns are valid. But I and others have been in this position before, we have met with HHS staff for many years, and we believe that the red flags on this issue should be recognized and addressed. My sincere hope is that you will act on more than staff's assurances.

Warmest regards,
Ryan

On Fri, May 8, 2009 at 2:55 PM, Bier, Marti <Marti.Bier@ci.austin.tx.us> wrote:
Ryan,

I've forwarded your email to Randi. I've also filled her in on your concerns about the Davenport Building. Like I said, I know of no reason to think that there won't be an adoption center at the building. While plans have not been finalized, Members and the HHS Staff support having an adoption center there and I have still not heard anything to the contrary other than from you re: CM Cole's questionnaire. I can not answer for her office, but from our office I know there is support to see the adoption center happen.

Please keep in touch,
Marti

Marti Bier

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From: Ryan Clinton [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 08, 2009 12:20 PM
To: Bier, Marti
Subject: spay/neuter info

Hi Marti,

I recently heard a very odd rumor that Randi thinks our group is against spaying and neutering. Just in case that rumor might possibly be true, I thought it's worth a short e-mail to dispel that rumor as completely false.

FixAustin.org supports the programs and policies of the [No Kill Equation](#) because those are the policies, first implemented by no-kill pioneer Richard Avanzino in San Francisco, that have dramatically lowered kill rates in communities across the country. Those communities include San Francisco, CA; Ithaca, NY; Charlottesville, VA; Reno, NV; and Montgomery County, TX. This past weekend at the No Kill Conference in Washington, DC, we learned of several additional communities who have seen dramatic success implementing the system--- including communities in Oregon and Kentucky. These communities are achieving save rates that are **far** higher than TLAC, whether measured by its performance this decade or even its performance just this quarter. Even at its best, TLAC comes nowhere close to saving the percentage of animals as those shelters that have fully embraced and implemented the programs and policies of the No Kill Equation.

As you can see if you hit the link provided above, increasing the number of animals spayed and neutered in a community is a key element of the No Kill Equation, and FixAustin.org 100% supports programs and policies that do so. We

support low-cost spay-neuter services, we support free spay-neuter services, and we even support **paying** people \$5 each to spay and neuter their pets. Reducing shelter intake is a key element (although not even close to the only element) needed to bring Austin to no-kill success, and we support programs that reduce shelter intake. We also 100% support the shelter spaying and neutering all animals adopted or rescued from the shelter.

What we do **not** support is a law that would give Animal Control the ability to seize and kill Austinites' pets because the pets are not spayed or neutered. Such a law is often referred to as a "mandatory spay-neuter ordinance" and has failed in every city it has been tried in. In fact, the most recent city to pass a mandatory spay-neuter ordinance is Los Angeles, CA, which experienced a dramatic increase in both intake and killing at its shelters following passage of the ordinance. In addition, the ASPCA recently released a study indicating that there is **no evidence** that having a mandatory spay-neuter ordinance reduces intake or killing at animal shelters.

In short, we are 100% for people spaying and neutering their animals. We are 100% for programs and policies that help people do so. But we are against **mandatory** spay-neuter ordinances because they have never worked, cost hundreds of thousands of dollars to enforce, and often result in **more** shelter killing.

I hope this e-mail dispels any rumor or misunderstanding. I also hope you will share this with Randi.

Thank you and warmest regards,
Ryan

From: [Randi Shade](#)
To: [Shade, Randi](#)
Subject: FW: Story: marketing water conservation
Date: Wednesday, November 18, 2009 8:03:18 AM

From: Katherine Gregor [mailto:]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2009 3:35 PM
To: Randi Shade
Subject: Story: marketing water conservation

This budget amendment in the amount of \$4,000,000 will fund an increase of \$3,000,000 to meet increased demand for water conservation rebate programs, reserve \$500,000 for new initiatives recommended by the Citizens Water Conservation Implementation Task Force and increase the Water Conservation marketing and outreach budget by \$500,000 for the addition of three full-time equivalent positions and increased advertising that may include bill inserts, media placements and possible creative and strategic services.

Looking good! So, is there a story here yet? KG

Katherine Gregor

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**Austin Water Utility
RECOMMENDATION FOR
COUNCIL ACTION**

ITEM No. 5

Subject: Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Austin Water Utility Operating Budget of Ordinance No. 20090914-002 decreasing the Austin Water Utility Operating Fund Ending Balance by \$4,000,000 to fund an increase of \$500,000 for Water Conservation expenditures including the addition of three full-time equivalent positions; and transfer \$3,500,000 to the Conservation Rebates and Incentives Fund; and amending the Conservation Rebates and Incentive Fund of Ordinance No. 20090914-002 to accept the transfer in and to appropriate \$3,500,000 for Water Conservation Rebates.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$4,000,000 is available from the ending balance of the Austin Water Utility Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Fund.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

Additional Backup Material

(click to open)

▣ [Memo to Mayor and Council](#)

▣ [Ordinance](#)

▣ [WWW Commission Recommendation](#)

▣ [AWU FISCAL NOTE](#)

▣ [AWU FISCAL NOTE 2](#)

For More Information: Drema Gross, 974-2787; Denise Avery, 972-0104

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission. To be reviewed by the Citizens Water Conservation Implementation Task Force on November 16, 2009 and the Resource Management Commission on November 17, 2009.

Prior Council Action: September 14, 2009 - Approved Budget Ordinance 20090914-002

This budget amendment in the amount of \$4,000,000 will fund an increase of \$3,000,000 to meet increased demand for water conservation rebate programs, reserve \$500,000 for new initiatives recommended by the Citizens Water Conservation Implementation Task Force and increase the Water Conservation marketing and outreach budget by \$500,000 for the addition of three full-time equivalent positions and increased advertising that may include bill inserts, media placements and possible creative and strategic services.

Austin Water Utility expects to realize additional conservation savings of 250,000 to 400,000 gallons per day by expanding the rebate programs. Additional education and outreach funding will help boost participation in water conservation programs and compliance with mandatory watering restrictions, which are estimated to have reduced peak demand by 5 to 9 MGD. Recommendations being developed by the Citizens Water Conservation Implementation Task Force report could further increase savings and lay the groundwork for savings in future years.

The budget amendment will fund three full-time equivalent positions (FTEs) who will work with neighborhoods and stakeholder groups to enhance awareness of current and future AWU water conservation programs and thus increase water conservation.

Funding of \$4,000,000 million is available from a higher than anticipated ending balance in Fiscal Year 2008-2009 and lower than anticipated expenses allowing for this budget amendment for the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Fund.

From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Morrison, Laura](#); [Martinez, Mike \[Council Member\]](#); [Cole, Sheryl](#)
Subject: FW: Tax Credit Project Follow-up
Date: Wednesday, April 01, 2009 1:18:08 PM
Attachments: [2009 Tax Credit Projects.pdf](#)
Importance: High

If y'all have any sway with Dawnna's office, please help with this. She is killing the TOD and Mueller project and I fear she doesn't realize it. See my note below....sigh.

Randi Shade

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From: Shade, Randi
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2009 1:17 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: 'dawnna.dukes' [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Tax Credit Project Follow-up
Importance: High

Hi Melissa

I spoke with Dawnna about this earlier today, and she asked me to send this to you to discuss. My mobile number is: 963-4863. I was told by Dawnna months ago that her policy was to not write any letters for any project under consideration. The fact that she has changed her mind comes as a big surprise. Writing three letters is essentially the same thing as writing an exclusive letter for the Malibu project because the result of that action is that there will be no change in the state ranking.

The attached Austin City Council resolution was passed with unanimous consent and the memo explains our rationale. The only speaker on the item was the developer for Malibu, but I spoke with him and his local consultants afterwards. They seemed to understand what we were doing and why. I sincerely hope it works out that in the end all three Austin-based projects make it through all the hoops, but in the meantime, I and my colleagues feel strongly about doing what we can to help with prioritization as TDCHA deliberates. Just to keep it in perspective, local legislator letters are worth 14 points in the State's scoring matrix. The State awards 6 points for rehab versus new construction which is why the only way for a project to get selected for a TOD location and/or Mueller is with support letter(s). By writing a letter for all three projects Rep. Dukes is hurting the MLK TOD and Mueller projects under consideration as they will remain in third and fourth place ranking.

Again, please call to discuss: [REDACTED] (mobile)

-Randi

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Morrison, Laura; Levinski, Robert; Jeffrey Hitt; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: URGENT: Contact Team powers and duties in question by Council

Do you guys think that it might be helpful to post this on ANC talk? It's been pretty quiet there lately, but whenever I ask what I think is an obscure or challenging question, someone always comes out of the woodwork and surprises me with their knowledge and leads. The email list you sent this to is an impressive one, Katrina, and we'll probably get the answers we need from this group...but just in case there's someone else out there who can help, any objections to my posting it at ANC talk?

Thanks,
Laine

On Jun 12, 2009, at 10:04 AM, Mark Boyden wrote:

Interesting, and pretty big, I'd agree. All along the path when we were doing bylaws, Valenti told us that this was OUR team, and was NOT the city's, and that the city only wanted to ensure that there were 2 (maybe 3) things in the bylaws. But that this was NOT a city body, according to the city's lawyers, and as such, they couldn't actually compel us to do anything. That said, the relationship is IMHO a city body, and their only "legal" aspect according to the city is to weigh in on zoning decisions and anything neighborhood plan oriented, which is usually, from the city's standpoint, zoning decisions.

So, yeah, this could be new ground as long as there has never been an appeal before. What we really need to know is who owns the contact teams. It's been the conspiracy theorists opinion (at times, somewhat like mine) that these were designed to supplant the traditional neighborhood associations and their influence. But it would be good to have it finally spelled out. Many of us in our NA wonder why we should spend energy on the CT when we have a 25 year history of activism and engagement on issues just like this.

Should be interesting. Onward through the fog.... Sigh.

M

Katrina Daniel, on or near 6/11/2009 11:35 PM, wrote:

Danette, ANC Officers, and other neighborhood friends,

On a quiet little Highland neighborhood case before City Council tonight a very big issue came up. City Council is questioning whether or not neighborhood plan contact teams have standing to appeal a decision of a land use committee, tonight the Planning Commission. Apparently no precedent exists. City staff's opinion was that contact teams do NOT have standing and cannot appeal Planning Commission decisions to City Council.

Council was split 3/3 with Council Member Cole off the dais. Council Member Morrison requested that the case and decision on this issue be postponed to next week when they should have an odd number of members and therefore can have a majority on one side or the other. (Thank you Council Member Morrison!) As you can see, that means that THIS WEEK, we have decide if neighborhoods want to engage in this discussion and weigh in on the legal standing of neighborhood plan contact teams to appeal such decisions.

As background, Council's legal staff's argument was that contact teams are in some way quasi governmental and therefore as agents of the city cannot appeal the decision of another agent or arm of the city, which is what they consider boards and commissions. They basically said that contact teams have the same standing as any other board or commission. (Although I suppose contact teams are somehow inferior to Planning Commission since according to the city's legal interpretation, contact teams are subject to Planning Commission decisions.)

I'm not a lawyer and we have better minds among us than me to parse this issue, but I believe it is a critical one that ANC should weigh in on. If contact teams are prohibited from appealing decisions by entities such as the Planning Commission, who may or may not decide on a request in a way that protects the integrity of our neighborhood plans, it somewhat disarms the contact teams' authority.

For those interested, the agenda item was 71, related to opening a La Bare location in Lincoln Village.

At this point, the details of the case are not important because we cannot even get to that discussion without resolving whether or not the Highland neighborhood contact team even has the ability to appeal the zoning change approved by Planning Commission.

I'd be interested to hear your thoughts on this issue. What standing do you think contact teams should (or do) have with regard to appealing land use committee decisions? If you believe city staff is in error, what should our next step be? These are the steps we must take right away, since we only have until next Thursday to weigh in.

Thanks so much for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you all.

Katrina Daniel
Highland Neighborhood

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Mark Boyden
Entrepreneur
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[theNoise](#) - Web/Email Applications, Hosting
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Working together, we'll positively shape change, and make a difference!

informed at approximately 8:30 PM last night, the racing community has not had sufficient time to review and discuss these amendments. I imagine the same could be said for the business, church and neighborhood communities.

Please know that I am very appreciative of the work that all parties have put into this amended ordinance and know that these efforts are all born from a love of and pride in our city. I applaud the work of my race director colleagues, however, at this time, I must stress that this does not speak for the entire racing community. I am concerned that despite noble, dignified and good intentions, if passed on final reading today, this amendment will be seen as a behind the scenes operation that does not solve the problem and may only pass it to the already full plate of the Urban Transportation Commission.

I urge you to follow Council Member Shade's advice from last meeting and do not rush to make a quick decision on this matter. We are clearly moving in the right direction and these amendments warrant passing the ordinance on second reading only. However, it is not appropriate to pass a 3rd and final reading until ALL parties have adequate time to review and discuss these changes.

Thank you for your continued attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle

[Michelle Graham](#)

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1102 West 6th Street | Austin, TX 78703



From: [Randi Shade](#)
To: [Shade, Randi](#)
Subject: Fwd: Newsflash: Austin Energy Generation and CO2 Plan Update
Date: Friday, November 13, 2009 8:54:43 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: "Trey Salinas" <[REDACTED]>
To: "Randi Shade (Private)" <[REDACTED]>
Date: Thu, 12 Nov 2009 19:29:25 +0000
Subject: Fw: Newsflash: Austin Energy Generation and CO2 Plan Update

Looks like austin energy doesn't want to wait.

Thanks - T

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

From: "Lynn Frank" <[REDACTED]>
Date: Thu, 12 Nov 2009 12:29:23 -0600
To: Trey Salinas <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Newsflash: Austin Energy Generation and CO2 Plan Update

From: Gross, Anne [mailto:Anne.Gross@austinenergy.com] **On Behalf Of** Cervenka, Marnie
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2009 11:50 AM
To: Cervenka, Marnie
Cc: Cumings, Susie; Davis, Kerri; Jones, Murray; Judd, Don; Pleasant, Peggy; Richards, Frank; Sole, Anton; Sparks, William
Subject: Newsflash: Austin Energy Generation and CO2 Plan Update

Key Account Customer Stakeholders:

The Electric Utility Commission (EUC) is scheduled to discuss and vote Monday, November 16th, on a Generation and CO₂ plan recommendation to City Council.

The EUC will meet at 6:00 p.m. at the Austin Energy Headquarters Town Lake Center Assembly Room located at 721 W. Barton Springs Road .

The Resource Management Commission (RMC) is scheduled to discuss and vote Tuesday, November 17th, on the Generation and CO₂ plan recommendation. The RMC will meet at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 301 W. Second St .

The Council-appointed Austin Generation Resource Planning Task Force voted last week on Generation and CO₂ plan recommendations to City Council. The recommendations of the Task Force will be available later this week at www.austinsmartenergy.com. EUC and RMC Generation and CO₂ plan recommendations to City Council will be posted on www.austinsmartenergy.com following their respective meetings, which are open to the public.

The date on which Austin Energy will take its Generation and CO₂ plan recommendations to City Council will be set after the EUC and RMC actions. If you have any questions, please contact your Key Account Manager.

Thanks.
Sincerely,
Marnie Cervenka
Manager, Key Accounts
Austin Energy

From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Morrison, Laura](#)
Cc: [Diaz, Elaine](#)
Subject: got your message
Date: Monday, August 10, 2009 5:01:03 PM

I would love to talk with you about Simon/AIBA. I am not super optimistic about making something work, but would like to brainstorm with you. Just let me know when. I have pockets of time throughout the week and am cc'ng Elaine so she'll know to make it happen when Grace calls. Thanks.

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [Morrison, Laura](#); [Bier, Marti](#); [REDACTED]
Subject: GTOPS
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2009 3:26:53 PM

Hi Vanessa

I just saw that grant applications for GTOPS (grant for technology opportunities) will become available October 1st and wanted to be sure you included in CAN newsletter. Here's the link where the application will be posted: www.gtops.org.

-Randi

From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Martinez, Mike \[Council Member\]](#)
Subject: here you go
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2009 6:50:15 PM

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: "[Julie Hart](#)"; [Morrison, Laura](#); "[Patti Hanser](#)"; "[JOE L ARRIAGA](#)"; "[Dan Lear](#)"; [Sadowsky, Steve](#); "[Laurie Limbacher](#)"
Cc: [Corpus, Grace](#); [Bier, Marti](#); [Villarreal, Susan](#); [Guernsey, Greg](#)
Subject: HLC/ACVB Thursday Meeting IS ON !!!!!
Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2009 5:21:10 PM
Importance: High

In spite of the confusion caused by a message you received earlier this afternoon from Susan Villarreal, we need to proceed as planned with our meeting scheduled for Thursday 9/17/2009 to discuss this year's process for HLC Heritage grants.

Please note that because the Historic Preservation Office failed to properly post the meeting, however, we will need to adjust our plans so that a quorum of the HLC Grants Subcommittee is not present. That means that if Patti attends, then Dan and Joe will not be able to also attend. If another member of HLC would like to attend he/she would be welcome to do so, assuming that person doesn't serve on the grants subcommittee and assuming we don't have more than three of the seven total HLC members present.

I have spoken with Patti Hansen who chairs the grants subcommittee and she has agreed with our plan to proceed without Joe and Dan present at this first meeting. I apologize for the confusion and look forward to having the Subcommittee Chair (Patti) and the Commission Chair (Laurie) there along with Julie Hart from ACVB and representatives from mine and Council Member Morrison's office in attendance along with City Staff. We are on a tight schedule and the thought of postponing this initial meeting until October 30th as was suggested below was unacceptable. I hope you agree.

Please note that my office had already reserved City Hall Conference Room 2016 for the meeting. We will plan to start the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Thanks,

Randi

From: Villarreal, Susan [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2009 4:11 PM

To: Shade, Randi; Villarreal, Susan

Subject: FW: Heritage Grants committee

When: Tuesday, September 29, 2009 3:00 PM-4:00 PM (GMT-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada).

Where: ACVB

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Where: ACVB

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Randi – is our Thursday meeting cancelled?

Thanks,

Julie

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Villarreal, Susan

Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2009 4:09 PM

To: Villarreal, Susan; Julie Hart

Subject: FW: Heritage Grants committee

When: Tuesday, September 29, 2009 3:00 PM-4:00 PM (GMT-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada).

Where: ACVB

From: Villarreal, Susan

Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2009 3:25 PM

To: Dan Leary; Joe Arriaga; Laurie Limbacher; Patti Hansen; Sadowsky, Steve

Subject: Heritage Grants committee

When: Tuesday, September 29, 2009 3:00 PM-4:00 PM (GMT-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada).

Where: ACVB

Dear Heritage Grants Committee Members:

We are going to have to reschedule the meeting with Council Member Schade and Julie Hart to go over the Hertiage Grants process, and the Council Member has two hour appointment slots open at this time: 3 pm on Tues. Sept. 29th and 11 am on Wed. Oct 30. Please let me know which date, if either, you can attend, and I will confirm and post an agenda. NOTE: The first Planning Meeting for the NATL TRUST CONFERENCE IS TUES the 29th at the DRISKILL during the 3 pm time slot if you are planning to attend that meeting.

Thanks,

Susan V.

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: "Stephen Truesde"; [REDACTED]
Cc: [Martinez, Mike \[Council Member\]](#)
Subject: I felt like a figherfighter this week
Date: Thursday, December 17, 2009 10:28:32 AM

Stephen and Bob,

I was putting out all kinds of fires yesterday and the day before, and I am sorry that I wasn't available to talk to y'all yesterday as I had hoped to be. Once I realized that the SAFER grant couldn't make it on to this week's agenda, I put in a crazy number of hours on this week's agenda fires. I hope you understand. I want to follow up with you and I remain committed to work with Mike Martinez and other colleagues to see what other ways we can continue the effort to get to our four person staffing goals. There are more costs associated with bringing in new folks (i.e., training academy) than just the payroll requirements of adding new folks via SAFER, and we just didn't have time this week to make the Friday deadline.

Best,
Randi

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Morrison, Laura](#)
Subject: just an fyi
Date: Friday, January 30, 2009 4:07:27 PM

Jon Hockenyos wasn't available for Monday meeting...probably just as well:-) Have a good weekend.

-Randi

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Morrison, Laura](#)
Subject: Mary Arnold email
Date: Tuesday, January 27, 2009 4:20:43 PM

I can't seem to find the email you referenced from Mary earlier today so would love for you to forward a copy to me.

Thanks!

From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Steiner, John](#)
Cc: [Barchas, Isaac D](#); [Tom Edgar](#); [Jose Beceit](#); [Duncan, Roger](#); [Jim Marst](#); [Kennard, Karen](#); [Smith, David \[City Attorney\]](#); [Ott, Marc](#)
Subject: PSP ED Ethics Questions
Date: Thursday, September 10, 2009 4:40:29 PM
Attachments: [Your request.msg](#)
[20090908 PSP executive director job description v3 \[Final\].doc](#)

Hi John

Given the attached documents you sent me earlier in the week and given the Job Description also attached that describes the executive director position the board of directors of Pecan Street Project, Inc. (all board members are ccc'd on this email) is seeking to fill, would you please clarify how and/or whether the duties we want an ED to accomplish may violate the City code should Brewster McCracken be selected to fill the position.

The PSP board expects to interview candidates in October. We feel sure there will be several good candidates, but we also expect Brewster to apply (he hasn't seen the job description yet but has continued to express interest). Now that we have a job description, a more clear sense of the role an ED would play and the role the City is playing in the context of the roles played by the other PSP partners, I wanted to circle back with the Law Dept to clarify whether having Brewster in the ED job violates any city ethics laws, but I also wanted to clarify what tasks he would be prohibited from doing should he have that or another role with PSP. I look forward to your opinion. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks!

Best,
Randi

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Leffingwell, Lee](#)
Cc: [Everhart, Amy](#); [Nathan, Mark](#); [Coleman, Glen](#); [Duncan, Roger](#); [Ott, Marc](#);
[REDACTED]
Subject: PSP update
Date: Wednesday, September 09, 2009 10:27:29 PM

Hi Lee

I wanted to let you know that the Pecan Street Project board of directors met again today. Amy was there and may have already given you an update.

The board took official action to formally accept the CAPCOG grant we discussed earlier. All partners (UT, EDF, Chamber and AE) will contribute some in-kind staff time but the actual matching dollars required to draw down the roughly \$300K in federal funds will come from UT, EDF, Chamber and corporate donors not the City. CAPCOG will oversee the PSP's scope of work and will be the administrative entity signing the contract with the US Dept of Commerce. The grant timeline runs from Sept (now) 2009 through 2011 -- a two-year window with the clock already ticking.

We submitted a \$10+ million Dept of Energy grant (using Mueller as a demonstration project) last month. We should receive feedback in the coming weeks and may be required to provide additional information before a decision is made in late November.

Because we need to act on the CAPCOG grant right away and because the leadership for completion of both of these grants came from Brewster (he received no pay for his work), we voted to put Brewster on contract for the coming 12 weeks specifically to be our federal grants manager. PSP will pay him \$2K per month -- plus expenses but with no benefits. The PSP board will have financial control and full authority over the work. As a reminder Roger Chairs the board, Tom Edgar of UT Engineering College is Secretary and Jose Beceiro from the Chamber is Treasurer.

The board also approved a job description for an Executive Director position. Scott Uhrig of Whiterock Partners (local search firm) has agreed to help out on the ED search on pro bono basis. The board expects to interview candidates in October. We feel sure there will be some good candidates, but we also expect Brewster to apply (he hasn't seen the job description yet but has continued to express interest). Now that we have a job description and a more clear sense of the role an ED would play and the role the City is playing in the context of the roles played by the other PSP partners, I am going to ask our Law Dept to clarify how and/or whether having Brewster in the ED job violates any city ethics laws so we can avoid the surprises we faced earlier in the summer. I will keep you updated on the legal opinion and ED search.

In other PSP news -- Jim and a couple of other PSP board members will be doing a presentation at the next Emerging Technology Subcommittee meeting. In spite of and perhaps because of the PSP ED hiccup I truly believe the PSP board is stronger and far more engaged than it may have otherwise been. We have seen huge turnouts at our recent community meetings, the work of all the various committees seems to be coming together with the expectation that the Phase 2 reports will be coming out within the next few weeks, and clearly we are getting traction on the fundraising front. Assuming we keep the momentum going we should see even more progress in the coming months.

Again, I will keep you posted and was really glad to have Amy on board today. Let me know if you have any questions/concerns.

-Randi

From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Hrncir, John](#); [Riley, Chris](#); [Cole, Sheryl](#); [Leffingwell, Lee](#); [Martinez, Mike \[Council Member\]](#); [Morrison, Laura](#); [Spelman, William](#)
Cc: [Ott, Marc](#)
Subject: RE: Federal Grant to Pecan Street Project
Date: Wednesday, November 25, 2009 6:55:10 AM
Attachments: [Pecan Street Receives \\$10.4 Million Grant from Dept. of Energy for Mueller Smart Grid Demonstration Project.msg](#)

This is great news. The Mayor and Congressman Doggett held a press conference yesterday out at Mueller. See attached.

This was a highly competitive process. As you may remember, the current City Council took action in late July specifically to create Pecan Street Project, Inc. so the project could exist as an independent entity and be eligible to apply for grants like this one. Folks from UT Austin provided necessary seed money and valuable grant writing expertise. Brewster worked on a pro bono basis throughout July and August to pull the application together. The people of Mueller literally jumped at the opportunity to participate in the project (yes, I know -- not without some bumps in our solar rebate program), and Roger Duncan and many others at AE pulled out all the stops, too.

Seems like a fantastic way to kick-off the Thanksgiving holiday.

Be safe and have fun!

-Randi

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From: Hrncir, John
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2009 6:15 PM
To: Riley, Chris; Cole, Sheryl; Leffingwell, Lee; Martinez, Mike [Council Member]; Morrison, Laura; Shade, Randi; Spelman, William
Cc: Ott, Marc
Subject: Federal Grant to Pecan Street Project
Importance: High

I was informed today by Senator Cornyn's office that the Department of Energy announced today that the Pecan Street Project is one of the few organizations nationwide to receive funding for the Smart Grid and Energy Storage Projects through ARRA. Specifically, Pecan Street Project, Inc. is receiving \$10,403,570 to fund to develop and implement an Energy Internet microgrid. I understand that was the amount that was sought for the grant.

John Hrcir

Secretary Chu Announces \$620 Million for Smart Grid Demonstration and Energy Storage Projects

Recovery Act funding will upgrade the electrical grid, save energy and create jobs

COLUMBUS, OHIO – Secretary Chu announced today that the Department of Energy is awarding \$620 million for projects to demonstrate advanced Smart Grid technologies and integrated systems that will help build a smarter, more efficient, more resilient electrical grid. These 32 demonstration projects, which include large-scale energy storage, smart meters, distribution and transmission system monitoring devices, and a range of other smart technologies, will act as models for deploying integrated Smart Grid systems on a broader scale across the country. This funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will be leveraged with \$1 billion in funds from the private sector to support more than \$1.6 billion in total Smart Grid projects nationally.

“These demonstration projects will further our knowledge and understanding of what works best and delivers the best results for the Smart Grid, setting the course for a modern grid that is critical to achieving our energy goals,” said Secretary Chu. “This funding will be used to show how Smart Grid technologies can be applied to whole systems to promote energy savings for consumers, increase energy efficiency, and foster the growth of renewable energy sources like wind and solar power.”

The demonstration projects announced today will provide invaluable data on the benefits and cost-effectiveness of various smart features, help verify the technological and business viability of new technologies, and show how fully integrated Smart Grid systems can be readily adapted and copied around the country. Applicants say this investment will create thousands of new job opportunities that will include manufacturing workers, engineers, electricians, equipment installers, IT system designers, cyber security specialists, and business and power system analysts.

The funding awards are divided into two topic areas. In the first group, 16 awards totaling \$435 million will support fully integrated, regional Smart Grid demonstrations in 21 states, representing over 50 utilities and electricity organizations with a combined customer base of almost 100 million consumers. The projects include streamlined communication technologies that will allow different parts of the grid to “talk” to each other in real time; sensing and control devices that help grid operators monitor and control the flow of electricity to avoid disruptions and outages; smart meters and in-home systems that empower consumers to reduce their energy use and save money; energy storage options; and on-site and renewable energy sources that can be integrated onto the electrical grid.

In the second group, an additional 16 awards for a total of \$185 million will help fund utility-scale energy storage projects that will enhance the reliability and efficiency of the grid, while reducing

the need for new electricity plants. Improved energy storage technologies will allow for expanded integration of renewable energy resources like wind and photovoltaic systems and will improve frequency regulation and peak energy management. The selected projects include advanced battery systems (including flow batteries), flywheels, and compressed air energy systems.

Ledel, Christopher

From: Greg Weaver [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2009 4:54 PM
To: Shade, Randi
Subject: Pecan Street Receives \$10.4 Million Grant from Dept. of Energy for Mueller Smart Grid Demonstration Project
Attachments: PSP_DOE_Release.pdf

Good evening. We have some important news to share with our friends of Mueller. The Department of Energy has awarded the Pecan Street Project a \$10.4 million grant to develop a smart grid demonstration project here at Mueller. Additional details will be available in the coming months but the enclosed news release provides more information on this exciting initiative.

Thanks for your attention, and please have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving holiday,
Greg Weaver
Catellus Development Group



Press Release

For Immediate Release

Contact: Colin Rowan, [REDACTED], 512-799-6400

Sarah Dohl, sarah.dohl@mail.house.gov, 202-226-6391

DOE AWARDS AUSTIN'S PECAN STREET PROJECT \$10.4 MILLION FOR SMART GRID DEMONSTRATION AT MUELLER

Energy Project Aims to Turn Mueller Neighborhood into America's Cleanest, Most Efficient Neighborhood

AUSTIN – November 24, 2009 – The Department of Energy has awarded the Pecan Street Project, Inc. \$10.4 million under the department's regional smart grid demonstration program. The grant will be used to fund an advanced smart grid project at the Mueller development in central Austin. The Mueller neighborhood – a public-private joint venture between the City of Austin and Catellus Development Group, a ProLogis company – is located at the site of Austin's former airport.

The demonstration project will integrate with Austin Energy's next generation smart grid platform to create, operate, and evaluate an open platform Energy Internet – a type of smart grid that allows two-way electricity and information flow and is modeled on the architecture of the Internet. Resident and commercial participation in the project will be voluntary.

"What better place for innovation than in this innovative community," said U.S. Congressman Lloyd Doggett. "We gather in this vibrant new neighborhood – the site of Austin's old airport – where airplanes once landed and took off. Now we have landed these federal funds to help our community takeoff on its energy future. We are taking old ways of using energy and creating a new, more efficient way forward. These federal dollars will focus on how we store renewable energy with a smart grid."

"This is a giant step forward for the City of Austin," said Austin Mayor Lee Leffingwell. "Austin is known for pioneering smart grid technology, so it is especially fitting that the pioneers of Mueller have joined this effort. We are especially thankful for their participation."

"The stimulus award will provide our effort a significant jumpstart at a time when many cities and utilities are competing for leadership in tomorrow's energy market," said Brewster McCracken, Federal Grants Manager with Pecan Street Project, Inc. "We intend to make the Mueller neighborhood an example of what modern neighborhoods can accomplish with smarter energy management, clean energy generation and advanced system integration. Our goal is the most self-sufficient and energy efficient neighborhood development in the country."

The proposal was submitted by a partnership of Central Texas energy experts, including Austin Energy, The University of Texas, Environmental Defense Fund, The Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce and the City of Austin. In addition, Pecan Street Project, Inc. will create a Technology Review and Advisory Committee with representatives from ERCOT, Bluebonnet Electric Coop, CPS Energy San Antonio and Pedernales Electric Coop.

Details of the funding will be negotiated with the Department of Energy in the coming weeks. The proposal, however, included: distributed clean energy installation, energy storage technology installation and testing, smart grid water and smart grid irrigation systems, smart appliances and plug-in electric vehicles linked to a grid-integrated system of smart charging stations, energy storage and solar power.

The project will collect data and analyze these results against control groups and distribution feeder systems in other locations in the City of Austin to quantify how the integration of these technologies impacts electricity usage and bills, the utility's finances, environmental outcomes and overall system performance.

"We are pleased to leverage our leadership and federal support to demonstrate smart grid technologies in Austin and for the benefit of the country," said Roger Duncan, Austin Energy General Manager and a member

of the Pecan Street Project Board of Directors. “The Pecan Street Project will be a model for industry and community collaboration in developing a business model for the utility of the future.”

For more information about the Pecan Street Project, visit www.pecanstreetproject.org.

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To: [Moore, Andrew](#); [Leffingwell, Lee](#); [Martinez, Mike \[Council Member\]](#); [Cole, Sheryl](#); [Riley, Chris](#); [Spelman, William](#); [Morrison, Laura](#); [Garza, Rudy](#); [Meszaros, Greg](#)
Cc: [Everhart, Amy](#); [Ballas, Marisa](#); [Coleman, Glen](#); [Rush, Barbara](#); [Gerbracht, Heidi](#); [McDonald, Stephanie](#)
Subject: RE: 11/16 CWCITF Meeting and Water Conservation Budget Amendment
Date: Wednesday, November 18, 2009 3:32:23 PM

I agree....item 5 should come after staff presentation on conservation.

Thanks!

Randi Shade

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From: Moore, Andrew
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2009 3:26 PM
To: Shade, Randi; Leffingwell, Lee; Martinez, Mike [Council Member]; Cole, Sheryl; Riley, Chris; Spelman, William; Morrison, Laura; Garza, Rudy; Meszaros, Greg
Cc: Everhart, Amy; Ballas, Marisa; Coleman, Glen; Rush, Barbara; Gerbracht, Heidi; McDonald, Stephanie
Subject: RE: 11/16 CWCITF Meeting and Water Conservation Budget Amendment

Should item 5 be taken up after the

Andy Moore
Policy Aide to Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Martinez
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From: Shade, Randi
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2009 10:03 PM
To: [REDACTED]; Leffingwell, Lee; Martinez, Mike [Council Member]; Cole, Sheryl; Riley, Chris; Spelman, William; Morrison, Laura; Ott, Marc; [REDACTED]; Garza, Rudy; Meszaros, Greg
Cc: Moore, Andrew; Everhart, Amy; Ballas, Marisa; Coleman, Glen; Rush, Barbara; Gerbracht, Heidi; McDonald, Stephanie; Slusher, Daryl; Gross, Drema; Stefani, Robert; [REDACTED]
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Thanks very much Jennifer. This is helpful insight, and I appreciate you taking the time to write.

I am happy with the budget amendment item on this week's council agenda as it is a good indication of staff and council's commitment to do more to support conservation efforts, and specifically to improve outreach. It will take additional time to vet the details, especially when it comes to advertising and outreach activities which is why I look forward to hearing the staff presentation on Thursday and to

getting additional input from the Task Force over these next few months. I also plan to learn more about best practices in peer cities and to gain a better sense than I have now for how we can more effectively engage the business community in this work. By next year at this time I expect our outreach strategy to look different, and I am thankful to have some additional resources to put towards the effort.

Again, thank you for your clarification and for your service.

-Randi

From: Jennifer Walker <[REDACTED]>
To: Leffingwell, Lee; Martinez, Mike [Council Member]; Cole, Sheryl; Riley, Chris; Spelman, William; Shade, Randi; Morrison, Laura; Ott, Marc; johns [REDACTED] <johns [REDACTED]>; 'Jennifer Walker' <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Moore, Andrew; Everhart, Amy; Ballas, Marisa; Coleman, Glen; Rush, Barbara; Gerbracht, Heidi; McDonald, Stephanie; Slusher, Daryl; Gross, Drema; Stefani, Robert
Sent: Tue Nov 17 20:38:31 2009
Subject: 11/16 CWCITF Meeting and Water Conservation Budget Amendment

Dear Mayor and Council,

There was an outcome of Monday's Citizens Water Conservation Implementation Task Force meeting that could easily be mis-interpreted and we would like to clarify. At the regularly-scheduled meeting of the CWCITF on November 16th we considered, from staff, a request to increase the budget for the Water Conservation Division by 4 million dollars over what is currently budgeted (11/19/09 City Council Agenda Item #5). The CWCITF did not end up making a recommendation on this item. There was a motion to recommend approval of the budget amendment but in the end there were 2 votes for the motion, 1 vote against the motion and 4 abstentions. We accounted for two of the abstaining votes and would like to briefly explain our rationale.

First, we feel the conservation program is very important and we fully support it. In fact, we support the budget augmentation in general. However, in our opinion, there were a couple of obstacles to approval Monday: a) uncertainties on our part about which conservation measures warrant the additional funds and whether we were qualified to judge staff's plan; b) lack of time to fully vet the request to the satisfaction of some of the Task Force members. Consideration of this item came after over two hours of deliberations by the Task Force, and liaisons from the three other Boards and Commission, on our new charge of crafting additional conservation measures. In the end, we simply ran out of time to get our questions about this item answered.

We understand that staff's plan for this budget increase is to cover increased participation in the toilet rebate program, increase the advertising budget, increase staff capacity in the Conservation Division for marketing and outreach, and to provide funds for implementation of eventual new CWCITF recommendations. We agree that these are all items that merit funding, however, this is a large budget amendment and we did not feel that we had enough information to approve it on Monday evening, yet did not want to disapprove it either.

We want to make clear that we do support Conservation Division staff and have a great deal of trust in their judgment. We would have liked more time to work on this important item. That is the basis for our abstention on the vote. It was not due to a lack of support for the program.

We encourage Council to continue to support Austin's water conservation efforts. Please feel free to contact either of us if you have any questions.

Jennifer Walker
Lone Star Chapter Sierra Club

Norman Johns
National Wildlife Federation

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Cc: [Everhart, Amy](#); [Coleman, Glen](#)
Bcc: [Randi Shade](#); [Nathan, Mark](#)
Subject: RE: 11/16 CWCITF Meeting and Water Conservation Budget Amendment
Date: Thursday, November 19, 2009 7:49:22 PM

Thanks to each of you for providing valuable insight related to this item on our agenda today. It will take some time but I assure you I am committed to seeing things change at AWU. I appreciate your efforts.

-Randi

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To: Leffingwell, Lee; Martinez, Mike [Council Member]; Cole, Sheryl; Riley, Chris; Spelman, William; Shade, Randi; Morrison, Laura; Ott, Marc; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> 'Jennifer Walker' <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Moore, Andrew; Everhart, Amy; Ballas, Marisa; Coleman, Glen; Rush, Barbara; Gerbracht, Heidi;

McDonald, Stephanie; Slusher, Daryl; Gross, Drema; Stefani, Robert

Sent: Tue Nov 17 20:38:31 2009

Subject: 11/16 CWCITF Meeting and Water Conservation Budget Amendment

Dear Mayor and Council,

There was an outcome of Monday's Citizens Water Conservation Implementation Task Force meeting that could easily be mis-interpreted and we would like to clarify. At the regularly-scheduled meeting of the CWCITF on November 16th we considered, from staff, a request to increase the budget for the Water Conservation Division by 4 million dollars over what is currently budgeted (11/19/09 City Council Agenda Item #5). The CWCITF did not end up making a recommendation on this item. There was a motion to recommend approval of the budget amendment but in the end there were 2 votes for the motion, 1 vote against the motion and 4 abstentions. We accounted for two of the abstaining votes and would like to briefly explain our rationale.

First, we feel the conservation program is very important and we fully support it. In fact, we support the budget augmentation in general. However, in our opinion, there were a couple of obstacles to approval Monday: a) uncertainties on our part about which conservation measures warrant the additional funds and whether we were qualified to judge staff's plan; b) lack of time to fully vet the request to the satisfaction of some of the Task Force members. Consideration of this item came after over two hours of deliberations by the Task Force, and liaisons from the three other Boards and Commission, on our new charge of crafting additional conservation measures. In the end, we simply ran out of time to get our questions about this item answered.

We understand that staff's plan for this budget increase is to cover increased participation in the toilet rebate program, increase the advertising budget, increase staff capacity in the Conservation Division for marketing and outreach, and to provide funds for implementation of eventual new CWCITF recommendations. We agree that these are all items that merit funding, however, this is a large budget amendment and we did not feel that we had enough information to approve it on Monday evening, yet did not want to disapprove it either.

We want to make clear that we do support Conservation Division staff and have a great deal of trust in their judgment. We would have liked more time to work on this important item. That is the basis for our abstention on the vote. It was not due to a lack of support for the program.

We encourage Council to continue to support Austin's water conservation efforts. Please feel free to contact either of us if you have any questions.

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: ["Barchas, Isaac D"; \[REDACTED\]](#); [Morrison, Laura](#)
Cc: [Bohn, Bart](#)
Subject: RE: 3 Day Startup this weekend at ATI
Date: Friday, November 13, 2009 11:06:48 AM

Thanks and so sorry to have to miss Sunday. I appreciate being included but unfortunately have a Dell event that same night that I need to attend with Kayla.

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From: Barchas, Isaac D [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2009 8:33 AM
To: Shade, Randi; [chris \[REDACTED\]](#); [Morrison, Laura](#)
Cc: [Bohn, Bart](#)
Subject: 3 Day Startup this weekend at ATI

Emerging Tech Committee Members, we have talked about a program called 3 Day Startup that we host at ATI: 40 UT students gather on Friday afternoon, brainstorm business ideas, and spend the next two days in teams developing business cases, testing them with potential customers, writing software code for prototype products, eating pizza and sleeping on the floor at ATI. On Sunday evening they pitch their businesses to a group of local investors, entrepreneurs, and thought leaders. When we last ran this program in the Spring, one of the student teams went on to form a company and raise investment capital and others are being "pre-incubated" by ATI.

It's late notice (apologies!), but you would be welcome to attend the 7 pm Sunday finale here at the MCC building. It's a lot of fun and provides an interesting perspective into one part of our entrepreneurial ecosystem.

--Isaac

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Thank you,

Bill

Shade, Randi wrote:

Bill,

As I said to you last night I regret not having said something from the dais during the postponement discussion.

Had I done so here's what I would have said. Feel free to share with anyone; I am copying some of the people I remember seeing there last night but know I am forgetting lots of folks.

While I would not have voted for the PUD as it would have been proposed last night had we heard the case, I chose to support the postponement because that postponement came with significant conditions. Specifically, a revised proposal will not come back to Council unless it meets the new PUD ordinance requirements rather than the old PUD ordinance requirements as was the case prior to last night's action. Furthermore, the proposal will not come back to Council without additional public process via the Environmental Board and ZAP. This is an extremely complicated case and there has been a lot of confusion and there have been several conflicting "facts." The postponement also came with the direction that staff evaluate the PUD proposal, including the proposed land uses, open space dedication, protection of critical environmental features and water quality treatment facilities, to determine if it results in improved water quality or provides other hydrological benefits to the Edward's Aquifer Recharge Zone, as compared to the plan that complies with current zoning and the Bradley Settlement Agreement. I and the community will benefit from this evaluation and again, the proposal will not come back to Council without it.

I have learned a lot over the course of these last several weeks while grappling with this challenging case, and I didn't come to my decision about last night easily. I know it is difficult to rally the troops week after week and year after year. The lack of certainty in this process impacts everyone, but whether this proposal was postponed or killed last night, I know I don't need to tell you that as long as there are private land owners there will always be proposals for re-development and new development over the aquifer. We won't ever get to do a touchdown dance or cross some sort of finish line. We can and must, however, continue to strive for better -- better than what would have been considered last night, but also better than the Bradley Agreement, and better than the SOS Ordinance. The conditions of this postponement may or may not result in the "something better" I am talking about but I stand by my decision to see if it does.

-Randi

From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: ["John Keel"](#); [Wilson, Beverly \(Council Place 6\)](#); [Scales, Carla](#); [Jones, Christine](#); [Blackstone, Deanne](#); [Desai, Deven](#); [Diaz, Elaine](#); [Corpus, Grace](#); [Morrison, Laura](#); [Ott, Marc](#); [Byram, Roberta \(HRD\)](#); [Martinez, Rose Marie](#); [Cole, Sheryl](#); [Long, Tara](#)
Cc: [Cody Smith](#)
Subject: RE: Additional City Auditor Information
Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 11:01:10 AM

Thanks and who knew this week is Internal Audit Week:-)

<http://www.iaaustin.org/files/IAWMayor2009.pdf>

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-----Original Message-----

From: John Keel [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 10:32 AM
To: Wilson, Beverly (Council Place 6); Scales, Carla; Jones, Christine; Blackstone, Deanne; Desai, Deven; Diaz, Elaine; Corpus, Grace; Morrison, Laura; Ott, Marc; Shade, Randi; Byram, Roberta (HRD); Martinez, Rose Marie; Cole, Sheryl; Long, Tara
Cc: Cody Smith
Subject: Additional City Auditor Information

Please see the attached information.

JMK

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [REDACTED]; [Cole, Sheryl](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Affordable Housing Opportunity
Date: Monday, November 30, 2009 12:56:14 PM

Thanks Harris. I have a meeting tomorrow morning with our City's head of housing, and this is on my agenda to discuss with her. More soon.

-Randi

From: Harris Block <[REDACTED]>
To: Cole, Sheryl; Shade, Randi
Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Mon Nov 30 12:15:54 2009
Subject: RE: Affordable Housing Opportunity
Good afternoon,

This is Harris Block and I look forward to speaking and/or meeting with you to discuss the proposed, modest "grant" for Oak Creek Village.

I am available at your convenience.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: Cole, Sheryl [<mailto:Sheryl.Cole@ci.austin.tx.us>]
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2009 10:43 AM
To: Shade, Randi; [REDACTED]
Cc: Harris Block
Subject: RE: Affordable Housing Opportunity

Gary, Randi and I will work together on this and try to help and get back with you soon. It is good to hear from you.

From: Shade, Randi
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2009 8:25 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]; Cole, Sheryl
Subject: Re: Affordable Housing Opportunity

Thanks. I will circle up with Sheryl tomorrow, and we'll come up with a plan to tackle this. More soon.

-Randi

From: Gary Farmer <[REDACTED]>
To: Shade, Randi

Cc: Harris Block <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wed Nov 18 20:10:53 2009

Subject: FW: Affordable Housing Opportunity

[Randi: Please see response from Harris. I will play any role that is needed or happy to play no role past this point. You all can talk directly, but please advise if I need to help.](#)

I sent the original e-mail from Harris to you & Sheryl only. Thanks for your willingness to help Harris and affordable housing. Thank you!

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From: Harris Block [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2009 7:51 PM

To: Gary Farmer

Subject: RE: Affordable Housing Opportunity

Gary,

This is good. Timing is that I would like to have a letter in early January, but the funding/grant/contribution could come anytime in Q1 of 2010. I am sure HUD will accept an acknowledgment letter signed just by the Mayor or even a single Council member. Thus, introductions in early-mid December works well. I can be in Austin on short notice.. no travels plans till December 20.

Many, many thanks and all the best, Harris.

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From: Gary Farmer [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2009 7:04 PM

To: Harris Block

Subject: FW: Affordable Housing Opportunity

[See questions. Let me know and I will forward to Randi.](#)

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From: Shade, Randi [mailto:Randi.Shade@ci.austin.tx.us]

Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2009 7:02 PM
To: Gary Farmer
Subject: Re: Affordable Housing Opportunity

Absolutely. Happy to help. What's the time line? Can schedule intro's etc. in early/mid December. Would that work? As for HUD support letter I think legal dept won't allow more than three council member/mayor signatures for same project (council quorum kicks in at four). I'll find out more when I can.

From: Gary Farmer <[REDACTED]>
To: Shade, Randi
Sent: Wed Nov 18 18:47:02 2009
Subject: Affordable Housing Opportunity

Randi: Please see attached letter from Harris Block in Dallas. Harris is a friend and client. Is this something that you could help with? Please advise. Thanks.

Gary,

Our firm owns two affordable housing properties in Austin: Oak Creek Village at 2324 Wilson (@ Oltorf) and Mount Carmel Apartments on East 12th at Pleasant Valley. I am writing to seek your assistance with introductions to the Mayor and/or certain Austin City Councilmembers so that I can discuss possible grants for Oak Creek Village Apartments, our 176 unit, Project Based HAP Section 8 property located in the South Congress/Oltorf area.

The HAP Contract concerning Oak Creek Village is up for renewal early next year and we want to preserve this affordable housing asset in Austin. We would like to show HUD that this property is a priority for the local community as demonstrated by a contribution of State or local agency funds. We do have a community center on site that could use some minor refurbishment and we would like to establish it as a Neighborhood Network Center to benefit the residents and citizens in the adjacent area. We will provide the space, staff, and pay all utilities. We envision the Center as a "hub" for after-school activities, neighborhood networking, job placement research with computer and internet availability, English as second language training, neighborhood crime watch meetings, etc. Any amount of contribution is absolutely acceptable, literally as low as \$1,000; we just need to demonstrate a level of local funding support. A letter from the Mayor's or City Council office acknowledging the property is also helpful to HUD.

Gary, I have spoken with folks at the Dept. of Neighborhoods and submitted this same information. Having said that, I believe it is important for the elected officials to be aware of the request and to support the request concerning the modest financial support as well as the letters of support to HUD. I appreciate your attention to this correspondence. Please let me know what you think our "next steps" should be.

Thank you,

Harris Block

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Morrison, Laura](#); [Stoll, Garner](#); [Levinski, Robert](#); [Guernsey, Greg](#)
Cc: [Edwards, Sue](#); [Sandoval, Marie](#); [Leffingwell, Lee](#); [Claxton, Gregory](#); [Walters, Mark](#); [Sherbert, Nicole](#); [Coleman, Glen](#)
Subject: Re: Agenda attached
Date: Friday, February 27, 2009 10:05:06 AM

Thanks and sorry I can't make it. Glen will be there and I too really appreciate the fast action.

-Randi

From: Morrison, Laura
To: Stoll, Garner; Levinski, Robert; Guernsey, Greg
Cc: Edwards, Sue; Sandoval, Marie; Leffingwell, Lee; Shade, Randi; Claxton, Gregory; Walters, Mark; Sherbert, Nicole
Sent: Fri Feb 27 09:22:51 2009
Subject: RE: Agenda attached

Thank you Garner for getting this going. FYI to all, we'll be meeting at City Hall in room 2014.

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From: Stoll, Garner
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 9:15 AM
To: Morrison, Laura; Levinski, Robert; Guernsey, Greg
Cc: Edwards, Sue; Sandoval, Marie; Leffingwell, Lee; Shade, Randi; Claxton, Gregory; Walters, Mark; Sherbert, Nicole
Subject: FW: Agenda attached

Good morning everyone,

Here is a proposed agenda for today's meeting. Sorry for the short notice but we need to finalize the logistics for the March 4th Community forum in order to get the word out later today.

Garner

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To: [Morrison, Laura](#); "Helen M. Varty"; [Bier, Marti](#); [Rush, Barbara](#); [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [Canally, Greg](#)
Subject: RE: americorp stimulus funds
Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2009 3:18:56 PM

Thanks, Helen. I've also begun making inquiries with OneStar staff and board. Will let y'all know what I hear.

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From: Morrison, Laura
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2009 1:50 PM
To: 'Helen M. Varty'; Shade, Randi; Bier, Marti; Rush, Barbara; [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; Canally, Greg
Subject: RE: americorp stimulus funds

Helen –

Thank you for the update on this. In fact I just finished up a conversation with our staff (Greg Canally) on the work from our end, with a process that is developing to make sure we will be leveraging our opportunities and collaborating most effectively w/ the community, non-profits, other entities

This Friday our CAN Resource Council meeting has Lloyd Doggett on the agenda talking about the federal stimulus dollars, then followed by CAN partners (including the City) updates (see attached). It will be televised or of course you and all others are welcome to attend.

Thanks,
Laura

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From: Helen M. Varty [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2009 1:31 PM
To: Shade, Randi; Bier, Marti; Morrison, Laura; Rush, Barbara; [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: americorp stimulus funds

I wanted to bring you up to date on our efforts to find funding for continuation of the Keep Austin

Housed AmeriCorps program. Recall that this program provides volunteers to ten agencies in Austin that serve homeless people.

Americorps is one of the programs of the Corporation for National and Community Service. These funds are administered in Texas by the One Star Foundation. Due to a shift in program priorities the Keep Austin Housed program was slated to end this August.

We know that Texas will additional funds for this program as a part of the stimulus package. We need to advocate that the One Star Foundation continue to keep housing as a program priority which is an option for them since it is one of the federal priorities. Also, we want them to continue funding the Keep Austin Housed program.

The good news is that the Keep Austin Housed program is very highly regarded by the One Star Foundation staff due to the program's strong outcomes. If they continue to keep housing as a program priority, then we are in a strong competitive position.

Susan Weddington, the CEO of One Star Foundation, is retiring very soon. Elizabeth Seale is slated to begin as the CEO March 23rd.

ACTION: Walter Moreau, CEO of Foundation Communities, is attempting to set up a meeting with Elizabeth Seale. He has also contacted a board member at One Star. We are also asking the Executive Directors of participating agencies to write letters to OneStar's CEO and Chair of the Board. The board list for One Star can be found at www.onestarfoundation.org.

That is what we are doing at this point. If you have any additional ideas on how to proceed, or if you know any of the One Star Board members, please let us know.

THANKS!

Helen Varty
Executive Director


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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Morrison, Laura](#)
Cc: [Hrncir, John](#); [Bier, Marti](#)
Subject: RE: AmeriCorps possible funding
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2009 3:00:54 PM

Thanks, Laura. Marti had forwarded this to me, but I hadn't yet read the messages in this exchange.

We should absolutely be monitoring this closely and asking Congressman Doggett's office for help – not only for AmeriCorps funding but also YouthBuild and any other sources that can be of help to our local nonprofit organizations. We should actually come up with a whole strategy for rapid response to npo's as information becomes available.

The challenge with AmeriCorps funding (and maybe other sources of federal funding like it) is that it typically doesn't flow from DC directly to local organizations. Instead it is allocated to a state commission (now called OneStar Foundation) and that state commission is then typically responsible for having a competitive grant allocation process according to priorities as set by the OneStar Board. In other words, we need to be sure to get our State Legislative team involved, too. Elliott, Donna H. and Mark Strama would be especially interested. As you may remember, and as I have already discussed with John earlier, the homelessness services AmeriCorps grant in Austin (managed by Helen) was cut last year by the State Commission due to a change in priorities at the state level. When I spoke with OneStar's program officer she said there was no public process involved in changing priorities for funding – probably just done at direction of Governor's staff towards Homeland Security and Education programs.

I hadn't heard about Susan Weddington's departure, but I still know folks who serve on the board and who work at OneStar and am happy to do some checking on process, etc.

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From: Morrison, Laura
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2009 2:28 PM
To: Shade, Randi
Cc: Hrncir, John
Subject: FW: AmeriCorps possible funding

Randi – Not sure how much Marti has forwarded to you on this so for your fyi.

John – could you please include Randi on your reply to the email below?

Thx,
Laura

From: Morrison, Laura
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2009 8:08 PM
To: 'Helen M. Varty'; Hrncir, John
Cc: Kassi Darakhshan; [REDACTED]; Rush, Barbara; Walter Moreau; Bier, Marti
Subject: RE: AmeriCorps possible funding

Helen,

Thanks for the info and I appreciate that you are monitoring this very fluid situation. I am inclined to ask for advice from our government liaison at the City, John Hrcir, and have included him here to see if he has some ideas to offer.

Laura

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From: Helen M. Varty [mailto:]
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2009 4:59 PM
To: Morrison, Laura; Bier, Marti; Walter Moreau
Cc: Kassi Darakhshan;
Subject: AmeriCorps possible funding

Laura and Marti, as you may be aware the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) is receiving some additional funding from the stimulus package. We think it is about 71 million. We have no idea how much will be coming to Texas. First, CNCS has to decide what the program priorities are. Front Steps is sending out emails to the homeless service community members asking them to email CNCS at their website, , to ask that homelessness and housing be one of the CNCS funding priorities. A copy of the letter we are asking people to email to CNCS is attached.

I am wondering if I should ask Lloyd Doggett to write to Nicola Goren, acting CEO of CNCS, to ask for a focus on homelessness and housing as well as some dollars for Texas. We are not sure if states that are in a more dire condition than Texas will be getting more funding or if the funding will be a per capita kind of thing. What do you think about asking for Doggett's assistance? Any other ideas? I am wondering if there is a senate subcommittee in charge of oversight of CNCS and if we should be writing them? I can probably get the senate subcommittee information from Doggett's office.

After we know what money is coming to Texas, then perhaps we need to start writing the CEO of the One Star Foundation (who distributes the CNCS funds here in Texas) to ask that our grant receive continuation funding. Susan Weddington is the current CEO but she is leaving March 23 and will be replaced by Elizabeth Seale.

I am not sure what money will be coming to Texas but the good news is that our AmeriCorps program always scores really well and is highly thought of by the One Star Foundation—so we are in a good competitive position.

Your thoughts on how to go about this are welcome. Thanks so much!

Helen Varty
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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Sarah Eckhardt](#)
Cc: [Nikelle Meade](#); [Morrison, Laura](#); [Levinski, Robert](#); [Peter Einhorn](#)
Subject: RE: Angelou Report
Date: Monday, April 27, 2009 5:27:00 PM

Hi Sarah

I wanted to be sure you noticed that Angelos Angelous will be the lead economic guru on the comprehensive plan team we picked at last week's Council Meeting.

-Randi

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-----Original Message-----

From: Morrison, Laura
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2009 6:46 PM
To: Shade, Randi; Levinski, Robert; Peter Einhorn
Cc: Morrison, Laura; Sarah Eckhardt; Nikelle Meade
Subject: RE: Angelou Report

Wanted to add my thanks too. I had a brief chance to peruse it -- it looks like they some address interesting topics.

Laura Morrison
Council Member, Place 4

Sent via Remote

-----Original Message-----

From: Shade, Randi <Randi.Shade@ci.austin.tx.us>
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2009 4:33 PM
To: Levinski, Robert <Robert.Levinski@ci.austin.tx.us>; Peter Einhorn <Peter.Einhorn@co.travis.tx.us>
Cc: Morrison, Laura <Laura.Morrison@ci.austin.tx.us>; Sarah Eckhardt <Sarah.Eckhardt@co.travis.tx.us>; Nikelle Meade <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Angelou Report

thanks!

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From: Levinski, Robert
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2009 4:32 PM
To: 'Peter Einhorn'
Cc: Morrison, Laura; Shade, Randi; Sarah Eckhardt; Nikelle Meade
Subject: RE: Angelou Report

We got it. Thanks!
Bobby

From: Peter Einhorn [<mailto:Peter.Einhorn@co.travis.tx.us>]
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2009 4:31 PM
To: Levinski, Robert
Cc: Morrison, Laura; Shade, Randi; Sarah Eckhardt; Nikelle Meade
Subject: Re: Angelou Report

I attempted to send these this morning, and I would imagine that the e-mail failed to go through due to the sheer number of PDFs attached. Please confirm receipt.

I will send the rest in a separate e-mail.

-Peter

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"Put the jam on the bottom shelf, so the little man can reach it." - Sen. Ralph Yarborough (D-TX)

On 4/20/2009 at 4:26 PM, in message
<75E45B88D54A414A9AD072F01C5FA9D1023E64B7@COAEVS1.coacd.org>, "Levinski, Robert"
<Robert.Levinski@ci.austin.tx.us> wrote:

Peter,

Would you mind sending that email again? I've looked in Laura's inbox and can't find it.

Thanks,
Bobby

From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Lumbreras, Bert](#)
Cc: [Pulliam, Dorinda](#); [Lurie, David](#); [Morrison, Laura](#); [Riley, Chris](#); [Martinez, Mike \[Council Member\]](#); [Ott, Marc](#); [Bier, Marti](#)
Subject: Re: Austin Pets Alive! Partnership with City of Austin
Date: Thursday, July 16, 2009 1:01:09 PM

Thanks for the update Ellen. I look forward to hearing how about your follow up with Dorinda.

From: Ellen <[\[redacted\]](#)>
To: Lumbreras, Bert
Cc: Pulliam, Dorinda; Lurie, David; Morrison, Laura; Shade, Randi; Riley, Chris; Martinez, Mike [Council Member]; [\[redacted\]](#) <[\[redacted\]](#)>; Ott, Marc
Sent: Wed Jul 15 16:13:48 2009
Subject: Austin Pets Alive! Partnership with City of Austin

Hi Bert,

I was forwarded your response to Lorri Michel's letter endorsing an APA!/COA Private/Public Partnership. I appreciate very much the expediency with which you have committed to working with APA! to expand partnership opportunities, even without immediate cost savings to the city.

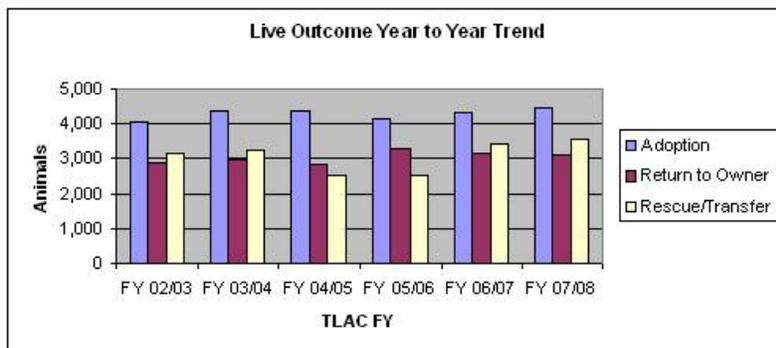
Dorinda and I have a meeting tomorrow to work on a plan that can be implemented by the end of this month. I believe that we will be able to come to a consensus on a program that will cost the City no additional monies but will result in a higher number of live outcomes for the animals at TLAC. At the same time, I would like to continue working with you on a scaled-back version of our original proposal for FY 2010.

As for the larger-scale proposal, we are happy to wait until the upcoming Strategic Planning Process is finished. We are happy to be a part of that and will plan to submit in 2011.

However, I would like to call your attention to the fact that Austin has already had a number of community-based strategic planning sessions about animal welfare over the last few years. For example:

- ASPCA Austin Homeless Animal Summit (2007) in which over 65 citizens and dozens of organizations took part to "develop a master plan for saving animals in Austin."
- ASPCA Mission: Orange Strategic Planning and resulting Logic Model (2008), in which all of the large animal welfare organizations took part and created a "blueprint for how Austin can dramatically reduce our euthanasia rate and eventually eliminate euthanasia of healthy and treatable animals."
- Council Resolution No. 20090115-059 (2009) directing the Austin Animal Advisory Commission to develop, under proper public forum, recommendations to reduce intake and increase live outcomes. Recommendations were created over 5-6 public meetings and were delivered to Council in June.

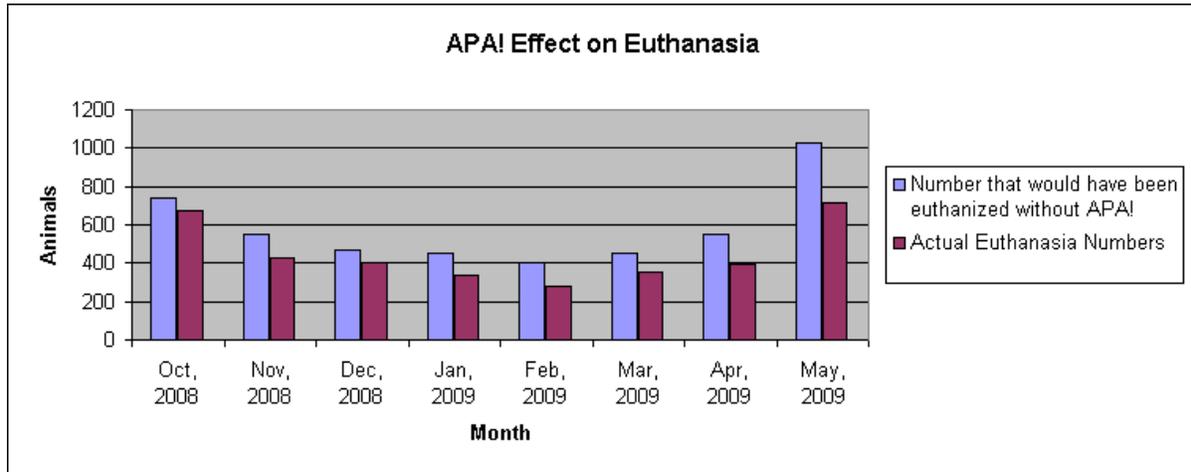
The fact that our city and leaders in animal welfare think we need another community-wide strategic planning session does not encourage me to believe that it will actually culminate in the kind of difference that APA! (and the coalition of groups supporting us) is proposing to make immediately. In light of that, I am very pleased that you will allow us to continue to save more lives now as well as work together to do more in the future with other entities. I have attached a graph that demonstrates how many animals are outcomed alive year to year (it is not dependent on intake) over the last 5 years.



I think it adequately shows that although there have been some really great large scale meetings and as a result, a large decrease in intake (which also lowers euthanasia), there has not been significant progress in live outcomes.

I am also attaching (below) a graph for your reference to see the momentum that APA! has going year to date. You can imagine the difference we can make together with a stronger partnership.

Thank you very much and I will keep you and David posted as to the results of my meeting with Dorinda tomorrow. Please call or email me with any questions.



Ellen

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Morrison, Laura](#)
Subject: Re: billboard language
Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2009 6:41:25 PM

Right back at you. Today was tough but we can get past it.

From: Morrison, Laura
To: Shade, Randi
Sent: Wed Sep 23 18:37:51 2009
Subject: Re: billboard language

Randi - I really appreciate your note. I'm sorry about today too and look forward to figuring this out. I feel like there's potential for some great work together if we can just get through this hurddle. See you tomorrow.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 23, 2009, at 5:07 PM, "Shade, Randi" <Randi.Shade@ci.austin.tx.us> wrote:

Here you go...

At this point I will let you make suggestions on this....I have no new ideas.

I am sorry for losing my temper with you. I will cool off and maybe we can work on better communication.

-Randi

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, since their adoption in 2005, the billboard relocation provisions in Chapter 25-10 (*Sign Regulations*) have been subject to extensive public debate and discussion;

WHEREAS, of particular concern to residents of the City's urban core is the lack of any restriction on the placement of billboards near residential uses in commercial or other non-residentially zoned areas;

WHEREAS, while billboards may not be placed closer than 500 feet from a residential use in a residential base district, current code provides no similar protections for the increasing number of residents that live in multi-family communities located in non-

residentially zoned areas;

WHEREAS, consistent with the City's emphasis on encouraging density in the urban core, residents of non-residentially zoned areas should enjoy similar aesthetic and quality-of-life protections as those living in single-family neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, while billboard relocation furthers the goal of removing billboards from scenic roadways, it should not impose greater burdens on residents of commercial or other non-residentially zoned areas than those living in single-family neighborhoods;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to initiate code amendments to City Code Section 25-10-152(B)(5) (*Sign Regulations*) to prohibit the relocation of billboards within 500-feet of any residential use, regardless of zoning.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

1. The City Manager is further directed to:
 - (a) Return the amendment to Council by November 19, 2009.
 - (b) Limit boards and commissions review to a hearing before the Planning Commission, as required under Section 25-1-502 (*Amendment; Review*).
2. The Planning Commission is directed to focus its review on the amendment proposed by this resolution.

ADOPTED: _____, 2009

ATTEST: _____

Gentry

Shirley A.

City Clerk

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Morrison, Laura](#); "sarah.eckhardt@co.travis.tx.us"; [Spillar, Rob](#); [REDACTED]"
Subject: Re: Brackenridge redevo and access by car/bike/ped
Date: Saturday, July 18, 2009 2:05:46 PM

Thanks, Laura. I would appreciate it if you keep me posted, too. Am very interested and willing to help any way I can.

Sarah -- sorry I somehow missed this email when you sent it earlier. Hope you got my vmail about TFN. Thanks for your work on that.

-Randi

From: Morrison, Laura
To: Sarah Eckhardt <Sarah.Eckhardt@co.travis.tx.us>; Shade, Randi; Spillar, Rob; mstein [REDACTED]
Sent: Sat Jul 18 09:46:14 2009
Subject: RE: Brackenridge redevo and access by car/bike/ped

Good Morning Sarah -

I'm just back from vacation and getting back in the loop. Not familiar with the meeting you referenced. Can you provide CoA contact or dept? I'll follow up on Monday.

Laura

From: Sarah Eckhardt [<mailto:Sarah.Eckhardt@co.travis.tx.us>]
Sent: Fri 7/17/2009 9:23 AM
To: Morrison, Laura; Shade, Randi; Spillar, Rob; [REDACTED]
Subject: Brackenridge redevo and access by car/bike/ped

Hello all:

The attached is an email exchange between three residents (PERSONS A, B and C) on the proposed Brackenridge redevelopment and vehicular, pedestrian and bike access to known activity areas. I thought you all would want to be "in the loop" on this.

Do any of you know how the UT/COA/UT meeting went this week? If any of these neighborhood concerns were addressed I'd like to take it back to these three constituents.

- SE

PERSON A

1. what is preferred route for a kid on a bike to get from our neighborhood (say Mathews Elementary) to Austin High School, or for anyone to get from our neighborhood to the hike and bike trail along Town Lake?
2. what is preferred route for a kid on a bike to get from our neighborhood to O. Henry Middle School?
3. are there any bike routes on this map?
4. it sure looks like there's gonna be a huge traffic jam in the

morning for people driving east on Lake Austin Blvd. who then want to go north on Mopac. Will they be bottlenecked at the new stop light on 6th where you enter the Mopac feeder?

PERSON B

I talked with the UT project manager (or at least their contact person) Friday afternoon. I understand UT, City of Austin, CTRMA are meeting this week. Apparently CTRMA is coordinating the meeting. Ms Mayne, with UT, did not extend the invite to neighborhoods but of course it isn't her meeting so that makes sense. Let me know if any of you think we should do anything.

PERSON C

Regarding an Austin High route from the heart of the neighborhood, I would suggest West Lynn to the south side of 5th St. It is the plan for the completion of the 5th Street Commons (Gables at Pok-E-Jos) that a traffic signal will be installed at West Lynn and 5th. Then take the sidewalk to the sidewalk that goes under MoPac and spills into the Austin High/Tennis Court parking lot. From the west end of the neighborhood, I would suggest Patterson to 6th St. Then connect to the sidewalk that connects to the Johnson Creek trail, which ends under MoPac, west of the school. Please note that with the proposed ramp, I am afraid that this last route may be severely impaired.

Regarding O'Henry, I would suggest Patterson to 6th. Then the sidewalk to Lake Austin Blvd. Then along Lake Austin Blvd. to Newman and then to the school. On some of my morning runs, I take the back way to the school. After crossing the MoPac access road, I turn at the first right, Upson, to avoid running along Lake Austin Blvd. Then go up 7th Street to Norwalk and then to the school.

I have a feeling that this ramp is someone's pipe dream because it will be an engineering and traffic safety problem of significant proportion, given the terrain and existing traffic both vehicular and cycling/pedestrian in the area. I don't see how they can do it and meet current design requirements. The neighborhood (and the Gables) tried to get a traffic signal at 5th and Campbell (El Arroyo) but TxDOT would not sign off because of "line of sight issues" with the MoPac exit ramp to 5th St. To me, it looks like someone just drew an arc on a map with not much thought.

From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [REDACTED]; [Morrison, Laura](#); [Leffingwell, Lee](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: CAPCOG Cost/Benefit Analysis
Date: Sunday, February 08, 2009 9:31:50 AM

Thanks so much Brian and welcome back. I discussed this with Michael O too but didn't have the chance yet to follow up with Brian K over at CAPCOG last week to confirm as I hoped to do. Just ran out of time but will definitely follow up this week. We don't have a council mtg on the 19th so we're shooting for the 26th. Thanks again. Really appreciate the follow up.

-Randi

From: Brian Rodgers
To: Shade, Randi; Morrison, Laura; Leffingwell, Lee
Cc: Michael Oden
Sent: Sun Feb 08 07:50:04 2009
Subject: CAPCOG Cost/Benefit Analysis

Council Members Shade, Morrison, and Leffingwell,

I spoke with Brian Kelsey of CAPCOG Friday afternoon about the multiple cost/benefit analyses he ran for the League of Women Voters. He corrected me and said he did them for Travis County at no cost since Travis County is a member of CAPCOG. Judge Biscoe had requested the analyses.

Brian said that CAPCOG would give Austin the same deal as Travis County - no charge. He said that cost might become an issue only if Austin flooded CAPCOG with requests, which was unlikely. The EGRSO staff could run their own cost/benefit analysis and the public and council would have the benefit of both.

The two points discussed in our meeting of February 2nd seem close to being resolved in order to be on the agenda for February 19th. Is that everyone's feeling?

Thanks,

Brian Rodgers
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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Jones, Christine](#); [Cole, Sheryl](#); [Morrison, Laura](#); [Ott, Marc](#); [Wilson, Beverly \(Council Place 6\)](#); [Diaz, Elaine](#); [Corpus, Grace](#); [Martinez, Rose Marie](#)
Cc: [Byram, Roberta \(HRD\)](#)
Subject: RE: City Auditor - Stakeholder and FASD comments.doc
Date: Thursday, October 15, 2009 10:50:07 AM

Did you ever confirm what Ken's current salary is? Aside from it being publicly available, I feel sure we discussed his salary in our subcommittee deliberations.

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From: Jones, Christine
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2009 10:25 AM
To: Cole, Sheryl; Morrison, Laura; Shade, Randi; Ott, Marc; Wilson, Beverly (Council Place 6); Diaz, Elaine; Corpus, Grace; Martinez, Rose Marie
Cc: Byram, Roberta (HRD)
Subject: City Auditor - Stakeholder and FASD comments.doc

To the Nominating Committee:

Attached is a summary of the feedback HRD received from the Stakeholder meeting last night, and from the FASD Executives during their lunch meeting with the candidates.

We only received a few comments forms from last night's meeting.

We had twenty-three (23) participants yesterday evening.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Mark Washington has agreed to speak with your top candidate when you are ready for him to do so.

Christine Jones
974-3206

From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [REDACTED]; [Morrison, Laura](#)
Cc: [Bier, Marti](#)
Subject: Re: City Stimulus Initiatives - Consolidated Plan Amendment (request for briefing at RC meeting this Friday)
Date: Tuesday, June 09, 2009 9:33:13 PM

I may not be able to make it on Friday -- I hope to be --- but just in case I can't be there, I will assume Laura can do this as part of the other update she's providing. Otherwise, I am happy to see about finding someone on city staff to do it.

----- Original Message -----

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
To: Morrison, Laura; Shade, Randi
Sent: Tue Jun 09 21:32:27 2009
Subject: City Stimulus Initiatives - Consolidated Plan Amendment (request for briefing at RC meeting this Friday)

Would either of you be willing to discuss the recent amendment to the consolidated plan that includes stimulus-funded initiatives at Friday's RC meeting as part of the last agenda item? This is now public.

<http://www.cityofaustin.org/housing/downloads/Substantial%20Amendment%20CDBG%20HPRP%20051409.pdf>

This and other initiatives that were proposed:
\$500,000 for Lifeworks' East Austin Youth and Family Resource Center to purchase land to construct a green-building Resource Center at to expand critical workforce, education and mental health services to low-income populations. Significant leverage is included with corporate, public and nonprofit partners, including Capital Idea, Central Texas Literacy Coalition, Austin Community College and Casey Family Programs. The project has secured the majority of funding, and meets job creation and long-term economic development needs.

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Morrison, Laura](#)
Subject: RE: Comp Plan CAC membership across nation
Date: Thursday, August 06, 2009 2:56:36 PM

Thanks!

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From: Morrison, Laura
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2009 2:55 PM
To: Shade, Randi
Subject: FW: Comp Plan CAC membership across nation

From: Mark Yznaga [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2009 5:06 PM
To: Morrison, Laura
Subject: Comp Plan CAC membership across nation

From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Stoll, Garner](#); [Trimble, Michael](#); [Ott, Marc](#); [Morrison, Laura](#); [Williams, Nancy](#); [Edwards, Sue](#); [Guernsey, Greg](#); [Garza, Rudy](#)
Cc: [Levinski, Robert](#); [Coleman, Glen](#)
Subject: Re: Comprehensive Plan - Proposed Plan of Action DRAFT
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2009 9:00:07 AM

This is great! Thanks.

I'd like to see this list of items on action plan to make it clear to folks that we are serious about increasing access to info.

Would also like to see if action item re: community mtg can read as "public comment." The point I was trying to make last nite was about the "on finalists" part of the sentence. Can we remove that part of the sentence so people can make comments beyond those related to a particular finalist?

From: Stoll, Garner
To: Trimble, Michael; Shade, Randi; Ott, Marc; Morrison, Laura; Williams, Nancy; Edwards, Sue; Guernsey, Greg; Garza, Rudy
Cc: Levinski, Robert; Coleman, Glen
Sent: Thu Feb 26 08:44:02 2009
Subject: RE: Comprehensive Plan - Proposed Plan of Action DRAFT

Good morning all,

We worked on preparation for posting additional information to our web site yesterday and this morning. So far we have the following proposed list:

- 1) Planning Commission's recommendations regarding the creation of a new comprehensive plan that was forwarded to City Council last May (this is a six part file that contains the summary chart regarding the four steps that was handed out yesterday)
- 2) Detailed chart regarding the Citizen Participation Plan and other startup activities that was handed out yesterday
- 3) "Public participation methods for large scale planning processes for select communities" This would include the chart that was handed out yesterday plus the power point presentation that was made to the Comprehensive Planning Committee of the Planning Commission.
- 4) The RFQ attachments (The RFQ is posted but we have had a request for the attachments)
- 5) The scoring matrix (this is posted as a part of City Council's backup materials but we would add it to the Comp Plan Web site with a short explanatory text)
- 6) Comprehensive Planning Committee meeting notes relating to the Interim Update and the New Comprehensive Plan
- 7) Power Point Presentation to City Council regarding the anticipated scope of services for the RFQ

Did I miss something? If the item is continued we hope to have all of these posted by tomorrow.

Again, the website is at http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/planning/comp_plan.htm.

Thanks

Garner

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From: Trimble, Michael
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2009 7:49 AM
To: Shade, Randi; Ott, Marc; Morrison, Laura; Williams, Nancy; Edwards, Sue; Guernsey, Greg; Stoll, Garner; Garza, Rudy
Cc: Levinski, Robert; Coleman, Glen
Subject: RE: Comprehensive Plan - Proposed Plan of Action DRAFT

I have incorporated these suggestions into the attached draft.

Greg/Garner: I am assuming we can get the information posted fairly quickly to the web site, since much of it is already available. I will be ready to work with you in getting this accomplished.

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From: Shade, Randi
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2009 9:42 PM
To: Ott, Marc; Morrison, Laura; Trimble, Michael; Williams, Nancy; Edwards, Sue; Guernsey, Greg; Stoll, Garner; Garza, Rudy
Cc: Levinski, Robert; Coleman, Glen
Subject: RE: Comprehensive Plan - Proposed Plan of Action DRAFT

Ditto from me. I appreciate everyone's effort on this very much.

I do have a few suggestions -- mostly style rather than substance.

1. The title of this document should be COMPREHENSIVE PLAN RFQ SELECTION - PROPOSED PLAN OF ACTION for Increasing Public Input and Access to Information
2. The first action item should be about obtaining suggestions for questions to be asked of finalists for clarification purposes....not sure we're really just looking for additional input on the finalists (i.e., more votes for one finalist over another).....I

realize we can't introduce new criteria for selection, but I worry that if we describe this action item as a session to obtain additional input on finalists we'll be criticized again for not having enough info available for folks to offer adequate input on the finalists and/or we'll have folks speaking on behalf of one team over another rather than getting suggestions for how we gain more clarity about what one team offers over another (within the parameters of the RFQ, of course)perhaps we should call this item "Community meeting held to obtain additional public comment" --- a phrase general and broad enough to generate the kinds of additional questions and reactions we are looking for without preventing us from getting additional input on finalists, too. I am open to other suggestions, but just wanted to throw this out there as a topic for your consideration.

3. We discussed today a number of items that will be posted to the website. I'd like to see those postings added to the action plan so that the public recognizes that we are taking action steps to not only solicit additional public comment but we are also increasing access to information. I realize much of this has been available in the past, but not all in one place (i.e., Diagrams we looked at today, comparisons with other cities research, the RFQ itself, scoring matrix that is in meeting back-up for tomorrow, and the work of the Planning Commission Subcommittee (i.e., meeting notes are buried here: <ftp://coageoid01.ci.austin.tx.us/GIS-Data/planning/CPC/MeetingNotes/>) .

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From: Ott, Marc

Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2009 8:50 PM

To: Morrison, Laura; Trimble, Michael; Shade, Randi; Williams, Nancy; Edwards, Sue; Guernsey, Greg; Stoll, Garner; Garza, Rudy

Cc: Levinski, Robert; Coleman, Glen

Subject: Re: Comprehensive Plan - Proposed Plan of Action DRAFT

My thanks to everybody as well. I think we did good work today.

Marc

From: Morrison, Laura

To: Trimble, Michael; Shade, Randi; Williams, Nancy; Ott, Marc; Edwards, Sue; Guernsey, Greg; Stoll, Garner; Garza, Rudy

Cc: Levinski, Robert; Coleman, Glen
Sent: Wed Feb 25 20:41:21 2009
Subject: RE: Comprehensive Plan - Proposed Plan of Action DRAFT

Mike and all,

Thanks for your work and quick adjustments on this. We will need some quick action to get word out about a Mar 4 meeting this Friday and we'll be ready to work on that.

Laura

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To: Shade, Randi; Williams, Nancy; Ott, Marc; Morrison, Laura; Edwards, Sue; Guernsey, Greg; Stoll, Garner; Garza, Rudy
Cc: Levinski, Robert; Coleman, Glen
Subject: RE: Comprehensive Plan - Proposed Plan of Action DRAFT

With this in mind, I have attached a revised plan with the April 7 date for the follow-up meeting/forum.

From: Shade, Randi
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2009 8:14 PM
To: Trimble, Michael; Williams, Nancy; Ott, Marc; Morrison, Laura; Edwards, Sue; Guernsey, Greg; Stoll, Garner; Garza, Rudy
Cc: Levinski, Robert; Coleman, Glen
Subject: Re: Comprehensive Plan - Proposed Plan of Action DRAFT

I will be on line soon to review -- too hard to do it via blackberry, but Passover actually begins at sundown on April 8th so there should not be anything planned for that nite.

From: Trimble, Michael
To: Williams, Nancy; Ott, Marc; Shade, Randi; Morrison, Laura; Edwards, Sue; Guernsey, Greg; Stoll, Garner; Garza, Rudy
Cc: Levinski, Robert; Coleman, Glen
Sent: Wed Feb 25 20:07:28 2009
Subject: RE: Comprehensive Plan - Proposed Plan of Action DRAFT
Nancy - Good point. Attached is an updated action plan using the April 8 date.

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From: Williams, Nancy
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2009 3:04 PM
To: Trimble, Michael; Ott, Marc; Shade, Randi; Morrison, Laura; Edwards, Sue; Guernsey, Greg; Stoll, Garner; Garza, Rudy
Cc: Levinski, Robert; Coleman, Glen
Subject: RE: Comprehensive Plan - Proposed Plan of Action DRAFT

Mike -

This looks good. My only concern is that April 10 is Good Friday so perhaps that meeting needs to be held earlier -

like April 8 or April 7 so we're not holding a meeting on Passover either.

Nancy

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From: Trimble, Michael
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2009 12:31 PM
To: Ott, Marc; Leffingwell, Lee; Shade, Randi; Morrison, Laura; Edwards, Sue; Guernsey, Greg; Stoll, Garner; Garza, Rudy
Subject: Comprehensive Plan - Proposed Plan of Action DRAFT

Please find attached the proposed action plan. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: "Katrina Danie█"
Cc: [Coleman, Glen](#); "danette█"; [Morrison, Laura](#); [Levinski, Robert](#)
Subject: RE: Council Agenda Item 79 PH -- Opposed to CUP, Supportive of contact team standing to appeal to Council
Date: Thursday, June 18, 2009 9:46:44 PM

Sorry this didn't go your way, but well done. As I said to Damon and the others who came to meet with me – focus needs to be about fixing this issue going forward. Your notes are very helpful – perfect punch list.

Thanks,
Randi

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From: Katrina Daniel [mailto:█]█
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2009 7:48 PM
To: Wynn, Will; Leffingwell, Lee; Martinez, Mike [Council Member]; Shade, Randi; Morrison, Laura; McCracken, Brewster; Cole, Sheryl
Cc: Walker, Susan; Bailey, Rich; Williams, Nancy; Moore, Andrew; Bier, Marti; Corpus, Grace; May, Rachel; Wilson, Beverly; █ Jeffrey Hitt; █
Subject: Re: Council Agenda Item 79 PH -- Opposed to CUP, Supportive of contact team standing to appeal to Council

Dear Mayor Wynn and Council Members:

I am writing to address two issues:

1. Current code language and city practices support neighborhood plan contact teams as neighborhood organizations on a par with neighborhood associations that are interested parties and subject to city boards, commissions, and council decisions, and can therefore appeal land use committee decisions to council; and
2. Opposition to and appeal of Planning Commission's decision to grant the conditional use permit to La Bare to allow liquor sales.

Neighborhood Plan Contact Team Standing to Appeal a Planning Commission Decision

As I understand the argument made by La Bare's attorney, he contends that contact teams are quasi governmental and therefore can only carry out duties outlined in the code and thus the teams do not have standing to appeal the decision of a city commission. This conclusion is wrong for a number of reasons

1. **Contact teams are considered interchangeable with neighborhood associations in a number of places in the code.** Several examples exist in the code that direct city staff to consider contact teams and neighborhood associations interchangeable when it comes to obtaining neighborhood input and recommendations, including vertical mixed use, residential compatibility, yard parking and mobile food establishments.
2. **Contact teams do not have any codified similarities to city boards or commissions.**

Contact team members are not appointed by Council or any other governmental entity. Rather they are simply made up of residents and business owners in a plan area. Contact teams do not take oaths, have public meetings, or have any educational or training requirements as do city boards or commissions.

3. **Contact teams do not have any support from city staff or city resources as do boards and commissions.** When attempting to conduct outreach for our team, the Highland Neighborhood asked city staff to assist us with distribution of a notice for meeting and was denied by staff because of our status as a neighborhood organization. Likewise, Rosewood contacted the city to request assistance with a meeting space and city staff indicated that they would have to pay to use the space. Obviously, boards and commissions have access to city resources, staff, and even attorney support.
4. **Council expects input, including appeals, from contact teams on changes to neighborhood plans or they would not provide them with notice of hearing and the ability to appeal.** On a request a couple of years ago for a conditional use permit by Rock City Ice House, also in Lincoln Village, Highland Neighborhood Association was not notified of the request because we did not have standing to appeal and at the time, and the area did not have a plan contact team. However, when the La Bare request was made, city staff notified the contact team because the contact team, appropriately, needed to weigh in on the requested change. Likewise, when Planning Commission decided against the contact team's recommendation, the contact team was appropriately permitted to appeal.
5. **Contact teams are not equivalent to boards or commissions, but rather subject to their decisions and therefore should be able to appeal to Council like any other interested party.** Boards and commissions do not appeal each other's decisions to Council because they do not have overlapping jurisdictions. However, the interest of a neighborhood contact team is the same, at least in part, of the Planning Commission, which is why the contact teams make a recommendations to the Commission on changes to neighborhood plans. If the Planning Commission decides against the recommendation of the contact team, it is only reasonable that the contact team would have the ability to question that decision before Council. I am not aware of another example of an interested party that is subject to a board or commission decision that cannot appeal to Council.
6. **Standing to appeal is given to a person who is an interested party and contact teams meet this definition and cannot by definition be otherwise.** The code defines a person as, among other things, an organization that does not include the city. The code also defines a team as designees of the persons involved in the neighborhood plan. The Highland/Skyview Contact team is registered with the city as a neighborhood organization, is not an arm of the city in any way, and therefore must have standing as an interested party within 500 feet of the property to appeal the Planning Commission's decision.

Opposition to and appeal of Planning Commission's decision to grant the conditional use permit to La Bare to allow liquor sales.

Contact teams are charged with being stewards of the neighborhood plan. In the Highland Neighborhood Plan, land use goals are laid out that include preserving locally owned small businesses in the neighborhood, and encouraging new ones that are walkable and serve the needs of the neighborhood. The Highland Neighborhood contact team opposes the conditional use permit because it would permit a use that does not support the goals of the plan. Further, the type of business proposed with the ability to sell liquor would adversely affect the public health, safety, and welfare of the neighborhood. The close proximity of the proposed La Bare site to another adult oriented business (Sugar's) is counter to the ordinance setting a distance between two adult oriented businesses. The two sites barely meet the requirement.

Further, as the Highland Mall area transitions to a more pedestrian oriented area adjacent to the Capital Metro rail line, we anticipate an increase in residential properties and a wide range of mixed

uses in the surrounding properties. As you know, recent discussions have included redeveloping the Highland Mall property, including adding a soccer stadium and residential and mixed use development. Adult oriented businesses would not fit in the context of this direction of development. To grant La Bare the permit would, in essence, work counter to the direction the Highland area is taking toward a compact, inner city, walkable community adjacent to the rail line.

Please consider the long-term vision area residents and businesses have for the Highland area and support that direction. Please don't uphold the permit that will allow businesses to move into the area that do not support the long-term goals of this area of Austin.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Katrina Daniel
Highland Neighborhood
Vice Chair Highland/Skyview Neighborhood Contact Team

From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Morrison, Laura](#); [Riley, Chris](#)
Cc: [Diaz, Elaine](#); [Corpus, Grace](#); [Rush, Barbara](#); [Foust, Melodye](#); [Coleman, Glen](#); [Leff, Lewis](#)
Subject: Re: Council Committee for Emerging Tech & Telecom
Date: Wednesday, August 05, 2009 8:40:03 AM

Sorry for the confusion and sorry to miss the meeting.

From: Morrison, Laura
To: Shade, Randi; Riley, Chris
Cc: Diaz, Elaine; Corpus, Grace; Rush, Barbara; Foust, Melodye; Coleman, Glen; Leff, Lewis
Sent: Wed Aug 05 08:31:31 2009
Subject: RE: Council Committee for Emerging Tech & Telecom

Hi All –

Sorry for any miscommunication but I had always assumed we would be meeting as usual and am not sure how that would have been changed.

I spoke with Chris and find 2 things that do have some urgency to them – first an update on the web redesign rfq's that have gone out and specifically some comments Chris may have on that. Secondly I would like to get moving on the possibility of more transparency in our finance information which is an initiative Lee had mentioned, and am looking forward to a presentation on that possibility.

I know Chip's presentation last time was very informative and suggest we hold it and the METV update for the September meeting as there is no urgency there as far as I know.

I'll ask Barb to work on refining the language for the agenda with Melodye.

Thanks all,
Laura

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From: Shade, Randi
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2009 5:12 PM
To: Riley, Chris; Morrison, Laura
Cc: Diaz, Elaine; Corpus, Grace; Rush, Barbara; Foust, Melodye; Coleman, Glen; Leff, Lewis
Subject: RE: Council Committee for Emerging Tech & Telecom

I was under the impression that the Emerging Tech meeting on the 12th of August was not going to happen. I have already booked several meetings for that afternoon and do not wish to re-schedule them. I understand if you meet without me, but would prefer you didn't especially given the confusion and lack of urgency of matters to be on the agenda. All the other dates on my calendar going forward.

-Randi

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From: Rush, Barbara

Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2009 4:33 PM

To: Foust, Melodye; Coleman, Glen; Leff, Lewis

Cc: Shade, Randi; Morrison, Laura; Diaz, Elaine; Corpus, Grace

Subject: RE: Council Committee for Emerging Tech & Telecom

Laura does want to have the meeting - talked to Chris and he's good with it. I will talk with her this afternoon and find out what else she wants on the agenda.

Thanks Melodye,
Barbara

From: Foust, Melodye

Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2009 3:39 PM

To: Coleman, Glen; Leff, Lewis; Rush, Barbara

Cc: Shade, Randi; Morrison, Laura; Diaz, Elaine

Subject: RE: Council Committee for Emerging Tech & Telecom

After speaking with two of the Council offices it looks like there really isn't anything additional for the agenda this month. Is everyone okay with canceling the August 12th meeting and resuming on September 16th?

Melodye Foust

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From: Coleman, Glen

Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2009 1:46 PM

To: Leff, Lewis; Foust, Melodye; Rush, Barbara

Cc: Shade, Randi; Morrison, Laura; Diaz, Elaine

Subject: RE: Council Committee for Emerging Tech & Telecom

I assume we are skipping the August 12th ETT meeting?

Should I alert Chip? His briefing is the only item, that, and the committee needs to elect a chair.

All of this could be done on September 16th.

Thanks,

- glen

- glen coleman

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From: Leff, Lewis
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2009 1:29 PM
To: Coleman, Glen
Subject: FW: Council Committee for Emerging Tech & Telecom
Importance: High

Lewis Leff

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From: Foust, Melodye
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2009 9:15 AM
To: Coleman, Glen; Rush, Barbara; Levinski, Robert; Leff, Lewis; Ballas, Marisa
Subject: Council Committee for Emerging Tech & Telecom
Importance: High

Greetings to all!

I just looked at the calendar and realized the next scheduled meeting for this committee is coming up in less than 2 weeks—August 12th. Since this will be the first meeting with the new makeup of the committee, who will be taking the lead on putting the speakers together for the meetings?

I have 2 items that will need to be on the agenda: the first is the election of the chair, the 2nd is a quarterly report from the Austin Community Technology & Telecommunications Commission (ACTTC). There are 2 entities that report to this commission—the ACTTC and METV (the Music TV Channel). The chair of the ACTTC, Chip Rosenthal, has already requested to make a report and is aware that the next meeting is scheduled for August 12th. I can ask for an update on METV for 8/12 or it can be put off until the next meeting, which is scheduled for September 16th, if you think it will be

too much for this agenda. We usually request that the updates are brief, no more than 5 or 10 minutes and they are usually done at the beginning of the meeting.

The current schedule for the rest of 2009 is as follows:

August 12

September 16

October 28

November 25

No meeting in December

If it is too soon for a meeting, or if there are no topics for discussion, the meeting can be postponed or cancelled. Please let me know as the agenda will need to be posted next Friday (8/7) if the meeting is to occur.

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To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [Sherbert, Nicole](#); [Telles, Reyne](#); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [Ott, Marc](#); [Leffingwell, Lee](#); [Martinez, Mike \[Council Member\]](#)
Subject: Re: Council Meals
Date: Thursday, August 20, 2009 7:26:06 AM

I am happy to pay for my lunch, and am happy to consider the questions you raise. The City staff works very hard, but on Council Meeting days City staff works extra hard and for extra long hours. They are not permitted to leave the building. Council Meetings typically run for 12 hours without breaks and cover a range of topics, often with unpredictable twists and turns. These are not celebration events (i.e. swearing-in ceremony). These are working lunches that also provide an excellent opportunity for Council and staff from across all departments to work together. I think we should look at this carefully before calling for this item to be cut.

From: Flener, Matt <[REDACTED]>
To: Leffingwell, Lee; Riley, Chris; Martinez, Mike [Council Member]; Shade, Randi; Morrison, Laura; Spelman, William; Cole, Sheryl; Ott, Marc
Cc: Sherbert, Nicole; Telles, Reyne; Shane Allen <[REDACTED]>; Matt Brown <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wed Aug 19 22:56:39 2009
Subject: Council Meals

Mayor, Council Members, and Mr. Ott,

Thursday, KXAN Austin News plans to air a story about a public information request filed recently regarding meals at council meetings. The information obtained from the request shows a total of \$24,408.98 spent on lunches and dinners at council meetings since the fiscal year began. According to our calculations it averages around \$1,100 per council meeting and \$17 per person (lunch and dinner).

We understand the money spent is small in comparison to many of your budgets, and the city's budget as a whole, but we believe the public has a right to know about these expenses.

KXAN saw a recent exchange between frequent council speaker Gus Pena and members of council where he suggested at a recent council meeting that you bring sack lunches to council meetings.

From that exchange, we felt compelled to make the request to see how much money the city spent on meals every Thursday.

I won't necessarily have time to talk with each of you with your schedules tomorrow. But in complete fairness, I would like your response for our story to the following questions.

I'm curious about your response to the justification of the lunches and dinners in a tight budget period.

Were the council meeting lunches or dinners on the menu of items considered for cutting from the budget?

Has there been any consideration for cutting the number (65) of meals down from the staff, or taking 15-30 minute lunch and dinner breaks to give people time to leave city hall? Do all assistant city managers, or most department directors, or executive assistants need to be on the lunch and dinner list for every meal? Why can't everyone bring a sack lunch?

Also, the city spent just more than \$500 at the council inauguration this year on cake and water for the reception during a tight budget time, paring down previous council inauguration budgets. Yet, most of the meals for lunch and dinner are above the \$500 amount. How do you justify continuing to spend money on meals at council meetings, when the public message sent during the inauguration was that you were cutting back spending on food?

Finally, would you consider changing the policy on meals at council meetings?

I hope to hear back from you on most if not all of these questions for my story. I will try to track down some of you for an on-camera interview about this as well.

My deadline is 2 p.m. Thursday for this story.

I appreciate your openness and continued access.

Thanks,
Matt

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Morrison, Laura](#); [Leffingwell, Lee](#)
Subject: RE: Econ Incentives Draft
Date: Monday, February 16, 2009 12:20:30 PM

Thanks, Laura.

Lee, this looks good to me but I am sure you'll want to weigh-in. Here are the key changes from what you and I discussed last week:

1. Laura came up with a great way to consolidate what used to have as A and B, so the two sections now collectively read:

a. **Make recommendations for augmenting the assessment of direct and indirect costs and for integrating a formal cost-benefit analysis into the City's evaluation process**

I actually think that is even better than where we were before. On what was C and will now be B, there were no significant change

In the section that was C and is now B, there were two changes made to the process timeline - I agree with both of these changes and hope you will, too.

1. by explicitly stating that back-up materials, etc. be made available six days prior to the Briefing Session, we will ensure there is no late posting (i.e., just under the 72 hours required by law). That is our intention anyway, so I think it is a good change.

2. by explicitly stating that Council action will take place seven days after the Briefing Session. Again, I think this is a good change -- in an emergency Council could wave the ordinance, but in most situations it creates the usual course of business that we are shooting for which will make it as exceptional to have these decisions drag on for more than 13 days as it would for us to have a meeting where we would be briefed and asked to vote on same day.

I think the only other issue you had last week with the previous draft had to do with the explicit listing of stakeholders, the CAPGOG Whereas section was removed, and the "including but not limited" stakeholder list has been changed but is still in there (UT, AIBA, and ANC were removed, but Austin Interfaith and Liveable City were added). I know you will weigh-in on this, but I am fine with the resolution as is. We've clearly been getting input from Liveable City, Chamber, and CAPGOG, so I don't have a problem expressly including them going forward (though, I am on the fence with respect to Austin Interfaith -- I could go either way, but it is important to note that the Greater Austin Chamber works with them and also partners with Austin Interfaith's Capital IDEA program).

As Laura said, it would be great to get a "final" version out to Gary F, Mike R, Brian R, Michael O, Brian K and Sue Edwards (and anyone else you might suggest), so we look forward to any input you have as quickly as possible. I mentioned to Laura the importance of us showing a unified front as we pitch this to these stakeholders to avoid a one side versus another side going forward. I sincerely believe we can expect support from Gary F, Mike R, Brian R, Michael O, Brian K and Sue Edwards, and that should bode well for this policy not only passing, but also having a positive impact.

Thanks,
Randi

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From: Morrison, Laura
Sent: Monday, February 16, 2009 11:41 AM
To: Leffingwell, Lee
Cc: Shade, Randi
Subject: Econ Incentives Draft

Hello Lee,

Randi and I had a chance to meet yesterday to discuss the resolution and are both on board with the draft I have attached here. I believe it is very close to the version she discussed with you recently.

Once you are good with this, we thought the next step would be to circulate it among the folks that have been part of the recent conversation – Gary F, Mike R, Brian R, Michael O, Brian K and Sue Edwards. Would appreciate your input on that also.

Thanks,
Laura

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: ["Brian Rodgers"; Bier, Marti](#)
Cc: [Morrison, Laura](#)
Subject: RE: Economic Development ordinance
Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2009 4:46:06 PM

thanks so much and glad to be of help.

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From: Brian Rodgers [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2009 4:44 PM
To: Bier, Marti
Cc: Shade, Randi
Subject: RE: Economic Development ordinance

Hi Randi & Marti,

I looked over the ordinance and it's very clean. Thanks for simplifying the language. It's another improvement and I appreciate your efforts.

Brian Rodgers

From: Bier, Marti [mailto:Marti.Bier@ci.austin.tx.us]
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2009 9:34 AM
To: Brian Rodgers
Cc: Shade, Randi
Subject: Economic Development ordinance

Hi Brian,

We wanted to make sure you had the newest version of the Economic Development Ordinance that will be on the agenda this week. It's #5.

Sincerely,
Marti

Marti Bier

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To: [Morrison, Laura](#)
Cc: [Levinski, Robert](#); [Diaz, Elaine](#)
Subject: RE: Economic Incentive Resolution discussion
Date: Monday, January 26, 2009 3:14:05 PM

3 - 4 pm on Monday?

Sounds like you have a light LUT agenda and Lee won't have to be at Public Safety Task Force til 4 that day.

Then we'd have Brian Rodgers, Michael Oden, Mike Rollins and Gary Farmer there together and still be able to make Feb. 12th timeline.

Randi Shade

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From: Shade, Randi
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2009 2:43 PM
To: Morrison, Laura
Subject: RE: Economic Incentive Resolution discussion

I agree.

What about later in the afternoon on Monday, Feb. 2nd?

If we push to the following week I am afraid we won't make your Feb. 12th deadline.

Randi Shade

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From: Morrison, Laura
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2009 2:37 PM
To: Shade, Randi; 'Brian Rodgers'
Cc: 'lcmorrison'; Levinski, Robert
Subject: RE: Economic Incentive Resolution discussion

Grace will be in in the morning and I'll ask her to work with Elaine to find a time that works for everyone. For me, it's of paramount importance to have Brian and all our invitees at the table at the same time.

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From: Shade, Randi
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2009 2:32 PM
To: Morrison, Laura; 'Brian Rodgers'
Cc: [REDACTED]; Levinski, Robert
Subject: RE: Economic Incentive Resolution discussion

OK. I understand, but I had to ask. We'll stick with what we've got and be sure to do follow-up with Brian when he gets back to town. As Brian said below it seems to have taken a feat of acrobatics to get as many of us lined up as we've got for that Tuesday.

-Randi

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From: Morrison, Laura
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2009 2:25 PM
To: Shade, Randi; 'Brian Rodgers'
Cc: [REDACTED]; Levinski, Robert
Subject: RE: Economic Incentive Resolution discussion

Randi - I don't want to start the practice of scheduling over my commitments on subcommittees.

I could meet this Friday at 3:30pm (after Fire Chief Swearing In Ceremony). I also have 10:30 – 11:30am available.

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From: Shade, Randi
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2009 2:17 PM
To: 'Brian Rodgers'
Cc: [REDACTED] Morrison, Laura; Levinski, Robert
Subject: RE: Economic Incentive Resolution discussion

thanks, Brian. I would really like for you to be at this meeting and I can't believe you've never actually met Mike Rollins. Monday afternoon, Feb. 2nd was open and actually even preferred by everyone, but didn't work for Laura.

Laura -- any way to be late to your LUT Subcommittee meeting? or perhaps even miss it?

-Randi

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From: Brian Rodgers [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2009 2:13 PM
To: Shade, Randi
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Economic Incentive Resolution discussion

Hi Randi,
I will be at a Roofing Convention in Las Vegas (to learn about green roofs and foam spray roofs that insulate and conserve energy). Unfortunately, I leave at 9:30 am Tuesday Feb 3 and back Thursday Feb 5 at 5 pm.

I know it takes a feat of acrobatics to get us all lined up. If there is a chance, I would like to be there. I have never met Mike Rollins. I am free this week, next week except Feb 3,4,5 and the entire week thereafter. Thanks for trying to include me.

Brian

From: Shade, Randi [mailto:Randi.Shade@ci.austin.tx.us]
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2009 1:02 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Economic Incentive Resolution discussion

Hi Brian

Per my voicemail are you available to meet at 1:30 pm on Tuesday Feb 3 to further discuss our proposed

changes to economic incentives process?

I've got that time confirmed on mine, Laura's, Lee's Michael Oden's and Mike Rollins' calendars, so I really hope it works for yours, too, as finding a good time for everyone is very tough. I feel lucky to have even found this time slot.

Thanks,
Randi

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Williams, Nancy](#); [Diaz, Elaine](#); [Corpus, Grace](#)
Cc: [Morrison, Laura](#); [Leffingwell, Lee](#)
Subject: Re: Economic incentives mtg
Date: Friday, January 16, 2009 12:58:21 PM

Wonderful. Thanks!

From: Williams, Nancy
To: Shade, Randi; Diaz, Elaine; Corpus, Grace
Cc: Morrison, Laura; Leffingwell, Lee
Sent: Fri Jan 16 12:49:12 2009
Subject: RE: Economic incentives mtg

Lee will be there - we've moved his other appointments.
Nancy

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Council Member Lee Leffingwell's Office
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From: Shade, Randi
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2009 12:06 PM
To: Diaz, Elaine; Corpus, Grace
Cc: Morrison, Laura; Leffingwell, Lee; Williams, Nancy
Subject: RE: Economic incentives mtg

Excellent. Thanks so much!

I am cc'ng Lee's office in hopes he will be there, too.

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From: Diaz, Elaine
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2009 11:59 AM
To: Corpus, Grace
Cc: Shade, Randi; Morrison, Laura
Subject: RE: Economic incentives mtg

Grace,

Conference rooms were all books - so I requested the Mayor's ceremonial conference room. Thelma confirmed reservation from 1:30- 2:30 pm.

Thanks!

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From: Morrison, Laura
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2009 4:57 PM
To: Diaz, Elaine
Subject: Updated: Economic incentives mtg
When: Tuesday, January 20, 2009 1:30 PM-2:30 PM (GMT-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada).
Where: Elaine reserving

Elaine - Let me know what you reserve... Thanks! - Grace

Holding, waiting for a confirmation of Mike Rollins' schedule.

Attendees:

CM Shade
CM Morrison
Mike Rollins

<< Message: Laura's availability for next week >>

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [Coleman, Glen](#); [REDACTED]; [Morrison, Laura](#)
Subject: Re: edf's demand projections
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2009 3:15:00 PM

Thanks so much for writing. I was pleased to get the analysis CM Morrison shared with me yesterday, and I am sure we'll have some questions after Thursday's town hall meeting. I really appreciate you adding such valuable perspective to the discussion. Thanks again.

-Randi

From: Amy Hardberger <[REDACTED]>
To: Shade, Randi
Cc: Coleman, Glen
Sent: Wed Sep 16 14:15:36 2009
Subject: edf's demand projections

Councilmember Shade -- Laura Morrison mentioned that she recently forwarded EDF's water demand projection memo and suggested I contact you. I am happy to answer any questions you may have about the document; however, as Jim Marston may have mentioned to you, we recently met with AWU and as a result of that conversation we are making some adjustments before the Thursday town hall. The purpose of this working document was to expand the conversation about how demand is calculated and obviously there are many factors which need to be considered. Please let me know if we can be of assistance.

Amy

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Cc: [Coleman, Glen](#); [Ballas, Marisa](#); [Foust, Melodye](#); [Levinski, Robert](#); [Corpus, Grace](#); [Diaz, Elaine](#); [Leff, Lewis](#)
Subject: RE: ETT November meeting
Date: Thursday, October 22, 2009 6:34:19 PM

I have PSP Board in the AM until 10 and then Police Retirement Board during lunch.

Elaine, would you please change my 10 o'clock meeting to a different time to accommodate? Thanks!

Randi Shade

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From: Morrison, Laura
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 6:32 PM
To: Parkerson, Matt; Rush, Barbara; Shade, Randi; Riley, Chris
Cc: Coleman, Glen; Ballas, Marisa; Foust, Melodye; Levinski, Robert; Corpus, Grace; Diaz, Elaine; Leff, Lewis
Subject: RE: ETT November meeting

I'd be fine having ett in the a.m. of the 18th.

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From: Parkerson, Matt
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 5:35 PM
To: Rush, Barbara; Shade, Randi; Riley, Chris; Morrison, Laura
Cc: Coleman, Glen; Ballas, Marisa; Foust, Melodye; Levinski, Robert; Corpus, Grace; Diaz, Elaine; Leff, Lewis
Subject: RE: ETT November meeting

CM Riley has a Cap Metro meeting from 2 to 6 on the 18th.

Matt Parkerson
Constituent Liaison
Office of Council Member Chris Riley
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 Please consider the environment before printing my email

From: Rush, Barbara
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 3:55 PM
To: Shade, Randi; Riley, Chris; Morrison, Laura
Cc: Coleman, Glen; Ballas, Marisa; Foust, Melodye; Levinski, Robert; Corpus, Grace; Diaz, Elaine;

Parkerson, Matt; Leff, Lewis

Subject: ETT November meeting

It was pointed out that the Nov 25 ETT meeting is scheduled the day before Thanksgiving. The only other time the room is available is Nov 18. Does that date work for everyone?

- Barbara

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Martinez, Mike \[Council Member\]](#); [REDACTED]
Cc: [Leffingwell, Lee](#); [Riley, Chris](#); [Morrison, Laura](#); [Cole, Sheryl](#); [Spelman, William](#); [Ott, Marc](#); [Goode, Robert](#); [Garza, Bobby](#); [Moore, Andrew](#); [Williamson, Laura](#)
Subject: Re: Fleet Services Division scrap tire program
Date: Friday, December 04, 2009 9:09:37 AM

Jordan

Ditto from me.

-Randi

----- Original Message -----

From: Martinez, Mike [Council Member]
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Leffingwell, Lee; Riley, Chris; Morrison, Laura; Cole, Sheryl; Spelman, William; Shade, Randi; Ott, Marc; Goode, Robert; Garza, Bobby; Moore, Andrew; Williamson, Laura
Sent: Fri Dec 04 09:03:33 2009
Subject: RE: Fleet Services Division scrap tire program

Jordon,

Thanks for the email and doing the story. Obviously, I had no idea of our practices with regards to disposal of tires and am not pleased to read about it.

We will ask staff for a response and follow up. And to take any corrective measures that are necessary.

Mike

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jordan Smith [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]
Sent: Thursday, December 03, 2009 1:48 PM
To: Leffingwell, Lee; Martinez, Mike [Council Member]; Riley, Chris; Shade, Randi; Morrison, Laura; Cole, Sheryl; Spelman, William
Subject: Fleet Services Division scrap tire program

Mayor and Council:

Pasted here is a link to our story today about problems with Fleet's scrap tire program:
<http://www.austinchronicle.com/gyrobase/Issue/story?oid=oid%3A924719>

We're working now on a follow up story and I would like to know, from each of you, whether you were previously aware of the issues raised in the article -- and in particular, were you aware that city tires have been abandoned out in a field in Southeast Austin?

If you could please contact me at this email address or on my direct line (476-2062) I would appreciate it.

Thanks,
Jordan

Jordan Smith

Staff Writer
Austin Chronicle
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Bill

May you work on yourself,
Building up and refining the ways of your mind.
May those who work for you know
You see and respect them.
May you learn to cultivate the art of presence
In order to engage with those who meet you.
When someone fails or disappoints you,
May the graciousness with which you engage
Be their stairway to renewal and refinement.
May you treasure the gifts of the mind
Through reading and creative thinking
So that you continue as a servant of the frontier
Where the new will draw its enrichment from the old,
And you never become functionary.
May you know the wisdom of deep listening,
The healing of wholesome words,
The encouragement of the appreciative gaze,
The decorum of held dignity,
The springtime edge of the bleak question.
May you have a mind that loves frontiers
So that you can evoke the bright fields
That lie beyond the view of the regular eye.
May you have good friends
To mirror your blind spots.
May leadership be for you
A true adventure of growth.

Katherine Jones

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: "Sara Hickman"; [Ott, Marc](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]; [Morrison, Laura](#); [Wynn, Will](#); [Snipes, Anthony](#); [Shaw, Margaret](#)
Subject: RE: FROM SARA HICKMAN: re: Housing Repair Funds
Date: Wednesday, February 18, 2009 1:18:09 PM

Hi Sara

Great to hear from you and yes, City Manager Ott and his team are looking into this. Thanks for all you do!!

-Randi

P.S. Was listening to your version of "You Are My Sunshine" just a few hours ago:-)

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From: Sara Hickman [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2009 1:12 PM
To: Ott, Marc
Cc: [REDACTED]; Morrison, Laura; Shade, Randi; Wynn, Will
Subject: FROM SARA HICKMAN: re: Housing Repair Funds

Dear City Manager Ott,

Good afternoon! My name is Sara Hickman. I'm a musician/mom/boardmember of AAIM (Austin Area Interreligious Ministries).

Yesterday, following the Community Action Network Resource Council meeting, Tom Spencer (CEO of AAIM) visited with you concerning the \$11,000,000 funds in the City of Austin Housing Bond Package. I understand this money is allocated for housing repairs but it has not been dispersed due to a legality.

Tom informed me that you are committed to finding out what is holding up the disbursement of those repair dollars. I want to thank you for looking into the problem! These funds will definitely help ensure the survival of programs like Hands on Housing, a service AAIM provides to senior citizens and disabled individuals living in poverty in East Austin. These are folks living with leaky roofs, kicked-in doors, and rotting floors.

I think you can understand the urgency for these clients to feel safe, especially in such economically challenging times.

Hands on Housing is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year; we are one of the largest volunteer-based housing repair programs in the state! We've had a long, successful partnership with the city, which has provided reimbursements for many of the materials we buy for our projects – from lumber to roofing materials. It would be FANTASTIC if you could find a way to end the logjam and we could mutually announce that a portion of the funding would help support HOH!!!

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to be of service to you, or our fair city, and, in closing, I thank you, again, for your efforts on behalf of Austin's citizens.

In Grace and Gratitude,

Sara Hickman
443-2147

From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [REDACTED]; [Morrison, Laura](#); [Ott, Marc](#)
Subject: Re: FW: FW: Jordan work re: Pauline Brown
Date: Thursday, November 19, 2009 9:31:42 AM

Great timing as I literally was just talking with Marc yesterday about the history of Clarksville.

I'm happy to do tour, etc. but also suggest we plan for the City proclamation and other recognition activities we discussed earlier in conjunction with the naming of the community center in honor Pauline.

-Randi

From: [REDACTED] >
To: Morrison, Laura; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; Ott, Marc
Cc: Shade, Randi
Sent: Thu Nov 19 09:07:35 2009
Subject: Re: FW: FW: Jordan work re: Pauline Brown

That would be great! Would be happy to join you.

The book was written by one of the students who is participating in The Austin Bat Cave's writing projects. The Bat Cave rents our neighborhood center and is doing great work. Among other things, they have an after-school tutoring program for kids and some of the kids in the neighborhood have been participating in it for more than a year.

Maybe by the time Marc tours Clarksville, we will have copies of our walking tour brochure printed. It's really going to be a beautiful publication. It's designed and written; just waiting to be printed. We are planning on doing an audio version of it for MP3 players too using some one or more people from Sweet Home as narrators. We had planned on having Pauline narrate it, but...

Mary

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [Morrison, Laura](#); [Rush, Barbara](#); [Coleman, Glen](#); [Leffingwell, Lee](#); [Williams, Nancy](#); [Everhart, Amy](#); [Smith, David \[City Attorney\]](#); [Cho, Young](#)
Subject: Re: Fwd: Emailing: EERE News Recovery Act Announcement DOE Announces up to \$22 Million for Community Renewable Energy Deployment.htm
Date: Wednesday, July 15, 2009 8:11:39 PM

Thanks for forwarding this. It does look promising. It sounds like there will be a few more competitive stimulus grants for our community to explore in the coming weeks/months, too --- exciting but scary. My sense is that the leaders will be determined early in this process and then continue to have the momentum for getting federal dollars for quite some time, making it increasingly difficult for new players to emerge later. I spoke with Martha last week and was glad to hear she's going to be leading AARO next year. Sounds like energy will be a top priority.

In terms of update ---- we hope to have a resolution ready for consideration at July 23rd Council Meeting. Laura, Lee and I plan to be co-sponsors. We are waiting for Legal Dept to provide advice on organizational documents so we can proceed. Will keep you posted.

-Randi

From: Brewster McCracken [REDACTED]
To: Shade, Randi
Sent: Wed Jul 15 18:46:09 2009
Subject: Fwd: Emailing: EERE News Recovery Act Announcement DOE Announces up to \$22 Million for Community Renewable Energy Deployment.htm

Hey Randi, Here is the article that Martha sent. It sounds promising.

Brewster

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Smiley, Martha" [REDACTED] >
Date: July 15, 2009 3:54:23 PM CDT
To: 'Brewster McCracken' <[REDACTED]>
Subject: FW: Emailing: EERE News Recovery Act Announcement DOE Announces up to \$22 Million for Community Renewable Energy Deployment.htm

FYI We thought you might be interested in this. May be some money here.

Martha E. Smiley
Direct: (512) 370-2857

U.S. Department of Energy - Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

EERE News

Recovery Act Announcement: DOE Announces up to \$22 Million for Community Renewable Energy Deployment

July 15, 2009

U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Secretary Steven Chu today announced plans to provide up to \$22 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to support the planning and installation of utility-scale community renewable energy projects in up to four communities nationwide. This funding opportunity directly supports the Obama Administration's goals of developing clean, renewable energy supplies, and creating new jobs and economic opportunities.

"American families and businesses are struggling in a recession and an increasingly competitive global economy. The Recovery Act was designed to rescue the economy from the immediate dangers it faces while rebuilding its fundamentals, with an eye toward new industry and opportunity," Secretary Chu said. "To help meet these challenges, the Recovery Act invests significant dollars to put people to work to spur a revolution in clean energy technologies."

The DOE Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) will provide technical assistance to selected recipients, including concepts, best practices, planning, financial approaches, policy guidance, and recognition to help communities rapidly plan and deploy utility-scale renewable energy systems that provide clean, reliable, and affordable energy supplies for their communities, while creating jobs and new economic development opportunities. The projects will demonstrate how multiple renewable energy technologies, including solar, wind, biomass, and geothermal systems, can be deployed at scale to supply clean energy to communities.

DOE anticipates each project will leverage significant investment, including public and private sector investment in renewable energy systems. The projects funded under this Funding Opportunity Announcement are expected to create jobs and avoid 50,000 tons of carbon dioxide annually.

Up to \$22 million in DOE funding is available for these awards in fiscal year 2010. DOE anticipates making up to 4 awards totaling up to \$21.45 million, and expects matching funds from public and private investment of \$22 million or more.

Successful applicants will be awarded financial assistance to support the implementation of an integrated renewable energy deployment plan for a

community, and the construction of renewable energy systems.

Completed applications are due September 3, 2009. DOE will select awardees by the end of November 2009. For more information, please visit the [Recovery Act Web site](#).

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Morrison, Laura](#)
Subject: RE: gift cards
Date: Thursday, June 18, 2009 11:15:46 AM

Yes – 5:30 pm during procs

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From: Morrison, Laura
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2009 11:15 AM
To: Shade, Randi
Subject: gift cards

Is that plan still a go at our meeting today?

From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Morrison, Laura](#); [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Hands on Housing Funding
Date: Monday, May 11, 2009 6:34:48 PM

Yes -- Laura and are committed to finding ways to make this happen. Thanks for all you do.

-Randi

From: Morrison, Laura
To: 'Liz Stewart' ; Shade, Randi
Cc: 'Tom Spencer'
Sent: Mon May 11 18:06:48 2009
Subject: RE: Hands on Housing Funding

Hello Liz – Thanks for writing with your concerns. I feel that we definitely need allocations to the ‘big bang for the buck’ efforts like Hands on Housing, and I appreciate the great work that’s done under the program. Randi and I are looking at ways to make that happen.

Thanks,
Laura

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From: Liz Stewart [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2009 1:50 PM
To: Morrison, Laura; Shade, Randi
Cc: 'Tom Spencer'
Subject: Hands on Housing Funding

Dear Council Members Morrison and Shade:

Happy post-election day Monday! I hope you get to breathe easier these next few weeks. Thank you for your admirable service to our city. I have been pleased to vote for both of you last election, and this is the first time I've ever written ☺. Thank you for reading.

It is my understanding that the city council's first draft of recommendations for the stimulus funds includes no money for housing repair. I beg you to rethink your recommendations.

Please seriously consider investing stimulus money in Austin's housing repair and rehabilitation service sector. In particular, I'm writing to advocate funding for Austin Area Interreligious Ministries (AAIM)'s Hands on Housing Program. Here is why:

1. AAIM's program stretches each dollar by using volunteer labor and contributions from faith organizations across the community to significantly improve living conditions for our community's most vulnerable citizens. We ultimately save taxpayer money by keeping low-income homeowners in their homes for as long as possible (rather than placed in publicly-funded programs).
2. As of today AAIM has 90 families on our waiting list awaiting repairs. If you approve the

funding package we requested, AAIM can serve all on our waiting list.

3. AAIM's Hands on Housing program serves East Austin, an area that is especially hard hit in our current economic climate.
4. Affordable housing addresses one of the biggest concerns of our community's working class and economically-disadvantaged population.

Again, please consider investing stimulus money on housing repair. In particular, AAIM's Hands on Housing project intends to offer dignity and safety for dozens of Austin's very needy homeowners, mostly in East Austin.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Liz Stewart
Board Member, AAIM

From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: "Bart Farar"; [Martinez, Mike \[Council Member\]](#)
Cc: [Morrison, Laura](#); [Bier, Marti](#)
Subject: RE: HB 216
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2009 3:51:49 PM

Thanks to both of you and yes, we plan to have more information as soon as possible.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Bart Farar [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2009 3:43 PM
To: Martinez, Mike [Council Member]; Leffingwell, Lee; Riley, Chris; Shade, Randi; Morrison, Laura; Spelman, William; Cole, Sheryl
Cc: Shade, Randi; Morrison, Laura
Subject: RE: HB 216

Thanks for your prompt response and interest in this matter.
BF

-----Original Message-----

From: Martinez, Mike [Council Member]
[\[mailto:Mike.Martinez@ci.austin.tx.us\]](mailto:Mike.Martinez@ci.austin.tx.us)
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2009 9:36 AM
To: Bart Farar; Leffingwell, Lee; Riley, Chris; Shade, Randi; Morrison, Laura; Spelman, William; Cole, Sheryl
Cc: Shade, Randi; Morrison, Laura
Subject: HB 216

Bart,

Thanks for the email. The Health and Human Service Council Sub Committee, chaired by Council Member Shade, has been discussing this recently at our last meeting and have asked staff to help us develop policies that take advantage of the opportunity this legislation provides.

We will have another update at the next sub committee mtg this month.

Thanks,

Mike

-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2009 9:24 AM
To: Leffingwell, Lee; Martinez, Mike [Council Member]; Riley, Chris; Shade, Randi; Morrison, Laura; Spelman, William; Cole, Sheryl
Subject: Submitted from City Council web site - HB 216

Date/Time Submitted: 0924 hours

From: Bart Farar

E-mail address: [REDACTED]

Subject: HB 216

Comments:

Hello.

I would like to know what the City's plan is for implementing this new law, which poises Austin to be a potential leader in protecting its elderly and disabled poor from abuse, neglect, and exploitation. I haven't seen or heard anything in the media about how we will move forward in the matter.

Thanks,

BF

From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Morrison, Laura](#); "Nikelle Meade"
Subject: RE: He needs to do a conditional overlay imposing
Date: Thursday, June 18, 2009 5:26:54 PM

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-----Original Message-----
From: Morrison, Laura
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2009 5:26 PM
To: 'Nikelle Meade'; Shade, Randi
Subject: RE: He needs to do a conditional overlay imposing

Yes that was exactly what I foresaw as the answer when I made my motion :)

-----Original Message-----
From: Nikelle Meade [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2009 5:18 PM
To: Morrison, Laura; Shade, Randi
Subject: Re: He needs to do a conditional overlay imposing

Sounds like greg just said that. :-)

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-----Original Message-----
From: Nikelle Meade
To: <laura.morrison@ci.austin.tx.us>
To: <randi.shade@ci.austin.tx.us>

Sent: 6/18/2009 5:16:47 PM
Subject: He needs to do a conditional overlay imposing

the mcmansion requirements. That is easy and painless.

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Morrison, Laura](#)
Subject: Re: High Ball Holiday Happy Hour NOT lunch on Monday 12/14
Date: Monday, December 07, 2009 8:41:53 PM

: -). My pleasure. Should be fun.

From: Morrison, Laura
To: Shade, Randi
Sent: Mon Dec 07 20:22:06 2009
Subject: Re: High Ball Holiday Happy Hour NOT lunch on Monday 12/14

Randi - thanks for getting the (bowling) ball rolling and for your flexibility with this. It should be a great time!

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 7, 2009, at 1:45 PM, "Shade, Randi" <Randi.Shade@ci.austin.tx.us> wrote:

Please forgive me if I have left anyone off of this list -- I'm sure I have. It sounds like folks interested in doing a council office holiday party are up for High Ball, but would prefer to do happy hour on Monday the 14th instead of lunch. That is great with us. Let's plan on 5 - 7ish. Elaine will get back to y'all with more details. Happy holidays and stay warm today.

-Randi

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From: Shade, Randi
Sent: Thursday, December 03, 2009 4:22 PM
To: Morrison, Laura; Cole, Sheryl; Spelman, William; Riley, Chris; Martinez, Mike [Council Member]; Leffingwell, Lee
Subject: High Ball Holiday Lunch on Monday 12/14

Hi all

I'm taking my team to lunch at The High Ball on Monday 12-14 as our holiday lunch/celebration. I thought I'd let y'all know in the event that you're planning to do something similar with your office teams. We had a great time participating in the pre-Thanksgiving lunch, so we'd love to share the holiday spirit with other offices again. Just let me know. We can pool resources, go dutch, each do our own thing -- whatever.

-Randi

P.S. Here's a link to High Ball: <http://www.thehighball.com/> Bowling, Karaoke, good food, good company, good local business to support:-)

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: "Patti Hansen"
Cc: [Morrison, Laura](#)
Subject: RE: History of Hotel Occupancy Tax Allocation
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2009 6:20:56 PM

Thanks, Patti. We will be looking into this further and I look forward to discussing with you in much greater detail. I've spoken with Betty Baker and exchanged emails with Joe P, too. Clearly, we need to get all parties working better together.

Thanks again,
Randi

Randi Shade

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From: Patti Hansen [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2009 12:31 PM
To: Shade, Randi; Morrison, Laura
Subject: History of Hotel Occupancy Tax Allocation

Randi and Laura,
I received the below e-mail third hand this morning and was a little shocked. These same questions (attached memo) were asked Bob Lander in April by the HLC grants committee in response to questions by the 6th Street Association working with Sheryl Cole, and he told me personally that it was none of our business! He promised a meeting with the Grants Committee "after I talk to my Board", but has not responded to date. The HLC is under no illusion that the 1/4 cent of the HOT is a "goal", but every Director since the Heritage Tourism was implemented in 1992 had honored that goal except the current. As for a HLC member on the Board, I think it makes sense to have a Heritage Society or HLC member as a Board member with oversight for the Heritage Tourism funds, but I understand that Mr. Lander selects his own Board. Also, there was no public notification when the ordinance was changed to exclude HLC representation.

All I ask (and others are asking the same) is that the ACVB budget, and that for Heritage Tourism in particular, be transparent to the citizens of Austin. Under Mr. Lander, we have not been given that transparency. If you want straight answers, I would recommend that you call the staff members who administered the Heritage Tourism and smaller grants program until they retired. A meeting of interested parties might also clear the air, and I would be happy to attend
You all have tough jobs!
Patti

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From: Julie Hart [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2009 3:05 PM
To: Leffingwell, Lee; Morrison, Laura; Riley, Chris; miike.martinez@ci.austin.tx.us; Shade, Randi; bill.spellman@ci.austin.tx.us; Cole, Sheryl
Cc: Bob Lander; Garza, Rudy
Subject: History of Hotel Occupancy Tax Allocation

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

For some time, there has been erroneous information disseminated regarding the allocation of Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) collections along with the composition of our board of directors. Specifically, there is a perception in the community that the city ordinance requires a minimum percentage of the HOT funds allocated to the Tourism and Promotion Fund to be used for Heritage Preservation and Marketing. Additionally, the perception also exists that we are mandated to include a representative from the Historic Landmark Commission on our board. From the timeline below, you can see that an ordinance in 1989 called for a goal (but never set a mandated minimum funding allocation) of "up to one quarter cent" to be dedicated to Heritage Preservation and Marketing, but that ordinance was quickly repealed and since that time no minimum funding goal for Heritage Tourism has been included in the ordinances addressing the Tourism and Promotion Fund.

August 24, 1989

Ordinance 890824-F, Part 4

"An additional goal shall be to use **up to** one quarter cent of the one and one-half cents for historical preservation and restorations projects..." but calls for no mandated minimum allocation.

August 30, 1990

Ordinance 900830-L, Section 5-3-8

Repeals and replaced Chapter 5-3 of City Code (which includes the above ordinance) and calls for allocation of 21 3/7% (or 1.5 cents) of the HOT Funds to be used for Tourism & Promotion and says the funds "**may be used**" for historical restoration and preservation, but calls for no funding goal.

January 31, 1991

Ordinance 910131-E, Part 2

"An additional goal shall be to use **up to** one quarter cent of the one and one-half cents for historical preservation and restorations projects..." but calls for no mandated minimum allocation.

March 11, 1994

A memo from City of Austin attorney, David Lloyd, to ACVB confirms that "the Code does not provide specific percentages to be allocated to the individual items listed".

November 19, 1999

Ordinance 991118-61

Calls for a decrease to 20 5/7% (1.45 cents) of HOT Funds for the Tourism and Promotion Fund and increases the allocation to the Cultural Arts Fund to 15% (1.05 cents) with the additional Arts funding to be directed to support the Austin Music Network. The ordinance again states that Tourism and Promotion Funds "**may be used**" for historical preservation, but mandates no percentage and calls for no funding goal.

July 17, 2003

Approved By-Laws, Section 2.3 regarding board composition

"The composition of the Board shall consist of a minimum of 60% representatives from the hospitality industry ...The director of the Austin Convention Center and a designee of the City Manager shall serve and hold positions on the Board of Directors." No other designated seats are called for in the bylaws.

The current city code

Title11-2-7

The current code seems most relevant to the this discussion. The current code addresses allocation and use of hotel occupancy tax. Specifically, Section B-2 speaks to the Tourism and Promotion fund and, again, states that funds "**may be used**" for historical restoration and preservation but no funding goal is mentioned and no mandate of a minimum percentage to be allocated is listed.

Documentation of all of the above ordinances and bylaws can be provided at your request.

Also, upon the request of the budget office, attached is a summary of the funds allocated to Heritage Preservation and Promotion since Fiscal Year 2000. The Austin Convention and Visitors Bureau has invested over \$2,000,000 in historic preservation projects in the city of Austin during that time. We are very proud of the work that we have done to preserve, protect, honor and promote the heritage of our community. In addition to the direct grants we have funded, the promotion of the historic assets of Austin is intertwined in many of our activities. We understand the value of heritage to our community and use it to "sell" Austin.

Should you have any questions about this, or any of our other activities, I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you.

Best Regards,

Julie

JULIE HART

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Morrison, Laura](#)
Cc: [Cole, Sheryl](#)
Subject: Re: housing resolution
Date: Friday, March 27, 2009 5:29:37 PM

Great suggestion. Thx and let's definitely plan to follow up. Have a great weekend. Thx again.

From: Morrison, Laura
To: Shade, Randi
Cc: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Fri Mar 27 17:23:59 2009
Subject: RE: housing resolution

Randi – I saw a very similar problem on a recent resolution. It certainly appears that staff did not understand what the resolution does in coming up with that fiscal assessment. It is troubling in many ways, specifically on this resolution (after so much discussion) but also that our process doesn't include a step to make sure the common understanding is there before generating a fiscal memo.

Perhaps we work w/Marc to get some coordination between staff and council in place to keep this from happening again.

Laura

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From: Shade, Randi
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2009 3:25 PM
To: Cole, Sheryl; Morrison, Laura
Subject: FW: housing resolution

Hi Sheryl and Laura

Thanks for working with me on the Tax Credit resolution we passed yesterday. Please see the email below and attachments that I sent to Marc and let me know if you have any thoughts beyond what I have already conveyed to him. Thanks again.

-Randi

Randi Shade

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From: Shade, Randi
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2009 3:21 PM
To: Ott, Marc
Subject: FW: housing resolution

Hi Marc,

Per our discussion about the housing tax credit program -- thanks for your support on this matter. I didn't raise the issue yesterday, but if you read my email below (no response from Margaret received) and consider the comments I made from the dais about this item (#49), you will understand my surprise to have seen the fiscal memo item associated with this resolution (see attached). I am not asking for anything remotely like what the fiscal memo suggests (100 hours!). In fact, I would expect no extra time related to this item be spent by Margaret and her staff. Please let me know if I am missing something. Thanks!

-Randi

P.S. Please also see the attached letter I sent per Senator Watson's request.

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From: Shade, Randi
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2009 5:38 PM
To: Shaw, Margaret
Cc: Rios, Myrna; Lott, Cindy; Rodriguez, Patricia [NHCD]; Britain, Rebecca; Snipes, Anthony; Bier, Marti; Fireside, Leela
Subject: RE: housing resolution

Hi Margaret

In re-reading your message below I want to be clear that I and my colleagues are not suggesting that this resolution direct staff to change current scoring guidelines for GO Bonds; I realize you have been holding stakeholder meetings and public forums, doing surveys, etc. and that there is a process underway for a five-year consolidated plan not to mention a whole history that has led to the current guidelines. Furthermore, now that you explained it to me, I realize that our scoring process is done on a one-by-one basis --- not in the sort of competitive ranking way as is done at the State. That's why it doesn't seem to even be discussing at this time whether a TOD project that receives only a few extra points might not score higher than an application with more 30 pct units and in "high opportunity areas" (near good schools, job centers -- the map that HsgWorks provided) in NW Austin.

With this resolution we are only looking to ensure that we promote --- for purposes of feedback related to this year's current Texas Tax Credit projects under consideration --- a ranking of local projects that is consistent with our City's priorities. Clearly, TODs and Mueller are current Council priorities -- that's the point of weighing in, and as I said earlier, the resolution as you have written it now, conveys that message without a doubt. It may or may not make sense to weigh in like this every year. We may not always be asked, there may not be the sort of mix of finalists as there is this year, and as you've taught me over the course of our recent discussions, there are tons of other moving parts to consider.

I am new to all this but it sure seems that TOD's are "prioritized" at every turn -- not just by being called out as a "priority location" and getting some extra points in GO Bond evaluation, but in resolution after resolution --- here's one I found while searching the City's website (note Item D): <ftp://coageoid01.ci.austin.tx.us/GIS-Data/planning/TOD/TOD%20Signed%20SMART%20Housing%20Resolution.pdf> and in task force report after task force report (i.e., the number one housing rec in the Family and Children Task Force: "we recommend that the City create and assist with funding of a model family-friendly development in one of the TODs.") The only reason I asked about including mention of the scoring guidelines in a WHEREAS statement was to give additional evidence that we have identified priority locations in our own scoring matrix (along with task force reports, etc.), I thought it might help address the issue you raised about it looking like we were introducing new criteria late in the game. It isn't as if we would turn away any project that meets the City's scoring threshold, but if possible, we should all want to see the State's current ranking change so that Council's location priorities have a better chance of being met first. Of course we hope that ultimately all three projects will work out (and they might) but right now it sounds like one and possibly two is a more likely scenario. That's what makes prioritization so important.

Thanks again and trying not to over-complicate this,
Randi

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From: Shaw, Margaret
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2009 9:46 AM
To: Shade, Randi
Cc: Rios, Myrna; Lott, Cindy; Rodriguez, Patricia [NHCD]; Britain, Rebecca; Snipes, Anthony; Bier, Marti; Fireside, Leela
Subject: Re: housing resolution

TODs are. I cannot be sure off top of my head about VMU and PUD and I presume Mueller.

TOD receives only a few points extra. It's possible I think that an app with more 30 pct units and in "high opportunity areas" (near good schools, job centers -- the map that HsgWorks provided) in NW Austin would score higher. That's what I need to confirm with staff and change if so so that TOD VMU PUD RMMA deals would win over those in other areas of town.

MRS

From: Shade, Randi
To: Shaw, Margaret
Cc: Rios, Myrna; Lott, Cindy; Rodriguez, Patricia [NHCD]; Britain, Rebecca; Snipes, Anthony; Bier, Marti; Fireside, Leela
Sent: Sun Mar 22 09:13:37 2009
Subject: Re: housing resolution

Thanks -- just to clarify, though, isn't extra consideration for TOD, PUD and VMU location already given in our current guidelines? Or did I misunderstand something I thought you shared with me yesterday?

From: Shaw, Margaret
To: Shade, Randi
Cc: Rios, Myrna; Lott, Cindy; Rodriguez, Patricia [NHCD]; Britain, Rebecca; Snipes, Anthony; Bier, Marti; Fireside, Leela
Sent: Sun Mar 22 08:36:34 2009
Subject: Re: housing resolution

Happy to do so. It helped me clarify staff's direction too.

I think simply verbal statement from dais to ensure all our funding and housing policies follow this direction is enough for us to update guidelines.

All best
MRS

From: Shade, Randi
To: Shaw, Margaret
Cc: Rios, Myrna; Lott, Cindy; Rodriguez, Patricia [NHCD]; Britain, Rebecca; Snipes, Anthony; Bier, Marti; Fireside, Leela
Sent: Sun Mar 22 02:19:21 2009
Subject: Re: housing resolution

Thanks so much, Margaret. Yes, your proposed draft conveys the priorities perfectly. Thank you!

My only question is whether you think it makes sense to add another WHEREAS statement that explicitly states the point you made about AHFC's current GO Bond evaluation criteria giving extra points for development in TOD, VMU and PUD locations. I realize that criteria item is as you said "not an all or nothing" item, but it sounded like yet another example of existing policy (and practice) in line with what we are promoting via this resolution. I defer to your judgment on whether to change the draft in response to this question. If you think it strengthens the resolution - great, but if not I am very happy with your new draft as is.

Thanks again! I really appreciate your help and am so thankful we got to discuss this in more detail -- and, I think you're right about Saturday clarity, too:-)

-Randi

From: Shaw, Margaret
To: Bier, Marti; Fireside, Leela; Shade, Randi
Cc: Rios, Myrna; Lott, Cindy; Rodriguez, Patricia [NHCD]; Britain, Rebecca; Snipes, Anthony
Sent: Sat Mar 21 16:37:57 2009

Subject: RE: housing resolution
After talking to the CM today, I believe this draft better suits her priorities.

thanks!
MRS

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From: Bier, Marti
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2009 8:45 AM
To: Shaw, Margaret; Fireside, Leela
Cc: Shade, Randi; Rios, Myrna; Lott, Cindy
Subject: RE: housing resolution

All,

Here is version 3.1 with Margaret's tweak.

Marti

Marti Bier

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From: Shaw, Margaret
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2009 6:06 PM
To: Bier, Marti; Fireside, Leela
Cc: Shade, Randi; Rios, Myrna; Lott, Cindy
Subject: RE: housing resolution

only one minor tweak to last 'whereas'...

WHEREAS, priority development areas, including Transit Oriented Districts (“TOD”s) and the Robert Mueller Airport re-development, incorporate urban design principles of maximizing mixed use development, transportation and employment centers; and in these priority development areas, Council has set a goal of 25% of the new housing be affordable;

NOW, THEREFORE

From: Bier, Marti
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2009 5:43 PM
To: Shaw, Margaret; Fireside, Leela
Cc: Shade, Randi; Rios, Myrna; Lott, Cindy
Subject: RE: housing resolution

Margaret, Leela, Randi,

Please see the attached "3.0" version. I am about to leave the office, but I'll also be on in the morning to make any changes. Please call my cell at 507-6842 if you have any questions by phone.

Posting Language: Approve a resolution stating Council priorities for the 2009 Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program.

Thanks!!
Marti

Marti Bier

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From: Shaw, Margaret
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2009 5:28 PM
To: Bier, Marti; Fireside, Leela
Cc: Shade, Randi; Rios, Myrna; Lott, Cindy
Subject: RE: housing resolution

Marti & I just finished working on revisions to both resolution & posting language. I'm in tomorrow morning and told her I'm happy to review final too.

MRS

From: Bier, Marti
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2009 3:12 PM
To: Fireside, Leela
Cc: Shaw, Margaret; Shade, Randi; Rios, Myrna
Subject: housing resolution

Leela,

Cathy told me you're our legal contact for this resolution. Here is a current draft, but I expect it to have some changes by tomorrow at noon. I'm copying Margaret for some feedback, and I'll look to

you for any legal feedback as well. Please let me know how it looks.

Myrna, I'll send you posting language shortly.

Marti

Marti Bier

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Morrison, Laura](#)
Subject: Re: IFC - Economic Incentives
Date: Wednesday, February 18, 2009 11:17:52 PM

Thanks Laura. I think we make a good team. I was very glad to see Gary's note to you. I made it very clear to Mike how you worked to pull all the views together, and he has undoubtedly shared that perspective with Gary. Again, thanks and good job! Really appreciate all you've done to make this happen.

-Randi

From: Morrison, Laura
To: Shade, Randi
Sent: Wed Feb 18 21:31:19 2009
Subject: RE: IFC - Economic Incentives

Thanks Randi. Good, productive work!

From: Shade, Randi
Sent: Wed 2/18/2009 12:54 PM
To: Levinski, Robert; Rios, Myrna
Cc: Morrison, Laura; Bier, Marti; Leffingwell, Lee; Williams, Nancy; Edwards, Sue; Sandoval, Marie; Coleman, Glen
Subject: RE: IFC - Economic Incentives

Please consider this confirmation of me being a co-sponsor. Thanks!

-Randi

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From: Levinski, Robert
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2009 12:40 PM
To: Rios, Myrna
Cc: Morrison, Laura; Shade, Randi; Bier, Marti; Leffingwell, Lee; Williams, Nancy; Edwards, Sue; Sandoval, Marie
Subject: IFC - Economic Incentives

Myrna,

Attached is an item from council for the February 26 City Council Meeting. Council Members Leffingwell and Shade have been asked to be cosponsors. Please wait to add their names until their

office confirms in writing. Also, could you let me know which attorney will be working on this?

Draft Posting Language:

Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to prepare an ordinance for council consideration regarding an enhanced process for review of economic incentive proposals

If anybody wishes to make any changes to the posting language, please let me know.

Thanks!
Bobby

From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Levinski, Robert](#); [Ballas, Marisa](#); [Bier, Marti](#); [Leff, Lewis](#); [Coleman, Glen](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]; [Morrison, Laura](#)
Subject: Re: IFC: Public Educational and Governemt Channels
Date: Friday, November 13, 2009 10:55:09 AM

Thanks. Looks good to me.

From: Levinski, Robert
To: Ballas, Marisa; Bier, Marti; Leff, Lewis; Coleman, Glen
Cc: Shade, Randi; Riley, Chris; Morrison, Laura
Sent: Fri Nov 13 10:53:32 2009
Subject: IFC: Public Educational and Governemt Channels

All,

Attached is a resolution that city staff (Rondella Hawkins) would like council to put on the next week's agenda. It was brought up during the last Emerging Tech meeting.

Funding for our local public channels (i.e. Channel 6) is contingent upon funds from franchise fees from cable providers. With current law, those funds may only be used for capital expenditures after 2012, which would mean the city would have no funding to continue Channel 6 operations.

City staff would like the council to adopt the attached resolution in support of legislation to preserve these public-access channels and ensure that the channels be available to the entire community.

Would your boss be wiling to cosponsor the resolution for next week?

Thanks,
Bobby

From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: "Brian Rodgers"
Cc: [Bier, Marti](#); [Levinski, Robert](#); [Gonzales, Rodney](#); [Morrison, Laura](#)
Subject: RE: Incentive Review Resolution
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2009 11:36:51 AM

Thanks for contacting us Brian. Laura and I spoke with Rodney earlier this morning and we'd be very happy if you could attend the meetings. I apologize for the confusion about limiting the invitations specifically to only those organizations expressly listed in the resolution. You are welcome and encouraged to be there. If you have other suggestions about folks to attend, please let us know.

Thanks again,
Randi

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From: Brian Rodgers [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2009 9:36 AM
To: Morrison, Laura; Shade, Randi
Cc: Bier, Marti; Levinski, Robert
Subject: Incentive Review Resolution

Greetings Council Members Morrison and Shade,

Rodney Gonzales of EGRSO called me this morning to notify me of upcoming stakeholders meetings with CAPCOG, Liveable City, Austin Interfaith, and four chambers of commerce over the next two Wednesdays to work the details on the resolution regarding cost/benefit, public hearings, etc...

Rodney informed me of the meetings but didn't invite me since I am not listed as a stakeholder in the resolution. If it was your intent that I attend, please let me and Rodney know. I know I can be of value in the discussions.

Thanks.

Brian Rodgers
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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Canally, Greg](#); [Morrison, Laura](#)
Cc: [Gerbracht, Heidi](#)
Subject: RE: info on Stimulus process for tomorrow's CAN meeting
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2009 8:46:03 PM

Thanks, Greg. I may also miss the CAN meeting tomorrow, but this is very helpful. Thanks!

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From: Canally, Greg
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 8:26 PM
To: Morrison, Laura; Shade, Randi
Cc: Gerbracht, Heidi
Subject: info on Stimulus process for tomorrow's CAN meeting

cm morrison and shade -

there is a stimulus update item from partners on tomorrow's CAN agenda. wanting to give you some talking points about our partnership/organizing structure with the governmental partners and other entities.

as you know, we have been working very closely with all our local partners. i have headed up an inter-governmental Stimulus Steering Committee which includes the lead stimulus person from the City, Travis County, AISD, ACC, Health Care District and CapMetro. in addition to these partners, we have also asked CAN (Vanessa Sarria) and Workforce Solutions (Alan Miller) to join us on this steering committee. we also liaison with Congressman Doggetts' local office.

- together this group hosted the Stimulus Forum for Non-Profits last month, that you both attended. it was a very successful event - we are still getting positive feedback from the community.
- the steering committee has created **9 Staff Working Groups**: Energy, Transportation & Infrastructure, Public Safety/Law Enforcement, Technology, Education, Youth & Family, Housing, Workforce Development, Health
 - each of the entities will have staff representation on each of these working groups. these working groups will serve as a forum for sharing entity specific stimulus updates, discuss specific collaborative projects, and discuss new areas for collaboration (while staff-to-staff conversations about collaborations are already underway, this will put some formal

structure around these efforts)

- in addition to staff, each of these groups will be identifying community partners (non-profits, stakeholders) to be a part of the team, so that they can be in on conversations about efforts to secure and implement stimulus funding on the front-end.

- i think this structure will serve us well to ensure that there continues to be a community-wide conversation about Stimulus efforts; allowing for direction and input from elected officials down thru these working groups (from each elected body); as well as a way to report back up to each of our elected bodies, as well as other groups like the Joint Committee and CAN

i hope this helps for tomorrow's meeting (i am out of office, so unable to attend). as always, let me know if you have any feedback/questions/comments.

greg

From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [Morrison, Laura](#); [Riley, Chris](#); [Ballas, Marisa](#); [Lloyd, Brent](#); [Kate Meehan](#); [Carol Torgrimson](#); [Margaret Lloyd](#); [Byron Marshall](#); [Catherine Robb](#); [rcnasso](#); [Stan Casey](#); [Rafael Quintanilla](#); [Roy Mann](#); [Sinclair Black](#); [Coleman, Glen](#)
Subject: RE: Item 41 on today's agenda, re: billboards
Date: Thursday, October 22, 2009 12:14:53 PM

Thanks, Girard. I had heard that Marisa and you had spoken, so I didn't respond earlier. The item remained on the consent agenda. Thanks!

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From: Girard Kinney [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 12:13 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Morrison, Laura; Shade, Randi; Riley, Chris; Ballas, Marisa; Lloyd, Brent; Kate Meehan; Carol Torgrimson; Margaret Lloyd; Byron Marshall; Catherine Robb; rcnasso; Stan Casey; Carol Torgrimson; Rafael Quintanilla; Roy Mann; Sinclair Black; Kate Meehan
Subject: Re: Item 41 on today's agenda, re: billboards

Councilmembers and Scenicompadres;

Marisa Ballas from Councilmember Riley's office called me in response to my questions and assured me that I am correct in my assumptions. I had planned to go down and sign up in favor, but not asking that the item to be pulled from the consent agenda, but was unable to get down to council chambers; so I imagine by now this item has passed by consent. Thanks to Councilmembers Riley, Morrison and Shade for getting this piece done; as you know we had tried hard to have this be a part of the amendments passed over the last few years, so it is encouraging that this council has taken this step.

Of course you all know that Scenic Austin will not rest until the Council reaffirms its commitment to the Vision of Austin without billboards so that someday our children, or their children, will be able to enjoy an unencumbered view of the natural and man-made environment from our streets, highways and railways.

Girard

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Girard Kinney wrote:

I only now have seen the agenda language for Item 41 on today's agenda. I am assuming it will go by consent unless pulled, and I don't intend to ask that it be pulled if my interpretation of the amendment is correct. Pasted from the agenda:

Approve a resolution directing the city manager to process a code amendment to prohibit the relocation of billboards within 500 feet of a legal residential use and to bring the proposed ordinance to City Council on or before December 10, 2009. (Council Member Chris Riley Council Member Laura Morrison Council Member Randi Shade)

Am I correct that "legal residential use" would include:

1. Any property zoned to allow residential use, whether or not a residential use is currently present on the property?
2. Any existing residential use that may be "grandfathered", i.e. in which the zoning would not allow a residential use if it were built today, but where a residential use exists by virtue of the fact that it predates the current zoning?

Thanks.

Girard

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Morrison, Laura](#)
Subject: Re: Item 42: Please reconsider proposed 2pm start time for zoning cases
Date: Friday, August 28, 2009 6:34:07 AM

Agree and me too. Thanks. Have a good weekend.

----- Original Message -----

From: Morrison, Laura
To: Shade, Randi
Sent: Thu Aug 27 23:26:29 2009
Subject: RE: Item 42: Please reconsider proposed 2pm start time for zoning cases

Thx Randi. I think if we can get some improved communication going we'll be able to do a better job and I look forward to working on that.

Laura Morrison
Council Member, Place 4

Sent via Remote

-----Original Message-----

From: Shade, Randi <Randi.Shade@ci.austin.tx.us>
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2009 7:09 PM
To: Morrison, Laura <Laura.Morrison@ci.austin.tx.us>
Subject: FW: Item 42: Please reconsider proposed 2pm start time for zoning cases

See below, so you know I wasn't motivated by anything but the best of intentions.

Sorry again for the confusion.

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From: Susan Moffat [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2009 4:36 PM
To: Shade, Randi
Cc: Coleman, Glen
Subject: RE: Item 42: Please reconsider proposed 2pm start time for zoning cases

Hi Randi,

Thanks so much for your reply. There is certainly no perfect solution, but I appreciate your thoughts on this. I think your idea about a trial period of the 2pm start time, with a scheduled evaluation (in two months? three months?) may be the most sensible plan.

Thanks for all you do!

Best,

Susan

At 4:13 PM -0500 8/23/09, Shade, Randi wrote:

Hi Susan

Thanks for writing. This is still a moving target, but please know we've had plenty of folks let us know how difficult the evenings are ESPECIALLY from a child care perspective. It seems that most working parents have regular childcare arrangements during work hours but not in the evenings. In other words, the issue of springing for extra babysitter money appears to be a bigger challenge at night than in the daytime especially for single parents. I have to say that as a working parent myself, I can relate -- neither time seems especially convenient and the uncertainty of timing is a huge burden. I assure you I will continue working on this issue. I am leaning towards trying the 2 pm time slot for a while. If it proves to be too problematic then I will be the first one to argue for changing it back to 4. I agree whole heartedly with your concern described in #2 below and would am thinking I will recommend we eliminate the 2-hour postponement issue all together. In other words, keep the system as is, but with the start-time at 2 instead of at 4.

Thanks for writing and sorry I am only just now writing back.

-Randi

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From: Susan Moffat [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2009 11:08 AM
To: Morrison, Laura; Spelman, William; Shade, Randi; Leffingwell, Lee; Martinez, Mike [Council Member]; Cole, Sheryl; Morrison, Laura
Subject: Item 42: Please reconsider proposed 2pm start time for zoning cases

Dear Mayor Leffingwell and Members of the Austin City Council,

I am writing to express my serious concerns about an element in Item 42, the resolution directing the city manager to initiate changes to council meeting procedures.

Point #6 would move the start of zoning cases from 4pm to 2pm, but allow any case to be postponed to 4pm at the request of two Council members.

My concerns are twofold:

1. Unless you are a paid lobbyist, it is already difficult enough to take time off from work and/or arrange child care for a zoning hearing that starts at 4pm and that may require you to stay until the early hours of the next day. Moving cases to 2pm places an additional burden on citizen volunteers, requiring them to take even more time away from their paying jobs and/or forcing them to spring at least another \$20 for a babysitter (if you can find one during the school day! Elementary and middle schools in Austin do not let out until 2:45pm so if you have young children who need to be picked up or if you're relying on a middle schooler to babysit, you are completely out of luck.)

2. If cases are posted for 2pm, but then postponed to 4pm without any prior notice (which appears likely since postponement requires only the request of two Council members), citizens are still in the same boat, having already arranged time off and child care only to cool their heels at City Hall for an additional two hours. Even if the postponement were announced 72 hours in advance, it would still be a challenge to communicate this change to everyone with an interest in a given case. It may also be difficult for citizens to accommodate a postponement if they have already made arrangements to be present at 2pm.

It is already hard enough to participate in the current public hearing process as a citizen volunteer. Moving up the start time for zoning cases to 2pm will place an additional burden on anyone not already billing by the hour to attend Council meetings.

In light of the above, I respectfully request you to leave zoning cases at their present 4pm start time.

As always, many thanks for your consideration of these issues.

Best,

Susan Moffat

[REDACTED]

From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: ["Sam.Biscoe@co.travis.tx.us"](mailto:Sam.Biscoe@co.travis.tx.us)
Cc: [Bier, Marti](#); ["EckharS.po_bpocc.bpocc@co.travis.tx.us"](mailto:EckharS.po_bpocc.bpocc@co.travis.tx.us); ["sherri.flemming@co.travis.tx.us"](mailto:sherri.flemming@co.travis.tx.us); [Morrison, Laura](#); ["vsarria@austinisd.org"](mailto:vsarria@austinisd.org)
Subject: Re: Joint Appointee
Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2009 6:15:01 PM

Fantastic. Thanks so much! Vanessa has also now agreed to participate with Laura and Sarah. Marti from my office will get the interview session scheduled ASAP, and she will provide all participants with the info necessary. .

Thanks again,
Randi

----- Original Message -----

From: Sam Biscoe <Sam.Biscoe@co.travis.tx.us>
To: Shade, Randi
Cc: Bier, Marti; Sarah Eckhardt <EckharS.po_bpocc.bpocc@co.travis.tx.us>;
sherri.flemming@co.travis.tx.us <sherri.flemming@co.travis.tx.us>
Sent: Tue May 19 18:01:27 2009
Subject: Re: Joint Appointee

Council Member Shade, the court approved our compromise process late this afternoon by a vote of 4-0-1, with Commissioner Davis abstaining. Comm. Eckhardt agreed to serve on the "tie breaker" committee. Therefore, we are off and running.

Thank you for helping us advance the ball on this project. The court expressed a keen interest in our approving an agreed process for future joint appointments to avoid this kind of result in the future. I told them you and I have already discussed the same, and will move in that direction after the current vacancy has been filled.

>>> "Shade, Randi" <Randi.Shade@ci.austin.tx.us> 5/19/2009 7:14 AM >>>
Hi Judge Biscoe:

Since you and I met last Wednesday, I have let Anthony Haley and Katrina Daniel know they continue to be under consideration but that a final round of interviews will need to take place for the County and City to come to a mutually agreeable decision. I have told Judy Cortez that she is no longer under consideration.

As you suggested, I have obtained a list from Trish Jones and Tom Coopwood outlining their ideas about desired skills we should be looking for from finalists.

I have also gotten agreement from my City Council colleagues that the process you and I discussed this past Wednesday will work fine for them. Specifically, they believe having a "tie breaker" round of interviews conducted by Council Member Laura Morrison, Vanessa Sarria from CAN and Commissioner Eckhardt makes sense.

Marti Bier in my office will get interviews scheduled, provide necessary background information, and communicate with all involved just as soon as you give me the go-ahead.

I am hopeful your colleagues will support this process as you and I outlined it this past Wednesday, and I hope they (and especially Commissioner Eckhardt) are willing to have Commissioner Eckhardt represent the County on this final interview panel. Council Member Morrison is willing to play this role. As you know like Commissioner Eckhardt, Council Member Morrison serves on CAN, is familiar healthcare district issues, and has not participated in earlier interviews. I feel sure Vanessa would be willing to participate, too, but I will wait to hear that the County has approved our suggested process before asking her.

I look forward to hearing the Court's response after your discussion today. Thanks and please contact me with any questions.

-Randi



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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Morrison, Laura](#)
Subject: RE: katrina
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2009 3:47:08 PM

Agree. She'll be a great addition.

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From: Morrison, Laura
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2009 3:47 PM
To: Shade, Randi
Subject: katrina

Great to get her on the district board!

From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Rush, Barbara](#); [Bier, Marti](#)
Cc: [Morrison, Laura](#)
Subject: Re: MAP letter
Date: Wednesday, December 09, 2009 4:48:22 PM

Thanks for doing this, Barb.

From: Rush, Barbara
To: Bier, Marti
Cc: Shade, Randi
Sent: Wed Dec 09 14:17:51 2009
Subject: MAP letter

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: ["George W. Hobgood"](#); ["Russ Sartain"](#); ["Brad Smith"](#)
Cc: [Wilson, Beverly](#); [McDonald, Stephanie](#); [Barrios, Rossana](#); [Coleman, Glen](#); [Bier, Marti](#); [Levinski, Robert](#); [barbara.bush@ci.austin.tx.us](#); [Garza, Robert](#); [Moore, Andrew](#); [Schooler, Larry](#); [Bailey, Rich](#); [Watson, Matt](#); [Cole, Sheryl](#); [McCracken, Brewster](#); [Morrison, Laura](#); [Martinez, Mike \[Council Member\]](#); [Leffingwell, Lee](#); [Wynn, Will](#); ["Charles Betts"](#)
Subject: RE: March 12 City Council Agenda Item
Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2009 4:35:22 PM

Dear Mr. Hobgood, Mr. Sartain, and Mr. Smith:

Thanks to each of you for writing. This item is not directed at Covenant Church nor is it about providing RAMP with an apology. Covenant has done what it promised, and the City appreciates the public-private partnership relationship it has enjoyed with Covenant over the years. This item is on the agenda because currently it is within our city staff's discretion to lease cemetery land, and it can be done administratively. When Covenant came to the City, and the City Council voted to support the license agreement you reference, it was because the City Manager at that time chose to request that Council vote on the matter. This ordinance will simply make that the rule going forward should be Covenant or any other organization choose to pursue a similar agreement in the future. I recognize there have been strong emotions associated with the past. Removing the ambiguity while there are no pending agreements, and making the Covenant approach the rule rather than the exception, things should be easier going forward.

Yours truly,

Randi

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From: George W. Hobgood [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2009 1:18 PM
To: Cole, Sheryl; McCracken, Brewster; Shade, Randi; Morrison, Laura; Martinez, Mike [Council Member]; Leffingwell, Lee; Wynn, Will
Cc: Wilson, Beverly; McDonald, Stephanie; Barrios, Rossana; Coleman, Glen; Bier, Marti; Levinski, Robert; barbara.bush@ci.austin.tx.us; Garza, Robert; Moore, Andrew; Schooler, Larry; Bailey, Rich; Watson, Matt
Subject: March 12 City Council Agenda Item

Dear council members,

Recently it was brought to my attention that the City Council was considering an ordinance prohibiting the use of city cemetery property for temporary construction purposes. This appears to be nothing more than pandering to some of the Rescue Austin Memorial Park (RAMP) folks who have already cost the city council time hearing a baseless objection, and cost the city time and expense defending a frivolous lawsuit. The RAMP leadership appear to have developed an irrational zealotry for what they consider to be protecting "their" cemetery.

The news reports that I have seen where the church adjoining Austin Memorial Park cemetery entered into an agreement for the temporary use of a narrow strip of land that was unsuitable for burial sites appeared to be a sensible accommodation by the city. The city received a significant amount of money, which they otherwise would not have, for upgrading the cemetery. Not only was the cemetery property not harmed by this usage, but it was returned in better condition than before the usage. Finally it saved the church some expense. This is the type of "win-win" situation that is an indication of a prudent decision by the city. Why would you not want to repeat it if the opportunity presented itself at another location?

Finally, I would not want to see the vindictive RAMP folks be allowed to portray to the media that the city council was correcting a prior serious error. I believe the council made a good decision then, and I hope you make another good decision now by defeating this proposed ordinance.

George W. Hobgood

From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Morrison, Laura](#)
Subject: RE: Mark Yznaga recommendations
Date: Thursday, August 06, 2009 2:53:54 PM

Thanks!

Randi Shade

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From: Morrison, Laura
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2009 2:54 PM
To: Shade, Randi
Subject: RE: Mark Yznaga recommendations

I asked bobby to get it to each office. Not sure if that happened. Will forward if I can find it

From: Shade, Randi
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2009 2:52 PM
To: Morrison, Laura
Subject: Mark Yznaga recommendations

Hi Laura ---- Did you ever send me the Mark document you mentioned in our one-on-one?

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: "[Laurie Limbacher](#)"; [Patti Hansen](#); [Julie Hart](#); [Morrison, Laura](#); [Sadowsky, Steve](#)
Subject: RE: Meeting notes
Date: Thursday, September 24, 2009 12:36:12 PM

Thanks from me, too, Patti. I caught one typo in the Grants Guidelines action item (see below ("a" red line versus "an" red line) but otherwise thought you did a GREAT job.

Thanks so much!!!! And, thanks to everyone else for your work on this. I agree that the meeting was very productive.

Thanks again,
Randi

Action Item: Julie indicated that she would provide an red-lined Guidelines to the HLC committee for comparison and comment. Patti suggested that it may need City legal approval because she thought all the revisions currently noted on the Guidelines were from the legal department, but Julie indicated that the last legal review was in 2002 (all the revision dates are actually internal to ACVB).

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From: Laurie Limbacher [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2009 12:31 PM
To: Patti Hansen; Julie Hart; Shade, Randi; Morrison, Laura; Sadowsky, Steve
Subject: Re: Meeting notes

Hi Patti,

I thought the notes looked great. I think you may have attributed something that CM Shade suggested — having the Heritage Society help in getting the word out about the grants cycle — to me. Other than that, thanks so much for taking the time to prepare the notes. They are very helpful.

Laurie Limbacher

From: Patti Hansen <[redacted]>
Date: Thu, 24 Sep 2009 10:02:30 -0700 (PDT)

To: Julie Hart <[REDACTED]>, Randi Shade <Randi.Shade@ci.austin.tx.us>, Laura Morrison <Laura.Morrison@ci.austin.tx.us>, Laurie Limbacher <[REDACTED]>, Steve Sadowsky <Steve.Sadowsky@ci.austin.tx.us>

Subject: Re: Meeting notes

Any comments on the meeting notes? I'd like to finalize and send to Dan and Joe so they have an idea of the discussion that took place.

Thanks, Patti

--- On **Fri, 9/18/09**, Patti Hansen <[REDACTED]> wrote:

From: Patti Hansen <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Meeting notes

To: "Julie Hart" <[REDACTED]>, "Randi Shade" <Randi.Shade@ci.austin.tx.us>, "Laura Morrison" <Laura.Morrison@ci.austin.tx.us>, "Laurie Limbacher" <[REDACTED]>, "Steve Sadowsky" <Steve.Sadowsky@ci.austin.tx.us>

Date: Friday, September 18, 2009, 10:20 AM

All,

For my benefit, and in order to brief the other Grants Committee members, I typed up the attached summary of our meeting yesterday.. I would sincerely appreciate your review and input. I think the meeting was very productive and believe this is the beginning of a great working relationship.

Thanks, Patti

From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [REDACTED]; [Leffingwell, Lee](#); [Martinez, Mike \[Council Member\]](#); [Cole, Sheryl](#); [Riley, Chris](#); [Spelman, William](#); [Morrison, Laura](#)
Cc: [Council Executive Assistants](#); [Everhart, Amy](#)
Subject: Re: Moderator thoughts on WTP4 debate
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2009 7:45:05 AM

Jim

I echo CM Spelman's comments and can't say thanks enough for the careful thought and countless hours you've put into this important effort.

-Randi

----- Original Message -----

From: Jim Walker <[REDACTED]>
To: 'Jim Walker' [REDACTED]; [Leffingwell, Lee](#); [Martinez, Mike \[Council Member\]](#); [Shade, Randi](#); [Cole, Sheryl](#); [Riley, Chris](#); [Spelman, William](#); [Morrison, Laura](#)
Cc: [Council Executive Assistants](#); [Everhart, Amy](#)
Sent: Tue Sep 15 21:06:47 2009
Subject: RE: Moderator thoughts on WTP4 debate

Thanks for your initial feedback ...

I should have mentioned that if you give me questions beforehand, they will be cited only as "a question from a Councilmember" ... I think that's probably much better than me saying "this question is from Councilmember X ..."

Trying to stay true to the intent of this being for you as a full Council body ...

Jim

-----Original Message-----

From: Jim Walker [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2009 4:26 PM
To: 'Leffingwell, Lee'; 'Martinez, Mike [Council Member]'; 'Shade, Randi'; 'Cole, Sheryl'; 'Riley, Chris'; 'Spelman, William'; 'Morrison, Laura'
Cc: 'Council Executive Assistants'; 'Everhart, Amy'
Subject: Moderator thoughts on WTP4 debate

Mayor, Councilmembers,

Thanks again for the opportunity to work with you on this WTP4 event Thursday evening.

As we continue to refine and finalize the structure of the evening, the unprecedented nature of the format, and the opportunities and constraints is forcing some decisions. As I understand from all sides, the primary intent is for Council to get more information, perspective and dialogue through a debate style format between proponents and opponents of WTP4, where differing opinions can be laid side by side in a neutral setting ..

With that in mind, and with the desire to make this a positive event for all of you, the staff panelists, the advocate panelists, the citizens who attend, and with the equal desire to not have this become a negative or regrettable experience for any of us, and having touched based several times with both sides of the debate, allow me to set out these guidelines:

My responsibility is to ensure equal time to each side on presentations and in the Q&A sections for each issue. My responsibility is also to ensure that both sides address tough questions on their arguments in a respectful and civil format.

I have tried to negotiate an order of which side presents first on each of the six sections. I have been unable to come up with an order that both sides can agree to - and both sides have very logical reasons why they do or don't prefer a certain order - so here's my proposal for the six sections.

Again, neither side views this as ideal:

Section	First	Second Presentation
Overview	Pro-WTP4	Con-WTP4
Demand/Capacity	Pro	Con
Reliability	Con	Pro
Environmental Impacts	Pro	Con
Fiscal Impacts	Con	Pro
Closing Summation	I'll flip a coin at the break the night of the event	

There is also some disagreement over how much time should be allowed for presentation. I've encouraged both sides to aim at 5 minutes per issue, but the density of the information seems to be driving a slightly longer presentation. I think we all agree the Q&A is a greater focus than the presentations.

The hardest issue is dealing with the catch 22 of handling your questions, as Council members, to the panelists. I fear no matter what we decide you may not get what you want from this event, as individual decision-makers - but again, that's why I'm sending this email .

- If we allow you to ask questions directly of the panelists, then I am in the position of calling on you (which of you do I call on first? if I don't call on you, what happens?) and potentially of having to cut you off in the middle of a line of questions as we run out of time to discuss a particular issue (we have at best 18-20 minutes for Q&A for each section).

- On the other hand, if we agree I am the only one asking your questions, then you will not have the ability to probe and seek the answers the way you might want, you'd have to trust that I would probe answers sufficiently.

For either of these to work, all of you will have to allow me to really moderate and manage the agenda and the clock and to ensure both panels are equally engaged. To be honest, I prefer the latter, more traditional moderated debate format .

Assuming the latter, I would request that you send me no more than 2 or 3 questions each for each of the 4 issue areas. I fully expect that you have some questions in mind for just one panel or the other, that certainly happens in any debate. I may contact you so I'm more confident what you are trying to get at. I will select the questions and modify as necessary to the actual presentation and, in most cases, also modify to allow both panels an opportunity to respond. The night of the event, you'll also be able to pass me questions that I'll endeavor to ask, time and preceding questions allowing.

On public questions, the intent of the meeting is to support Council's questions, not the public's, this isn't a public hearing, even though it has been billed in some outlets as a town hall. My feeling is that I will need to tightly manage expectations the night of the event. Questions submitted online (and yes, I'm getting them already and from both sides) will already have been collated (by me) and will be asked, time allowing, after asking Council's questions. Audience questions the night of the event will be gathered on note cards and reviewed by a member of each side and if both agree, passed on to me, and only if time allowing, asked after asking Council's questions.

My bigger hope for the audience and the general public is that we can demonstrate an informed, civil debate on an important, controversial issue. Ideally we would have educated citizens on the issue, and the differing opinions, such that they become more engaged in these issues going forward, whether on WTP4, more general water planning, the Comp Plan, etc. ..

These are the guidelines I'm proceeding under at this time. Again, both sides feel they are compromising on aspects of what I've laid out above, and I haven't asked them to fully agree with it, just to work with me on getting a structure as close to agreeable as possible. Please feel free to call if you feel some part of this is utterly unworkable.

Thanks for your time, and despite all the wrangling, I am looking forward to it!

Jim
499-0526 cell

From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Morrison, Laura](#); [REDACTED]
Cc: [Martinez, Mike \[Council Member\]](#); [REDACTED]; [Garza, Bobby](#); [Bier, Marti](#); [Rush, Barbara](#)
Subject: Re: music dept
Date: Friday, June 19, 2009 8:48:03 AM

Laura

I definitely understand your desire for the breather and I don't mean to re-hash the past, but doing some sort of post mortem seems a necessary step for productively being able to move forward.

To clarify, though, when I asked you to poll the stakeholders it was with the assumption -- thanks to Brad and Don's communication with me -- that they no longer were interested in pursuing the convention center option. It wasn't that I felt so strongly one way or the other. I was motivated to deliver what I heard them requesting.

Furthermore, my assumption was that the stakeholders were those we defined as stakeholders when we had our stakeholders meeting on May 26th. While I didn't expect all in that room to agree on a proposal, I hoped they would. And I certainly didn't expect anyone who participated in that meeting to be caught as off guard as clearly some were. Even I still don't know who was part of Sunday's meeting nor do I know how pro's and cons were assessed.

While I failed to mention the group email originating from Don and "replied to all" by Brad stating their support of the convention center resolution after the Sunday meeting there is no doubt issues remained to be addressed, and I definitely did not feel heard.

-Randi

From: Morrison, Laura
To: Shade, Randi; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Martinez, Mike [Council Member]; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; Garza, Bobby; Bier, Marti; Rush, Barbara
Sent: Fri Jun 19 08:16:11 2009
Subject: RE: music dept
Randi -

From my point of view, you have omitted one critical piece of the chronology, and in fairness to Brad and others, it deserves noting. As we discussed the 2 options after the Thursday, June 11 meeting, you stated that you would support the consensus of the stakeholders. That consensus including Brad came through clearly after their discussion on Sunday. It was not predetermined and involved much consideration on their part.

At this point, I am going to take a quick breather, regroup, and find a way to move forward productively. More rehashing of the past isn't going to help me serve the public good here.

Laura

From: Shade, Randi
Sent: Fri 6/19/2009 5:17 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Morrison, Laura; Martinez, Mike [Council Member]; [REDACTED]; Garza, Bobby; Bier, Marti
Subject: Re: music dept

Brad ---

When I put out the EGRSO resolution last week it was in direct response to your request. We had a stakeholder meeting on May 26th at your suggestion. We got all the players you wanted to be in one room - no easy task. Before, during and after that meeting, you and I discussed the options presented by city staff as well as a convention center option. While Bobby G, Bobby L and Marti continued to toss around the convention center idea, I had not been convinced that it was as good an option.

Last week (week of June 11th Council Mtg) I told Mike and Laura during my regularly scheduled one-on-one meetings with each of them that I would be circulating a draft of an EGRSO version that I believed you wanted me (or someone) to draft. Over the course of the same week Laura suggested yet a different version of the convention center idea. I told her I would be open to seeing how it might work (she was scheduled to meet with Rudy Garza later in the week to flesh it out in more detail), but I also said I wasn't sure of what the benefits would be especially given the fact that I thought you and Don were strongly supporting the draft you helped write. I also discussed the EGRSO option v. convention center option with other council members along the way and heard no support for the convention center idea.

Like you I was growing concerned that we were getting dangerously close to not having something ready to go in time for a vote to be taken at the June 18 meeting.

Again, I believed you were in agreement with the notion that we should pursue the EGRSO option instead of anything else as long as we strengthened it in ways to eliminate or at least reduce the risks and/or downsides. With your help I drafted the EGRSO resolution to reflect that. I used the document you provided - you called your document "EGRSO Restructure." Once I got your feedback on the draft resolution I planned to circulate it as promised to Mike, Laura and staff. You responded with suggestions for change and wrote "this is great."

Without copying me or telling me you we're going to do so, you sent a copy of the draft resolution to Bobby Garza (I noticed, however, that when forwarding the draft to Bobby G you didn't include the "this is great" comment as you had done in your correspondence to me).

Understandably, Bobby was upset because evidently, he didn't realize you and I were working on the EGRSO draft. He was under the impression that you were still interested in a convention center option. Of course, I had no idea you were still pursuing that, too. After all, in response to the latest draft of the EGRSO resolution circulated on Wednesday evening June 10th, you responded to me and Marti by email on Thursday morning June 11th saying: "Have I thanked both of you for taking the ball on this & being voices of reason?" I'm not sure, but I don't think you copied Bobby G on that email.

My sense was that you were happy with the EGRSO draft and on the fast track to getting Paul, Don and Danette on the same page, so it would be finalized for posting on Friday the 12th to ensure we'd be ready for an easy council vote on the 18th.

That's why when Laura provided me with a convention center version of the resolution with support from Mike's office last Thursday night, before agreeing to support it, I asked Laura to poll the stakeholders. In support of what I believed was your desire to move forward with the EGRSO resolution, I also said to Laura while cc'ng Mike and council aides that I remained unconvinced of the benefits of the convention center option. I had no reason to believe you weren't still in favor of the EGRSO draft given your communication with me earlier that same day, and I assumed you'd convey that sentiment to Laura.

Then I found out on Friday (posting deadline day) that you were actually in favor of pursuing the convention center version instead of the EGRSO version you had requested, revised and blessed. This came as a big surprise to me. I left you a voicemail last Friday expressing my concern that the effort was "unraveling." You responded with the text message below this note. I never heard from you again until this afternoon (the 18th).

I thought the group that met this past Sunday might have come to yet a different conclusion. I still have no idea who participated in that meeting. In any case, I was in Colorado by then and while there I had

decided that if the powers that be (whoever they may be) wanted to go with the convention center option then it would be up to them to sell it. I wouldn't disrupt the effort, but I wasn't going to champion it either -- certainly not without some sort of effort to, at the very least, address the concerns I had raised in my very first email response to the convention center resolution -- essentially the same feasibility viability issues you referenced in your last Friday text message below.

That's why I declined to participate in the press conference but also why I didn't have my name removed from the resolution that ultimately got posted for action.

Again, I had heard nothing from you since the text message below. I heard an apology, disappointment and worry from Don over the weekend, as well as what I would characterize as indifference and/or cautious optimism at best from Danette. Marti was not at Sunday's meeting and had not heard from you either, so she was not able to address the concerns I raised.

Yesterday (Wednesday the 17th) -- my first day back I sensed trouble -- no discussion with other arts folks who attended the May 26th meeting (something I asked Mike about over lunch on Wednesday and confirmed with Cookie before the Council meeting started), trouble with legal (VERY late posting), lack of staff buy-in (you say you kept Marc Ott informed throughout?), lack of enthusiasm or buy-in from anyone else on the hall, bed-tax concerns raised by ACVB folks, and this week's ABJ article about convention center funding challenges -- these were all sources of worry and rightfully so. Then this morning -- just minutes before the council meeting was to start and just minutes after hanging up with Cookie, I was informed of additional budget concerns. That's when I said I would have to remove my name unless the item was postponed. It was postponed.

I appreciate your explanation below and believe you have operated with good intentions. Communication-challenged or not, though, to say you have been "100% up front" with folks "about exactly what you were doing" and to suggest that you were "not doing things behind anyone's back".while also "keeping in contact with Marc Ott throughout" seems to be a bit of a stretch. However, you are certainly not the only person in this mix of characters who didn't communicate clearly and transparently. The "path of least resistance approach" made perfect sense to me (and I thought to you) but didn't work for Mike and Laura's offices. I should have addressed that head on instead of leaving it to council aides and the Sunday meeting group to work through on their own.

When I play back the weeks of activity surrounding this effort to get a music organization up and running --- whether as a department or division, whether in EGRSO or convention center, I am just amazed at all the rumors and back channeling that has occurred. On more than a few occasions I have felt that my colleagues and I have been played off of one another the way kids play one parent off of another in an effort to get a preferred response. Add the aides and various city staff members also in the mix, as well as budget sensitivities and everything else going on every single day at city hall, and you get some pretty crazy stuff. It is no wonder this is where it is today.

I have no idea where this goes from here. I am cc'ng Laura, Mike, Marti and the two Bobbys in an effort to clear the air and improve communication going forward.

When I look at the email distribution list above and think about the investment of time and energy each on the list has contributed (not to mention all the folks in the community and on city staff), it is really sad to see how this has played out. And yes, I have lost sleep over it, too.

Sorry for the long response. Please know how sincerely sorry I am that this didn't turn out better. While I don't agree with all the actions you've taken, I have never doubted your desire to deliver results. I appreciate you giving me the same benefit of the doubt.

-Randi

----- SMS Text -----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Jun 12, 2009 12:22 PM
Subject: Randi - I think there are...

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To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [Morrison, Laura](#); [Martinez, Mike \[Council Member\]](#); [REDACTED]; [Garza, Bobby](#); [Bier, Marti](#)
Subject: Re: music dept
Date: Friday, June 19, 2009 9:07:00 AM

Brad

I will join Laura on taking the breather, and I stand by my assessment of what transpired. You took the risk without including me in your decision-making process and without consideration of how that decision would be received by those other than you, Laura, Bobby and Mike --- those who needed to be on board or at least aware of what was happening, too. I can't say for sure, but believe Marc, Sue, and Rudy would also feel they we're played off of each other.

-Randi.

From: Brad Stein <[REDACTED]>
To: Shade, Randi
Cc: Morrison, Laura; Martinez, Mike [Council Member]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; Garza, Bobby; Bier, Marti
Sent: Fri Jun 19 08:37:17 2009
Subject: RE: music dept
Randi

Your perception of how things unfolded is different than mine. I was very clear to you that I was supporting the EGRSO as a flawed but best available proposal unless Mike/Laura/Bobby came up with another workable proposal -- and you and I even discussed a "deadline" of the posting date for them to deliver on. In my mind, such a proposal was delivered by the deadline. So yes, you totally took the ball on the EGRSO option (which I thanked you for) and then we lobbed it over for this new option. You even told me that they would take our resolution as a starting point and turn it into something else.

I knew you were lukewarm at best on this "last minute" proposal. Of course I knew that the EGRSO option would be politically favorable and I took the risk on the other proposal. Your independent judgement brought you to a conclusion that the proposal on the table had issues and that you could not support it. That is fine and that is where it should end.

But sending out my personal email to you and copying this group to go over the things that you believe I said and did over the past week indicates that you are not only equating my poor strategy choice with dishonorable actions, but are also intending to convey that to others. Go talk to Marc Ott and see if it is a "stretch" for me to say we had one on one discussions over the past several weeks. To insist that I played people off is simply inaccurate. Perhaps it is I who was being treated like a child, rather than acting like a child.

Brad

Subject: Re: music dept
Date: Fri, 19 Jun 2009 05:17:24 -0500
From: Randi.Shade@ci.austin.tx.us
To: [REDACTED]
CC: Laura.Morrison@ci.austin.tx.us; Mike.Martinez@ci.austin.tx.us;

[REDACTED]; Bobby.Garza@ci.austin.tx.us; Marti.Bier@ci.austin.tx.us

Brad ---

When I put out the EGRSO resolution last week it was in direct response to your request. We had a stakeholder meeting on May 26th at your suggestion. We got all the players you wanted to be in one room - no easy task. Before, during and after that meeting, you and I discussed the options presented by city staff as well as a convention center option. While Bobby G, Bobby L and Marti continued to toss around the convention center idea, I had not been convinced that it was as good an option.

Last week (week of June 11th Council Mtg) I told Mike and Laura during my regularly scheduled one-on-one meetings with each of them that I would be circulating a draft of an EGRSO version that I believed you wanted me (or someone) to draft. Over the course of the same week Laura suggested yet a different version of the convention center idea. I told her I would be open to seeing how it might work (she was scheduled to meet with Rudy Garza later in the week to flesh it out in more detail), but I also said I wasn't sure of what the benefits would be especially given the fact that I thought you and Don were strongly supporting the draft you helped write. I also discussed the EGRSO option v. convention center option with other council members along the way and heard no support for the convention center idea.

Like you I was growing concerned that we were getting dangerously close to not having something ready to go in time for a vote to be taken at the June 18 meeting.

Again, I believed you were in agreement with the notion that we should pursue the EGRSO option instead of anything else as long as we strengthened it in ways to eliminate or at least reduce the risks and/or downsides. With your help I drafted the EGRSO resolution to reflect that. I used the document you provided - you called your document "EGRSO Restructure." Once I got your feedback on the draft resolution I planned to circulate it as promised to Mike, Laura and staff. You responded with suggestions for change and wrote "this is great."

Without copying me or telling me you we're going to do so, you sent a copy of the draft resolution to Bobby Garza (I noticed, however, that when forwarding the draft to Bobby G you didn't include the "this is great" comment as you had done in your correspondence to me).

Understandably, Bobby was upset because evidently, he didn't realize you and I were working on the EGRSO draft. He was under the impression that you were still interested in a convention center option. Of course, I had no idea you were still pursuing that, too. After all, in response to the latest draft of the EGRSO resolution circulated on Wednesday evening June 10th, you responded to me and Marti by email on Thursday morning June 11th saying: "Have I thanked both of you for taking the ball on this & being voices of reason?" I'm not sure, but I don't think you copied Bobby G on that email.

My sense was that you were happy with the EGRSO draft and on the fast track to getting Paul, Don and Danette on the same page, so it would be finalized for posting on Friday the 12th to ensure we'd be ready for an easy council vote on the 18th.

That's why when Laura provided me with a convention center version of the resolution with support from Mike's office last Thursday night, before agreeing to support it, I asked Laura to poll the stakeholders. In support of what I believed was your desire to move forward with the EGRSO resolution, I also said to Laura while cc'ng Mike and council aides that I remained unconvinced of the benefits of the convention center option. I had no reason to believe you weren't still in favor of the EGRSO draft given your communication with me earlier that same day, and I assumed you'd convey that sentiment to Laura.

Then I found out on Friday (posting deadline day) that you were actually in favor of pursuing the convention center version instead of the EGRSO version you had requested, revised and blessed. This came as a big surprise to me. I left you a voicemail last Friday expressing my concern that the effort was "unraveling." You responded with the text message below this note. I never heard from you again

until this afternoon (the 18th).

I thought the group that met this past Sunday might have come to yet a different conclusion. I still have no idea who participated in that meeting. In any case, I was in Colorado by then and while there I had decided that if the powers that be (whoever they may be) wanted to go with the convention center option then it would be up to them to sell it. I wouldn't disrupt the effort, but I wasn't going to champion it either -- certainly not without some sort of effort to, at the very least, address the concerns I had raised in my very first email response to the convention center resolution -- essentially the same feasibility viability issues you referenced in your last Friday text message below.

That's why I declined to participate in the press conference but also why I didn't have my name removed from the resolution that ultimately got posted for action. Again, I had heard nothing from you since the text message below. I heard an apology, disappointment and worry from Don over the weekend, as well as what I would characterize as indifference and/or cautious optimism at best from Danette. Marti was not at Sunday's meeting and had not heard from you either, so she was not able to address the concerns I raised.

Yesterday (Wednesday the 17th) -- my first day back I sensed trouble -- no discussion with other arts folks who attended the May 26th meeting (something I asked Mike about over lunch on Wednesday and confirmed with Cookie before the Council meeting started), trouble with legal (VERY late posting), lack of staff buy-in (you say you kept Marc Ott informed throughout?), lack of enthusiasm or buy-in from anyone else on the hall, bed-tax concerns raised by ACVB folks, and this week's ABJ article about convention center funding challenges -- these were all sources of worry and rightfully so. Then this morning -- just minutes before the council meeting was to start and just minutes after hanging up with Cookie, I was informed of additional budget concerns. That's when I said I would have to remove my name unless the item was postponed. It was postponed.

I appreciate your explanation below and believe you have operated with good intentions. Communication-challenged or not, though, to say you have been "100% up front" with folks "about exactly what you were doing" and to suggest that you were "not doing things behind anyone's back".while also "keeping in contact with Marc Ott throughout" seems to be a bit of a stretch. However, you are certainly not the only person in this mix of characters who didn't communicate clearly and transparently. The "path of least resistance approach" made perfect sense to me (and I thought to you) but didn't work for Mike and Laura's offices. I should have addressed that head on instead of leaving it to council aides and the Sunday meeting group to work through on their own.

When I play back the weeks of activity surrounding this effort to get a music organization up and running --- whether as a department or division, whether in EGRSO or convention center, I am just amazed at all the rumors and back channeling that has occurred. On more than a few occasions I have felt that my colleagues and I have been played off of one another the way kids play one parent off of another in an effort to get a preferred response. Add the aides and various city staff members also in the mix, as well as budget sensitivities and everything else going on every single day at city hall, and you get some pretty crazy stuff. It is no wonder this is where it is today.

I have no idea where this goes from here. I am cc'ng Laura, Mike, Marti and the two Bobbys in an effort to clear the air and improve communication going forward.

When I look at the email distribution list above and think about the investment of time and energy each on the list has contributed (not to mention all the folks in the community and on city staff), it is really sad to see how this has played out. And yes, I have lost sleep over it, too.

Sorry for the long response. Please know how sincerely sorry I am that this didn't turn out better. While I don't agree with all the actions you've taken, I have never doubted your desire to deliver results. I appreciate you giving me the same benefit of the doubt.

-Randi

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Subject: RE: music department, August 6 Council meeting
Date: Thursday, July 30, 2009 11:03:25 AM

Brad,

The agenda item will be withdrawn. There is not sufficient support for the item at this time.

To ensure there is still movement towards furthering the recommendations of the Live Music Task Force, I remain optimistic that through the normal budgetary process we will see City Management hire someone with music industry experience in the new fiscal year to work in the Economic Development Department specifically to focus on live music permitting, regulatory issues, and enhanced communication among the various stakeholders, as well as to more strategically promote music industry success overall.

-Randi

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From: Brad Stein [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2009 10:58 PM
To: Shade, Randi; Morrison, Laura; Martinez, Mike [Council Member]
Cc: [REDACTED]; Garza, Bobby; Bier, Marti; Paul Oveisi; Randy Houston
Subject: music department, August 6 Council meeting

Randi, Laura & Mike:

It has been some time since the music department concept has been discussed publicly and, as you know, there is anticipation about how the issue will be addressed at the August 6 council meeting.

Our next music commission meeting is monday and we have been and will continue to be asked for a status update.

I understand there have been discussions at city hall over the last several weeks and I want to thank each of you and your aides for your continued involvement and efforts. We have heard a number of things - regarding staffing, timing, that the item will be pulled, etc. and I would appreciate if you have anything to report or advice for us on how we might help frame the discussion in advance of next Thursday.

Thank you
Brad

out.

From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Morrison, Laura](#); [Leffingwell, Lee](#)
Subject: Re: New Incentives Resolution
Date: Wednesday, February 18, 2009 2:24:39 AM

Laura

I assume you'll answer Michael Oden on behalf of the group and keep us in the loop, but my assumptions are that #1 will begin asap, #2 means any and all info relative to decision-making, including what is developed from #1 is to be provided at time of posting, and #3 is intended to be avenue available for public input thru-out deliberation period including for those unable to attend briefing session. I would expect collection and passing along of public comments to be unedited and have never heard anything to the contrary. As for questions and comments during briefing session --- I know council would be doing so and would have benefit of public's written comments and questions provided during six days leading up to briefing session but additional public comment could occur during briefing session meeting and during public hearing the following week. Plus there would be the additional days of unedited written comments collected via website (the days after briefing session and before public hearing and council action)

Please let me know if y'all have different thoughts about these issues. Thanks.

-Randi

From: oden
To: Shade, Randi; Morrison, Laura; Leffingwell, Lee
Sent: Wed Feb 18 00:52:30 2009
Subject: New Incentives Resolution

Dear Councilmembers,

Thanks again for your work on this modest but important reform.

I have three questions about the current draft resolution before I can comment intelligently.

1. Seems like we kick the can down the road on more rigorous, independent cost benefit analysis (can't for the life of me understand the resistance here since EGRSO has always outsourced the full cost benefit analysis stuff to third parties when they have been required to do full cost-benefit for HB 1400 deals like Samsung and have only done their simple City get-give analysis in-house... which they can continue to do if they like). In any case, when will the "make recommendations" sessions commence and how will they be organized ?

2. Concerning point 2, EXHIBIT A

Will the full cost benefit analysis be made available as part of the "back up materials and all unrestricted information" six days prior to the briefing session ?

3. I can't decipher point 3, EXHIBIT A:

"Proposed economic development agreement, back-up materials and all unrestricted information relevant to proposal are also posted to EGRSO website for written public

comment once the proposed agreement is placed on City Council Agenda for Briefing Session. Public comment will be reviewed by staff and given to City Council as it is received."

Will this be a public briefing with public comments and questions to staff and Council during the briefing ?... or is the only avenue for public comment written responses on the website to be selected and edited by staff for presentation to the Council?(surely not).

I hope you or your staff can clarify these issues and I look forward to moving this forward.

Best,

Michael Oden

From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: "Bill Bunch"
Cc: [Coleman, Glen](#); [Everhart, Amy](#); [Ballas, Marisa](#); [Rush, Barbara](#); [Ott, Marc](#); [Jim Walker](#); [Leffingwell, Lee](#); [Martinez, Mike \[Council Member\]](#); [Spelman, William](#); [Morrison, Laura](#); [Riley, Chris](#); [Cole, Sheryl](#)
Subject: RE: Objection and statement of concern on WTP4 forum
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2009 6:48:19 PM

Bill,

I'm sorry time has slipped by so fast this week and we've not had the chance to speak by phone this week. Please call if you want to talk.

I have read the format as it was outlined by Jim Walker yesterday and paid extra attention to the fact that neither side views it as ideal. I have spoken with CM Morrison, and seen comments from CM Spelman regarding what Jim outlined, and I have read your email below. To have one side have the last word in every section of the debate seems unfair, just as would be giving one side more time to speak than the other. To suggest that "in standard city hall format," the staff gets all the time they need to both open and close, with no opportunity of citizens to rebut, interject or ask questions, is not entirely true. Please correct me if I am wrong, but many of my colleagues and I have asked staff to answer any question you've posed, and responses and presentations to date are public information. I can cite examples when each side has made a claim and the other side doesn't get to respond, and frankly, it has been what has caused me the greatest frustration as I try to grapple with all the issues associated with the proposed plant. The exchange of ideas, and the challenging of the variety of assumptions that should follow, typically occurs in stops and starts, without focus, and more often than not sandwiched among ten other items for discussion that have no relevance to WTP4.

To have either side approach the discussion we are scheduled to have tomorrow night with the idea of sandbagging the other side is counter-productive. We are looking for a civil, fair, and fact-based discussion divided into the subsections that you suggested. The more each side knows about the concerns raised by the other side, the higher the quality of the discussion will be. It is truly my sense that both sides know very well the concerns that will be raised by the other side, and I think by now we know what staff is proposing in terms of its recommendation for the build-out of WTP4 (or as you call it "the current course of action"). Surprising "new facts" will likely be judged with considerable apprehension.

I agree with your second points: opening statements on each section should be kept relatively short so there is ample time for questions, and the evening should not be dominated by monologues from either side.

I know and appreciate how much time and effort you, your colleagues, Jim Walker and City staff have put into being prepared for tomorrow's discussion. I believe the community will benefit greatly from this preparation and the discussion that results from it. More importantly, however, I believe it will drive better decision-making on the part of this Council.

-Randi

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Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2009 3:14 PM

To: Jim Walker; Leffingwell, Lee; Martinez, Mike [Council Member]; Spelman, William; Morrison, Laura; Shade, Randi; Riley, Chris; Cole, Sheryl
Cc: Coleman, Glen; Everhart, Amy; Ballas, Marisa; Rush, Barbara; Ott, Marc
Subject: Objection and statement of concern on WTP4 forum

Mayor, Councilmembers, and Mr. Ott,

I just wanted to register our objection to being asked to go first on any of the sections in tomorrow's debate. I also wanted to state two concerns that we have.

In standard city hall format, the staff gets all the time they need to both open and close, with no opportunity of citizens to rebut, interject or ask questions. This happens every time.

This forum is supposed to be different. The staff has a proposal which they should present and make the case for. Since we have the burden of persuasion to change the current course of action, and to provide some small tidbit of balance to the imbalance that otherwise always exists, we should be allowed to respond on the opening, on each section, and on the closing. We asked that this be done in the interests of basic fairness and also to facilitate understanding.

It simply makes no sense, and is fundamentally unfair, for us to have to go first and use up our time responding to something that has not been yet been laid out so that we both have to lay it out and respond.

As for concerns, first, we were told that staff would provide us their materials in advance of the forum. Then we were told that they refused to do this, saying "because its all the same AWU information [the environmental community] has already seen." If this is in fact true, then there is no problem. If we are sandbagged, then it is a problem. With the gross imbalance in access to information and resources, basic fairness as well as the usefulness of the dialogue dictates that we not be surprised with significant new or different information than what has previously been provided.

Second, we believe the opening statements on each section should be kept relatively short so there are ample time for questions. The evening should not be dominated by monologues from either side.

Thank you for your consideration,
Bill

From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Rivera, Linda](#)
Cc: [Leffingwell, Lee](#); [Morrison, Laura](#)
Subject: RE: open-records request
Date: Thursday, January 15, 2009 9:59:46 AM
Attachments: [RE Proposed Econ Incentives Resolution.msg](#)
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Linda

Here is all correspondence I have related to this request. Not sure that draft documents such as the draft of resolution CM Morrison sent on 1/8 is subject to open records, but it is included in these attachments.

-Randi

P.S. I have had no correspondence with Brian Rogers in last three months.

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Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2009 8:59 AM
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Cc: Leffingwell, Lee; Shade, Randi; Morrison, Laura
Subject: open-records request

Linda Rivera, City of Austin Public Information Request Coordinator CC Austin City Council members
Randi Shade, Laura Morrison, Lee Leffingwell

Ms. Rivera, council members,

This a request under Texas open records laws for the following information:

- All correspondence for the last three months among Austin City Council members Randi Shade, Laura Morrison, Lee Leffingwell and the Stop Domain Subsidies group leaders (or the leaders of the group as it is now known, ChangeAustin.org), Brian Rodgers and Linda Curtis.
- All correspondence between the aforesaid council members during the aforesaid period of time and representatives of the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce regarding proposed changes to the city's economic-development incentive policies.
- All correspondence between the aforesaid council members during the aforesaid period of time concerning new regulation of incentives for economic development.

As this information is being requested for public benefit, we ask that any associated fees be waived.

Please contact me when the response is prepared. Also, please call if there any questions about the request.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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Ledel, Christopher

From: Morrison, Laura
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2008 4:09 PM
To: De Santiago, Lei Lani
Cc: Michael Oden (oden@mail.utexas.edu); Robin Rather [REDACTED]; Ott, Marc; Edwards, Sue; Gonzales, Rodney; Rush, Barbara; Shade, Randi; Bier, Marti
Subject: Mtg to Discuss Public Process in Economic Incentive Proposals

Hello All –

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Thank you,
Laura

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Cc: Shade, Randi; Diaz, Elaine
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Lei Lani,

I will be out of town that day, but can do any other day that week and I would really like to be there if possible, I actually took a class with Michael Oden when I was at LBJ and have since read the report. I've copied Elaine here who can let you know regarding Randi's schedule, if she can be there than I don't need to be.

Thanks,
Marti

Marti Bier

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Importance: High

Hello everyone,

I wanted to touch base real quickly and propose a meeting date and time for everyone to review on their calendars. Would it be possible for everyone to meet here in City Hall on Monday November 17, 2008 @ 10:00 AM

I would be able to find a conference room for everyone to meet in if that works calendar wise. If possible could everyone send me a yes or no response within the next week along with their contact information, so if for some reason I need to reschedule I can get a hold of each of you.

If for some reason this date and time does not fit into your calendars I will look for an alternate date after I have received responses from everyone.

Thank you so much and feel free to call if you have any questions.

Respectfully Yours,

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Date: Thursday, January 15, 2009 11:00:46 AM

Thanks. If we can withhold I would prefer to withhold the draft since it is only a first draft, but I will defer to the judgment of you and my fellow colleagues on council.

-Randi

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From: Rivera, Linda
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2009 10:22 AM
To: Shade, Randi
Cc: Leffingwell, Lee; Morrison, Laura; Grace, Cary
Subject: RE: open-records request

They are subject to disclosure; the public information act gives us the ability to argue to w/hold draft if we so choose. It is a discretionary argument.

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From: Shade, Randi
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2009 10:00 AM
To: Rivera, Linda
Cc: Leffingwell, Lee; Morrison, Laura
Subject: RE: open-records request

Linda

Here is all correspondence I have related to this request. Not sure that draft documents such as the draft of resolution CM Morrison sent on 1/8 is subject to open records, but it is included in these attachments.

-Randi

P.S. I have had no correspondence with Brian Rogers in last three months.

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From: [redacted] [[mailto:\[redacted\]](mailto:[redacted])]
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2009 8:59 AM
To: Rivera, Linda

Cc: Leffingwell, Lee; Shade, Randi; Morrison, Laura
Subject: open-records request

Linda Rivera, City of Austin Public Information Request Coordinator CC Austin City Council members
Randi Shade, Laura Morrison, Lee Leffingwell

Ms. Rivera, council members,

This a request under Texas open records laws for the following information:

- All correspondence for the last three months among Austin City Council members Randi Shade, Laura Morrison, Lee Leffingwell and the Stop Domain Subsidies group leaders (or the leaders of the group as it is now known, ChangeAustin.org), Brian Rodgers and Linda Curtis.
- All correspondence between the aforesaid council members during the aforesaid period of time and representatives of the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce regarding proposed changes to the city's economic-development incentive policies.
- All correspondence between the aforesaid council members during the aforesaid period of time concerning new regulation of incentives for economic development.

As this information is being requested for public benefit, we ask that any associated fees be waived.

Please contact me when the response is prepared. Also, please call if there any questions about the request.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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Austin American-Statesman
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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: ["Jim Walker"](#); [Leffingwell, Lee](#); [Martinez, Mike \[Council Member\]](#); [Cole, Sheryl](#); [Riley, Chris](#); [Spelman, William](#); [Morrison, Laura](#)
Cc: [Council Executive Assistants](#); [Everhart, Amy](#)
Subject: RE: Post- WTP4 debate
Date: Friday, September 18, 2009 11:04:54 AM

Jim

I know I speak for everyone when I say what a fabulous job you did. You were fantastic and extremely generous with your time and talent. Thank you for sharing both to the great extent you did over these last several weeks. I found the discussion to be very valuable, and know it wasn't an easy forum to have pulled off the way you did. It meant a lot to me to have participated, and from the feedback I have gotten from folks on all sides of this issue, it meant a lot to them, too.

Thanks again!

Randi

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From: Jim Walker [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2009 10:56 AM
To: Leffingwell, Lee; Martinez, Mike [Council Member]; Shade, Randi; Cole, Sheryl; Riley, Chris; Spelman, William; Morrison, Laura
Cc: Council Executive Assistants; Everhart, Amy; 'Jim Walker'
Subject: Post- WTP4 debate

Mayor, Council,

Thanks again for the opportunity to help shape and moderate the event last night. I do hope it was valuable for y'all and those attending and watching.
Good luck going forward on this issue!

Also wanted to note - I forgot to thank Dr. Kent Butler for working with me on crafting some of the questions. We didn't get to every question - I hope we touched on most or all of yours - but thinking through them with Kent certainly helped me personally ...

Jim

From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Morrison, Laura](#); [Leffingwell, Lee](#)
Cc: [Bier, Marti](#); [Williams, Nancy](#); [Levinski, Robert](#)
Subject: RE: Proposed Econ Incentives Resolution
Date: Thursday, January 08, 2009 10:30:33 PM

I really appreciate your work on this. I may have been out of the loop and/or missed something, but I was expecting to discuss this further before putting something forward. Without knowing more about who you've run this by in the community and without referencing the work of the 2003 Mayor's Task Force on the Economy, I am concerned we're going to upset a whole lot of stakeholders before we even get out of the starting gate. Has anyone discussed this yet with folks at the Greater Austin Chamber, Opportunity Austin, or shared with Jon Hockenyo or Angelous Angelou - people who "market" Austin to prospective employers, etc.? I haven't, but think it is important to do so before putting this up for a vote. I am happy to do it, but just don't see how I can do it in time for this to be posted for next week. Is there a reason for next week versus putting it off til we get our ducks more in a row?

I will be in the office tomorrow morning if you want to discuss in person.

-Randi

P.S. Here's a link to the Mayor's Task Force on the Economy:

http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/culturalplan/downloads/mayor_taskforce_econ.pdf.

I haven't read the whole thing yet, but know lots of folks who served on the task force. It seems like it was a time consuming, inclusive and public process that addressed many of the same issues. I pulled the report over the holidays - my first chance to spend any real time thinking about this since our meeting with Michael Oden, Robin Rather and the others.

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From: Morrison, Laura
Sent: Thursday, January 08, 2009 5:35 PM
To: Shade, Randi; Leffingwell, Lee
Cc: Bier, Marti; Williams, Nancy; Levinski, Robert
Subject: Proposed Econ Incentives Resolution

Randi/Lee,

Attached is a draft of a resolution I'd mentioned before, to address the couple of things that came out of our discussion with Michael Oden et al last month, specifically to integrate a cost benefit analysis into the deliberations and to enhance the public process. (I'd also originally hoped to consider the issue of designating target industries but I know that would have been a more complex process so left it out.)

I've run this by some community folks and also had a chance to receive and accommodate comments from Rodney Gonzales.

I would like to get this on for next week and hope that you all will be willing to be sponsors. I'd appreciate any comments, thoughts etc.

Laura

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Martinez, Mike \[Council Member\]](#); [REDACTED]; [Morrison, Laura](#); [Leffingwell, Lee](#)
Cc: [Moore, Andrew](#)
Subject: Re: Proposed revolving loan program for social service providers/non-profits
Date: Thursday, January 01, 2009 4:06:49 PM

Ditto from me. Thanks and Happy New Year!

----- Original Message -----

From: Martinez, Mike [Council Member]
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; Morrison, Laura; Shade, Randi; Leffingwell, Lee
Cc: Moore, Andrew
Sent: Thu Jan 01 14:58:37 2009
Subject: Re: Proposed revolving loan program for social service providers/non-profits

Happy New Year Scott.

Good suggestions/ideas. We will definitely consider these option and look forward to working with you again this year.

Take care,
Mike

----- Original Message -----

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
To: Morrison, Laura; Shade, Randi; Martinez, Mike [Council Member]; Leffingwell, Lee
Sent: Thu Jan 01 14:53:58 2009
Subject: Proposed revolving loan program for social service providers/non-profits

Hello Laura, Randi, Lee and Mike,

In these very difficult times the COA should consider initiating a zero % interest revolving loan program to provide short-term assistance (60- to 90-days) to at least small and mid-size social service providers/non-profits.

These loans could be structured to have a 60-day or 90-day payback period.

I am aware through that the COA currently gives directly to social service providers through a contract process that should be revamped and is a main player with the CAN.

The Council could make a difference by securing \$100,000 from the Econ. Growth/Redevelopment Services Dept. as COA assistance could possible forestall layoffs at certain non-profits. A budget amendment could be considered in February.

I look forward to receiving a response even though you may not be in favor of my idea.

Re: the COA budget, significant savings could be had if drivers of COA vehicles would idle less. This includes APD vehicles. Their fuel expenditures are enormous and should be part of the cost savings that the City Mgr. is asking from each department. I have already recommended anti-idling devices be put on certain COA fleet vehicles and I believe a pilot project will be launched soon with grant funds.

Happy New Year,

Scott Johnson

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Morrison, Laura](#)
Cc: [Rush, Barbara](#); [Coleman, Glen](#)
Subject: Re: PSP on Wednesday
Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2009 6:35:06 PM

Thanks. Am happy to discuss what I learned from Karen a few minutes ago re: 380 agreement. Do you want to talk tonite by phone? Am expecting there to be discussion on that issue tomorrow as others undoubtedly would also want explanation. Bottom line our legal dept and Baker Botts came to the same conclusion that a 380 agreement is the best vehicle for City to use to put money and/or other resources into an outside entity like this one, and we'd do so in return for services, etc. I want to understand this better. I am not anticipating us being at a place where we'd be putting money into PSP so it seems a premature step. And yes -- I noticed the "boilerplate" negotiate/execute line, too. Again, I expect discussion tomorrow on this....Either way, I am happy to make time to talk in advance if you wish to do so. Just let me know. Otherwise I'll see you tomorrow whenever you get there.

From: Morrison, Laura
To: Shade, Randi
Cc: Rush, Barbara; Coleman, Glen
Sent: Tue Jul 28 18:08:49 2009
Subject: PSP on Wednesday

Randi – I will be late to tomorrow's meeting. Just wanted to touch base with you ahead of time and let you know I've reviewed the docs Karen K sent and I'm good with all their recommendations. I would like to see them incorporated into the documents.

I'm not familiar with the economic development program – Chapter 380 aspect of PSP that's referenced in the draft ordinance and will need to understand that as well as Part 5 authorizing the city manager's negotiation *and* execution of said economic development program.

See you tomorrow.

Laura

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Jackson, Janet](#); [Leffingwell, Lee](#); [Martinez, Mike \[Council Member\]](#)
Subject: RE: PUBLIC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING - MARCH 11, 2009 @ 3:00PM
Date: Thursday, March 05, 2009 12:38:21 PM

Yes...let's cancel.

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From: Jackson, Janet
Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2009 12:33 PM
To: Leffingwell, Lee; Shade, Randi; Martinez, Mike [Council Member]
Subject: PUBLIC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING - MARCH 11, 2009 @ 3:00PM

I have received messages from all of your offices that there are no items for the PHHS agenda this month. Bob Corona and Trish Young have also responded, no items for this month's meeting. Please let me know if you would like to cancel PHHS meeting this month?

Thank you,

Janet

Janet Jackson,

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Morrison, Laura](#); [Corpus, Grace](#); [Diaz, Elaine](#)
Subject: Re: PUDs
Date: Sunday, May 03, 2009 1:17:35 PM

Great! I look fwd to it. I really want us to get this right and sincerely think we can --- would be no small task after 25 plus years of folks trying.....

From: Morrison, Laura
To: Shade, Randi; Corpus, Grace
Sent: Sun May 03 12:03:50 2009
Subject: RE: PUDs

Randi – Let's try to meet this coming week. I'll ask Grace to work with Elaine to set something up.
Laura

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From: Shade, Randi
Sent: Friday, May 01, 2009 7:56 AM
To: Morrison, Laura
Subject: Fw: PUDs

Hi Laura

I want to follow up with you on your idea yesterday that we get together to discuss waterfront. Sounds like we're both scheduled to attend RECA lunch today. I have a Ethan school visit this morning but could meet you at 10 before RECA. I have a 2:30 at PeopleFund this afternoon so could also meet with you after RECA. Let me know or I would love to find time early next week.

Besides wanting to discuss the email exchange below and this issue of PUDs serving the purpose intended rather than being routinely referred to by some as a "loophole," I want to discuss advisory board's scope of work --- I think to avoid failed attempts of the past, we need to give more direction re: scope of work involved with bonus structure. Would also like to brainstorm the makeup -- what if the 7 folks were consensus appointees?

I also want to look at the situation raised by Riverside Place --- seems that if Barton Place negotiation resulted in the benefits it did using 13 feet trade then ensuring that there is room for some negotiation on that property seems smart. As best I could tell compatibility keeps the L zoning to 60 feet which is what the lowest base zonings seem to be on adjacent properties but for those at 96. Why 45 versus 60 for that one L zone tract? What do we lose as a community by not having 15 feet with which to negotiate benefits especially given that location and its proximity to least accessible area actually on the water. I started to get the history from Jeff J but ran out of time.

There are more things I would love to discuss, too, but my thumbs are tired and Emme needs some attention:-)

Thanks,

Randi

From: Shade, Randi
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Coleman, Glen; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu Apr 30 23:25:28 2009
Subject: Re: PUDs

Thanks for writing. I take your comments very seriously and assure you that I will not support PUDs that do not meet a very high bar for superior development especially when it is on property located over the aquifer or on the Lady Bird Lake waterfront (I think I proved that already with my involvement in the Wildflower PUD process). I take issue with the notion of PUDs being considered loopholes, however, when they should in fact be just the opposite and think past actions that lead people to view the PUD ordinance that way is a problem I want to help rectify. What I was trying to convey is that as we look ahead to the bonus structure to be associated with waterfront overlay property let's don't talk about loopholes whether via PUD ordinance or elsewhere in the code but let's instead look at creating a bonus structure that works and is about more than height restrictions. I am sorry if I didn't articulate my point better. Please note, too, that since the PUD ordinance was amended last year no PUDs under the stricter guidelines have yet been approved. Furthermore, as was highlighted by the CWS discussions, PUD negotiations can result in something other than a "loophole deal." In that case, as was pointed out, height restriction was an important part but not the only part of the equation. Again, sorry for not conveying my point better and thanks again for contacting me and for caring so deeply about this issue.

-Randi

From: Dan Heinzen
To: Shade, Randi
Sent: Thu Apr 30 22:14:05 2009
Subject: PUDs
Dear CM Shade,

I was not able to make it to the council hearing today, even though I attach great importance to the waterfront overlay. I did watch some of the proceedings online.

I am writing to say that I was especially disappointed in your comments. Your spirited defense of PUDs is not consistent with Austin's experience with them. PUDs could in principle be used sparingly, and only for projects with clearly superior design. But in practice PUDs in Austin are not used that way. Instead, they have become a routine loophole to get around existing zoning laws, nothing more. Under these circumstances, to exempt PUDs from the waterfront overlay height limits is to gut those limits. I consider that to be probably the most serious mistake I have seen the Council make this year.

Sincerely,
Dan Heinzen
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----- Original Message -----

From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2009 9:21 AM
Subject: Randi's Office Got Your Email

Hi and thank you for contacting our office via the City's website. We receive a very large number of emails from the City's website every day and appreciate the feedback very much. We read every message that comes in and do our best to personally reply to as many messages as possible. Regardless of whether we write back, please know how much we value hearing your thoughts and

concerns. Thanks again for taking the time to write.

Yours truly,
Randi

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Morrison, Laura](#); [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]; [Corpus, Grace](#)
Subject: Re: Resolution on Economics Incentives
Date: Wednesday, February 18, 2009 10:54:32 PM

Ditto on being pleased, appreciating the effort to achieve balanced solution, and on not ever having enough time in the day:-) Really glad to see that y'all will meet to discuss other ideas for collaboration. Am happy to help in any way I can. Thanks for all you do.

-Randi

From: Morrison, Laura
To: Gary Farmer
Cc: Shade, Randi; Mike Rollins ; Corpus, Grace
Sent: Wed Feb 18 21:12:57 2009
Subject: RE: Resolution on Economics Incentives

Gary,

Thanks for your note. I too am pleased that we've reached a reasonable balance to move forward in a productive manner, and to have your support of the resolution.

I'd very much enjoy the opportunity to meet over coffee to find more ways we can collaborate (I have some ideas!). I'm cc'ing Grace Corpus here, in my office, so that she can work with you or your office on setting up time that will work for both of us.

Laura

PS I feel your pain on the volunteer front, having been there myself being swamped by in many times in my past. It's always amazing to me how much volunteer effort it takes to make our world go round and I am always appreciative of it.

From: Gary Farmer [REDACTED]
Sent: Wed 2/18/2009 6:28 PM
To: Morrison, Laura
Cc: Shade, Randi; Mike Rollins
Subject: RE: Resolution on Economics Incentives

Laura: Thanks very much for working with Mike Rollins, Jeremy Martin and me as representatives of the Chamber on the Economic Incentives Resolution. I believe that a fair balance has been struck such that the public will benefit from additional transparency while the integrity of the negotiations process has been maintained, thus allowing Austin to have a workable and competitive policy. I thank you for helping to direct the group to "the sweet spot" as was discussed in our meeting.

I apologize that I have not returned your call from last week. I had asked Mike to take point for The Chamber and to express to you (and Randi who I have not talked with either) that I was "on board" with the negotiated result. The volume of Chamber volunteer work is about to swamp me, so I was hoping to lessen your burden and mine by allowing Mike to represent my position. Sorry if that was not adequately conveyed to you.

Assuming no material changes in the resolution, I am most happy to be supportive when the item is presented for a vote. And again, I thank you for your willingness to reach out to all sides of the issue and to accommodate a compromise workable for the community.

If and when we can find time, I would enjoy a visit over coffee or lunch so that we might explore other ways to collaborate. Thanks.

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From: Morrison, Laura [mailto:Laura.Morrison@ci.austin.tx.us]
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2009 5:24 PM
To: [REDACTED]; Gary Farmer; [REDACTED]; oden@mail.utexas.edu;
Cc: Shade, Randi; Leffingwell, Lee; Edwards, Sue; Levinski, Robert; Bier, Marti; Williams, Nancy
Subject: Resolution on Economics Incentives

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Morrison, Laura](#)
Subject: Re: Resolution on Economics Incentives
Date: Wednesday, February 18, 2009 11:10:16 PM

Me too. Thanks Brian.

From: Morrison, Laura
To: Kelsey, Brian ; Shade, Randi
Sent: Wed Feb 18 21:35:44 2009
Subject: RE: Resolution on Economics Incentives

Thanks Brian for your help and I look forward to working with CAPCOG as part of the ensuing discussion.

Laura

From: Kelsey, Brian [mailto:]
Sent: Wed 2/18/2009 11:04 AM
To: Morrison, Laura; Shade, Randi
Subject: RE: Resolution on Economics Incentives

Laura, Randi:

Thank you for inviting our participation on this project. I know you've spent a lot of time hammering this out, and we have a ways to go yet on the details. But it's a great start and we'll be glad to support you and city staff in any way that we can.

Regards,

Brian

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Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2009 5:24 PM
To: ; Kelsey, Brian; oden@mail.utexas.edu;
Cc: Shade, Randi; Leffingwell, Lee; Edwards, Sue; Levinski, Robert; Bier, Marti; Williams, Nancy
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To: [Morrison, Laura](#); [Leffingwell, Lee](#)
Cc: [Kennard, Karen](#); [Nathan, Mark](#); [Coleman, Glen](#); [Rush, Barbara](#); [Everhart, Amy](#); [Duncan, Roger](#); [Ott, Marc](#); [Shade, Randi](#)
Subject: Re: Revised PSP Organizational Documents
Date: Thursday, August 06, 2009 9:27:35 AM

I forgot to mention in my earlier email that I have spoken with Brewster, the Chamber and UT partners and left a message with Jim Marston at EDF. While I've not yet heard back from Jim, the others agree that at the moment the creation of the entity in time to apply for stimulus money is more important than the Exec Director hire.

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Thu, 6 Aug 2009 14:13:51 +0000
To: Laura Morrison<Laura.Morrison@ci.austin.tx.us>; Lee Leffingwell<Lee.Leffingwell@ci.austin.tx.us>
Subject: Fw: Revised PSP Organizational Documents

The PSP org documents have been updated to reflect only the creation of the entity without designation of an Exec Director. My recommendation is that we proceed with the ordinance using these new docs. We will not make any other decisions without further council deliberation but at least we won't prevent the entity from existing.

Please let me know if you agree.

-Randi

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From:
Date: Wed, 5 Aug 2009 22:17:56 -0500
To: <Karen.Kennard@ci.austin.tx.us>; <Susan.Groce@austinenergy.com>
Subject: Revised PSP Organizational Documents

Attached are the revised Pecan Street Project, Inc. organizational documents that reflect the removal of Brewster McCracken as Executive Director and ex officio board member. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Steve

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From: Morrison, Laura

Sent: Monday, February 16, 2009 9:55 AM

To: Shade, Randi

Subject: revisions

Randi –

Attached is the draft updated with our revisions of yesterday – a clean draft and the marked up one that is getting harder and harder to read...If you'll let me know if you think this captures our discussion, I'll send this off to Lee and after his sign off, the others. Thanks and I'm looking forward to the positive changes we can enact with this.

Laura

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [REDACTED]; [Morrison, Laura](#)
Subject: RE: Sept 3: Extension of Advisory Committee application period
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2009 12:31:46 PM

Thanks so much!

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2009 12:34 PM
To: Shade, Randi; Morrison, Laura
Subject: RE: Sept 3: Extension of Advisory Committee application period

We have been getting the word out through CANews. Greg Claxton has been sending us all notices.

I will talk to the CAN Executive Committee tomorrow to see who would be the best match.

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RE: Sept 3: Extension of Advisory
Committee application period

I totally agree! Special attention to health and education, please.
Thank you!

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-----Original Message-----
From: Morrison, Laura
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2009 12:09 PM
To: [REDACTED]; Shade, Randi
Subject: RE: Sept 3: Extension of Advisory Committee application period

Sounds like a good idea. Certainly having representation from someone with an understanding of social services and quality of life issues that affect so many in Austin would be important.

Your help in getting the word out would be terrific.

-----Original Message-----
From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2009 12:10 PM
To: Shade, Randi; Morrison, Laura
Subject: Fw: Sept 3: Extension of Advisory Committee application period

Do you think someone representing CAN should serve on this Advisory Committee? Maybe someone from the Community Council?

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To: webapp@ci.austin.tx.us
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2009 2:05:13 PM
Subject: Sept 3: Extension of Advisory Committee application period

Hello --

The application period for the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee has been extended to September 3. Please get your applications by 5pm on Thursday, September 3. The application is available at the Comprehensive

Plan website (<http://www.cityofaustin.org/compplan/>) and may be emailed in Word format, mailed, or faxed to the City Clerk.

After that, the Comprehensive Planning & Transportation Committee of City Council will coordinate review of the applications, and assemble a proposed committee at their September 10 meeting. Council will have an opportunity to appoint the committee at their September 24 session.

Please continue to spread the word that Council is still seeking enthusiastic people who live, work, or own property in Austin or its Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction.

Thank you!
Greg Claxton
Associate Planner

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [REDACTED]; [Bier, Marti](#)
Cc: [Martinez, Mike \[Council Member\]](#); [Morrison, Laura](#); [Levinski, Robert](#); [Garza, Bobby](#); [Nathan, Mark](#)
Subject: Re: shady oaks
Date: Wednesday, December 02, 2009 6:46:24 AM

Thanks so much! I am cc'ng offices of Martinez and Morrison so they're up to date, too. Mike won't be at our Dec 10 meeting but will also be glad to see that we'll be seeing response to full 3 million dollar proposal. Thanks again!

-Randi

From: Frances Ferguson [REDACTED]
To: Bier, Marti; Shade, Randi
Sent: Tue Dec 01 22:51:13 2009
Subject: shady oaks

The application was for \$3mm....so I assume that's what's coming to the review committee.

Good to talk to y'all today as always.

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]; [Bier, Marti](#); [Ott, Marc](#); [Riley, Chris](#); [Leff, Lewis](#)
Subject: Re: Soundcheck / 2006 Bond Election Oversight Committee
Date: Tuesday, August 25, 2009 11:18:22 AM

Paul

This item will not stay on the consent agenda. Items start out there, but are pulled for discussion when there are two or more citizens signed up to speak (for or against), and/or when council members and/or staff have questions, presentation materials, etc. Clearly, this item will have all of the above. I look forward to getting clarification on issues you've raised as well as to having a healthy public debate.

-Randi

From: Paul Alvarado-Dykstra [REDACTED]
To: Randi Shade [REDACTED]
Cc: Riley, Chris; Bier, Marti; Shade, Randi; Ott, Marc; Riley, Chris; Leff, Lewis
Sent: Mon Aug 24 16:46:47 2009
Subject: Re: Soundcheck / 2006 Bond Election Oversight Committee

Dear Randi,

Thank you so much for your email. I respect your position and appreciate your time, but would ask that you consider a few more things.

Austin Film Society's proposed sublease of Stage 4 to Soundcheck effectively turns the City-owned Austin Studios into an exclusive private commercial development with a 100% tax abatement, which was never previously contemplated or intended. And in stark contrast to conventional economic development agreements the City enters into, there are no performance benchmarks or minimum guaranteed deliverables whatsoever related to job creation or economic impact. That is, neither Soundcheck nor AFS are required to actually deliver/create a single job, or a single dollar of economic impact. All they are collectively required to deliver to the City and taxpayers are \$100/year rent and an annual report.

Meanwhile, Soundcheck receives exclusivity on the Austin Studios site, which they can extend at will to sub-leases they have the authority to execute at their discretion (AFS is already referring inquiries to them), effectively creating an economic walled garden, embargoing a host of local competing businesses. (Specifically, AFS has confirmed the Soundcheck sublease improvements will include "8 vendor showrooms and office spaces", and the right to expand Stage 4.) In addition, Soundcheck will enjoy a host of unfair competitive advantages through dramatically lower costs-of-doing-business (off-the-tax-rolls, lower Austin Utilities rates, etc.) and below market rate rent (including a \$975K buildout allowance), all subsidized by the City and taxpayers. And again, taxpayers only get \$100/year rent out of this.

Finally, not only does Soundcheck bring nothing new to Austin that we don't already have, it will likely result in a net loss -- not gain -- of jobs. Again, Soundcheck is under no obligation to generate a single job, but AFS has optimistically forecast they may ultimately create 30 jobs. Even if that proves true, compare that to even a small movie like "Friday the 13th", which booked Stages 4 & 5 from March through June of last year (directly contradicting AFS' testimony to Council on 6/16/09, btw), generating over 150 local jobs, paying \$4.5 million in salaries and benefits. Soundcheck's jobs will be fewer, lower-paying, and non-union, without benefits. Meanwhile, AFS asserts "no film job will be lost because Soundcheck moves in", but basic math begs to differ. If we lose Stage 4, Austin Studios will only ever be able to support one production at a time, compared to 2-3 in the past. (AFS has confirmed this.)

This is not economic development. It is anti-economic development.

But back to the oversight commissions...

ROBERT MUELLER MUNICIPAL AIRPORT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Given that this deal puts the City-owned Austin Studios in the commercial development business in the way it does, I would respectfully propose that it might fall under the purview of the Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission. It effectively competes with Mueller (and other commercial landlords) at an unfair advantage. In addition, there should clearly be a traffic impact analysis of Soundcheck on Mueller, because a comparison to Music Lab (an equivalent local business, minus the 8 retail showrooms) shows an alarmingly high, round-the-clock neighborhood traffic impact.

2006 BOND ELECTION COMMITTEE

I would also respectfully propose that the 2006 Bond Election Oversight Committee might want to consider whether the Soundcheck sublease undermines much of the \$5 million investment voters made via Prop. 4, because it likely will. Stage 3 (one of the two stages that received the bulk of the funding for upgrades) shares a wall and a foundation with Stage 4, which means, for example, unavoidable and significant low-frequency sound transmission (especially when you have bands rehearsing/recording). Consider: it took the bulk of Prop. 4's \$5 million (plus \$1 million more from Austin Utilities last year) to upgrade Stages 3 & 5, totaling 29K sq. ft. And yet, Stage 4 is an equivalent 29K sq. ft., but AFS is asserting they can do the entire buildout for under \$975K. There should be an independent analysis of this, because the risk is that this will be insufficient, potentially compromise the adjacent Stage 3 unusable, and effectively waste a big chunk of the investment voters made with Prop. 4. Concurrently, there needs to be a traffic and security impact analysis of Soundcheck on Austin Studios' normal operations. (And did we really pass Prop. 4 so AFS could start telling the film industry "there are plenty of empty warehouses in Austin willing to do short-term leases", which is what they're now doing, and simply isn't true?)

AUSTIN MUSIC COMMISSION

Soundcheck, despite AFS' assertions, is not a film company. It's a music company that doesn't actually do (or have any particular experience or expertise to do) most of the film-related things AFS claims it will do (see soundchecknashville.com). But everything Soundcheck actually does and AFS promises they'll somehow do we already have here in Austin. Soundcheck brings nothing new to the market, but will compete with a host of local businesses at a significant and unfair advantage, subsidized by taxpayers. I would therefore respectfully submit that it might be appropriate for the Austin Music Commission to consider the impact on our local music industry, especially when so many businesses are already opposed to it -- and frankly most folks in the music community (and community at large) aren't even aware of this deal, much less that it's up for a vote Thursday.

AUSTIN FILM COMMISSION?

Unfortunately we don't have an Austin Film Commission, but from an oversight and process perspective it seems like common sense that there should be some informed, industry-experienced oversight body that independently reviews the impact of this deal on the industry Austin Studios was created to serve. Surely the City can't simply take Austin Film Society's (biased) word for everything, especially when AFS has now repeatedly made statements that simply aren't true. (Stage 4 was, in fact, booked and busy most of last year; "Friday the 13th" rented it March-June, 2008, and the rest of the year it was used as a staging area to conduct the Prop. 4 improvements. Furthermore, Stage 4 is booked now, and through the end of the year.) So in the absence of an Austin Film Commission, I would ask the City to seriously consider the perspectives of experienced producers like Nan Bernstein, repeat customers of Austin Studios like Alma Kuttruff, industry leaders like Ken Rector of the IATSE 484 Local, and seek the objective counsel of Bob Hudgins of the Texas Film Commission and Gary Bond of the Austin Film Office (in the ACVB), and also consider establishing a Austin Film Commission to offer ongoing oversight of Austin Studios.

Personally, I am mystified this is on consent agenda for a vote this Thursday given all the above (and much more), especially when Stage 4 is booked now and through the end of the year for its intended use -- film production -- which would seem to undermine any reason to do this deal.

Thank you for your continued time, attention and consideration.

Paul

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On Aug 24, 2009, at 2:18 PM, Randi Shade wrote:

Hi Paul

Thanks for the additional information and note you sent last week. I have been discussing this matter with a number of folks in order to get as full a picture as possible about all aspects of this deal. While I still have questions related to the proposed AFS contract with Soundcheck, I firmly believe that this is an issue for City

Council to vote up or down. After researching this further, I do not concur with your assessment that this needs to go before the Bond Election Oversight Committee or the Mueller Commission. This contract is not something over which either of these bodies seems to have authority. Furthermore, I feel like my colleagues and I are hearing from those in favor and those opposed to this deal. I also expect there to be a number of folks at Thursday's meeting to discuss the pros and cons. I am not saying there may not be reason for delaying Thursday's vote, but if there is, in my opinion, it should be related to Council needing more information or time rather than Council looking for input from one of the advisory boards or staff offices as you suggest.

-Randi

From: Paul Alvarado-Dykstra [redacted] **On Behalf Of** Paul Alvarado-Dykstra
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2009 2:42 PM
To: Randi Shade; Chris Riley
Subject: Re: Soundcheck / 2006 Bond Election Oversight Committee
Importance: High

Dear Randi and Chris,

Thank you for your continued attention on this matter.

FYI, I sent the following to Beverly Silas, Chair of the 2006 Bond Election Oversight Committee, asking her to assert oversight authority on this proposed Soundcheck deal. Additionally, I think this needs to go before the Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission, the Austin Music Commission and the Austin Film Office before it comes anywhere near Council for a vote.

If you concur, I would greatly appreciate you expressing this to Mark Ott a.s.a.p. (He seemed receptive to this when I met with him last Friday.)

Kindest regards,

Paul

Begin forwarded message:

From: Paul Alvarado-Dykstra <[redacted]>
Date: August 20, 2009 2:36:32 PM CDT
To: Beverly Silas <[redacted]>
Subject: Prop. 4 / Austin Film Studios / Soundcheck

Dear Beverly,

We spoke earlier this summer, but this issue has reared its head again. To cut to the chase, I need to ask you to contact City Manager Mark Ott a.s.a.p. to request that he allow you and the 2006 Bond Election Oversight Committee to assert your oversight authority before this item is put on Council's agenda tomorrow for a vote next Thursday. Let me explain...

Austin Film Society has announced (see forwarded message below) that City Council will vote next Thursday on their proposed long-term sub-lease of Austin Film Studios' Stage 4 (the largest in the state, 29K sq. ft.) to Soundcheck, a music company from Nashville that hardly does anything related to film (see <http://soundchecknashville.com>), nor does it even bring anything new to Austin. Everything Soundcheck does already exists here in Austin across a host of local businesses that Soundcheck will unfairly compete with (through an exclusivity clause, and a huge cost-of-doing-business advantage from no property taxes, lower Austin Utilities rates, zoning/permitting exemptions, included improvements, etc., by virtue of being in a City-owned building on City-owned land with millions of dollars of taxpayer improvement investments; see the attached two-part independent analysis Greg Klinginsmith did for Wire Recording).

Furthermore, Soundcheck will dramatically reduce overall film production capacity at Austin Film Studios, cripple the capacity that remains, and undermine the investment voters made with Prop. 4 in the 2006 Bond Election -- just when we finally got major film production legislation passed and fully funded by the Legislature this past session, and are now bringing more production to Texas. (Please see the included letters from producers Alma Kuttruff and Nan Bernstein, who confirm this assessment.)

Film Society's answer to this? Per their latest announcement (see attached below)...

"There are plenty of empty warehouses in Austin willing to do short-term leases. No film job will be lost because Soundcheck moves in."

First of all, this is simply untrue -- there aren't plenty of equivalent spaces, and the handful of empty warehouses that exist here aren't rarely available for short-term leases (and, of course, they don't offer adjacency to Austin Film Studios). Secondly, what was the point of creating Austin Film Studios and passing Prop. 4 if not to provide this unique array of large studio spaces for film production? Now that they've spent our \$5 million, Austin Studios is telling the film industry they can take away their largest stage so they can make money off it (none of which the City or taxpayers get), and that we can all go find space somewhere else. There's no way AFS can guarantee no film jobs will be lost by this.

Meanwhile, when asked why this hasn't gone before the 2006 Bond Oversight Committee, AFS has stated on their own website:

For AFS to sign a sublease does not involve the Bond Oversight Committee. Oversight of our subleases is handled through the Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services Organization of the City.

See: <http://www.persistenceofvision.org/2009/06/30/questions-concerns-raised-at-june-25-public-forum/>

As a citizen who supported and voted for Prop. 4, and as a member of the film industry, I have a problem with this -- as do many other people -- and am asking you to assert your oversight authority and ask City Manager Mark Ott (who I met with last Friday) to allow the 2006 Bond Oversight Committee to thoroughly review this matter before it is put on Council's agenda for a vote. Please contact him a.s.a.p., because Thursday's agenda will be set tomorrow.

In addition, I would like to ask your committee to review the proposed Soundcheck sublease in the context of the "Contract with the Voters" Doctrine of the Texas Constitution (see attached case law), as I believe it may be in violation of that as well, per the specificity of ballot language, project description language, and what Council approved (see attachments) that defines Austin Film Studios as being for film production, period -- nothing else.

Finally, I would like to schedule a meeting with you and other Committee members to discuss, and have you hear from other film industry professionals and local music business owners who are opposed to this deal.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Paul

P.S.: Please take a moment to read the letters that "Friday Night Lights" producer Nan Bernstein sent to City Council, and that producer Alma Kuttruff (who's made four films at Austin Film Studios) sent to the Austin Producers Association (both included below). I think you'll find them particularly illuminating and alarming.

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Begin forwarded message:

--- On Wed, 8/19/09, Rebecca Campbell [redacted] wrote:

From: Rebecca Campbell <[redacted]>
Subject: Update on Soundcheck Austin at Austin Studios
To: [redacted]
Date: Wednesday, August 19, 2009, 2:04 PM



Update on Soundcheck Austin at Austin Studios

Dear ,

I'm writing to all AFS members to thank you for all the support you have shown for Soundcheck Austin's becoming a long-term tenant at Austin Studios. City Council does not have us on its agenda this week, but we should be on the agenda next week (August 27). We hope that you will be able to attend the meeting and show your support. Please mark 9:30 - noon on your calendar and I will send out details next week.

Keep those positive calls and emails coming! There are plenty of empty warehouses in Austin willing to do short-term leases. No film job will be lost because Soundcheck moves in. Your elected officials need to hear that Austin welcomes this investment of \$500,000 into Austin Studios, and the creative digital media jobs, facilities, equipment and clients that they will bring.

Please let me know if you would like more information. And thank you again!



Rebecca Campbell
Executive Director

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Alma Kuttruff" [redacted] >
Date: August 19, 2009 11:19:35 AM CDT
To: "Brady Anderton" [redacted]
Subject: Austin Film Society/Soundcheck
Reply-To: [redacted]

Dear Brady:

I understand from one your members, Paul Alvarado-Dykstra, that the Austin Producers Association is meeting this afternoon with the Austin Film Society to discuss their intent to rent Stage 4 to Soundcheck, a long-term music tenant, and subdivide the space into permanent rehearsal and sound recording studios.

As someone who strongly opposes this, I would like to offer you my view of the proposal.

As way of introduction, I have worked as a production manager or line producer on feature films for over 20 years in Texas and around the country, on projects ranging from \$5 million to \$120 million. I have worked for most of the major studios, including Warner Bros., Universal, Walt Disney, and Paramount. I got my start, however, working with Joel and Ethan Coen on their first feature, "Blood Simple," so I've also been at the front with filmmakers working with limited resources. I've lived in Austin all this time and watched the city grow into one of the most respected film communities in the country. I have personally worked at Austin Studios on four features.

Austin Studios is a unique and critical component of our local film industry, and it was a very forward-thinking move on the part of the City in 2000 to set aside these buildings for film, television and commercial production. Austin Studios is the first place producers look when considering Austin as a location because it provides not only stages, but space for all the vital off-production departments. If we lose Stage 4 – the largest building in the complex – it will have a major impact on our local industry for the simple reason that these type of structures and this kind of facility just don't exist anywhere else in our City.

Losing Stage 4 not only limits our production capacity, but it compromises the value of the remaining stages and undermines the investment made in the Studios by Prop 4. No producer wants to rent a sound stage if there's no space nearby to house the off-production departments, and frankly, producers will think twice about renting a stage that is adjacent to a building where bands will be conducting full-blown tour rehearsals.

We all know that motion picture, television, and commercial production is good business and creates hundreds of well-paying jobs. Even a modest movie, like last year's *Friday the 13th* - in a short, four-month period - hired over 150 local area residents and paid \$4.5 million in salaries and benefits. In addition, it spent another \$2.9 million at local businesses. Despite claims that Stage 4 sat empty and generated no income in 2008, *Friday the 13th* rented Stage 4 for four months in 2008 and paid \$31,450 in rent. And in the latter part of the year, Stage 4 wasn't even available for outside rentals because it was being used as the staging area during the renovations of Stages 3 and 5.

Since 2005, we have seen our film industry hurt by the film incentives offered by neighboring states. Now that Texas has a healthy film incentives package in place, we are already seeing an increase in film production and renewed interest in our City. This is not the time to erode such an important part of our infrastructure. We need more stage and support space, not less.

I have no doubt that the Soundcheck deal will benefit the Austin Film Society. But our film community is wide and varied, and this move will hurt the hundreds of professional film crew and the businesses that comprise our local industry. The services offered by Soundcheck are only tangentially related to feature film and television production, and it being a permanent tenant at Austin Studios will not help attract feature film or television production to our City or to the Studios.

I would be happy to discuss this issue in more detail if you wish. I can be reached at 512-663-7903.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Alma Kuttruff
[REDACTED]

Begin forwarded message:

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From: Nan Bernstein [REDACTED]
Subject: AFS & Soundcheck

Greetings Everyone --

I attended the City Council meeting regarding the Lease Option for Austin Film Society. My name is Nan Bernstein and I am the Producer of FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS. I applaud Austin Film Society's non-profit mission statement as well as their need for income for them to survive. However, Soundcheck does not currently seem compatible with the film and television industry. It is not a visual media company. Although it MIGHT, on occasion, be used for a music video or an independent low budget film, most of the film and television industry does music recording in Los Angeles. It is even difficult to get any of this work contracted for New York.

Once the stage at AFS is altered and broken into smaller spaces, it will be expensive to return it to a working stage. This also begs another question - how will AFS balance the renovation costs with the income they will receive from Soundcheck? Not every production needs a stage, but when they are needed, companies utilize many spaces at the same time for multiple departments.

More importantly, Music Lab is currently in Austin and serves the music industry in a similar way. Wouldn't having Soundcheck at AFS position them unfairly in the music community?

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS has spent roughly \$100 million dollars in Austin over the past three seasons. We were initially interested in renting spaces at Austin Film Society for the show, but were told there wasn't enough available space at that time. Why reduce the potential film footprint now -- just when the tax incentive for film making in Texas has passed?

Respectfully,

Nan Bernstein

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: "[Jan Soifer](#)"; [Morrison, Laura](#)
Subject: RE: stimulus funding for AAIM's Hands on Housing
Date: Monday, May 11, 2009 11:35:01 AM

I agree with your assessment of this as a priority and will do my best to fight for funding in this area. I was disappointed and surprised not to see this addressed in staff recommendation.

-Randi

Randi Shade

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From: Jan Soifer [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2009 11:33 AM
To: Morrison, Laura; Shade, Randi
Subject: FW: stimulus funding for AAIM's Hands on Housing

Dear Friends,

As you may know, I am President-Elect of Austin Area Interreligious Ministries (AAIM.) AAIM has applied for some of the federal stimulus funding for our Hands on Housing program. Our program leverages volunteer labor and faith community contributions to significantly improve the living conditions of some of Austin most vulnerable and voiceless citizens. This program helps save taxpayer dollars by keeping senior citizens and disabled persons comfortably in their homes when their only alternative might be state supported assisted living facilities. AAIM's Hands on Housing program has a waiting list of 90 families as of today – if we are approved for the package that we requested, we can eliminate that waiting list and bring Hands on Housing up to scale. Also, we serve East Austin – an area that is under tremendous economic pressure. Finally, we are directly addressing one of the biggest concerns of working class and poor Austinites: affordable housing.

I understand that the staff has not included AAIM or any repair and rehabilitation funding for the homes of low income elderly in their recommendation for use of the federal funds. I also understand that the staff is recommending that stimulus funds be used for sidewalks and other programs as "legacy" projects. I would ask that you consider the fact that our homes and neighborhoods are our most important legacies! Hands on Housing provides the most important things we can offer to our senior citizens: dignity and safety.

Please consider funding AAIM's Hands on Housing grant request as an alternative to the staff recommendation. If you have any questions, please let me know. If you need more information about AAIM, please visit www.aaimaustin.org.

Best,
Jan

Jan Soifer

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Canally, Greg](#); [Ott, Marc](#)
Cc: [Morrison, Laura](#)
Subject: Re: Stimulus meeting held today
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2009 8:11:37 AM

Ditto greg's comments. I am sorry about Lori not knowing about this but with the turnout we had plus all the co-sponsoring govt entities and CAN efforts this event was clearly very well publicized and Heidi and the others on City staff who helped should be proud of their outreach. In the future though we can certainly add Neighborhood Planning teams, and we should let Lori know that.

-Randi

PS. Because this meeting was announced at our council meeting last week as well as at the CDC meeting I am surprised Lori missed it as I think I remember her being present...

From: Canally, Greg
To: Ott, Marc
Cc: Morrison, Laura; Shade, Randi
Sent: Thu May 21 08:00:27 2009
Subject: Re: Stimulus meeting held today

marc. yesterdays meeting was very succesful. over 200 people representing non profits to listen to a colaborative effort from all the governmental entities - federal, state, local. and non profits were the focus of the meeting, it was not a general public meeting. given that, we had CAN organize the outreach. very positive feedback from the attendees.

greg

Sent from my iPhone

On May 21, 2009, at 4:28 AM, "Ott, Marc" <Marc.Ott@ci.austin.tx.us> wrote:

FYI. Why was this sent to Heidi?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Lori C-Renteria" <[REDACTED]>
Date: May 20, 2009 11:39:03 PM CDT
To: <Heidi.Gerbracht@ci.austin.tx.us>
Cc: "Rep. Lloyd Doggett" <lloyd.doggett@ci.austin.tx.us>, "Marc Ott" <marc.ott@ci.austin.tx.us>, <[REDACTED]>, "Ruby Roa" <[REDACTED]>, "Karen Paup" <[REDACTED]>, "john Limon" <[REDACTED]>, <[REDACTED]>, "Martha Cotera" <[REDACTED]>, <[REDACTED]>, "Laura Morrison" <[REDACTED]>, <[REDACTED]>, "Lee Leffingwell" <[REDACTED]>, <[REDACTED]>, "Mayor Pro Tem Brewster McCracken" <brewster.mccracken@ci.austin.tx.us>, "Mayor

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Subject: Stimulus meeting held today

Dear policy makers:

We were really disappointed to learn that we may have missed a meeting that was supposedly held today at Rosewood with Congressman Doggett's Office, agencies, and non-profits to discuss stimulus money. We got this info from a post at the CentralEastAustin yahoo group site and are not sure the meeting actually took place today.

We would think the City Manager's Office would have included an invitation to Neighborhood Planning Teams' leaders to participate since we are the eyes and ears for policy makers as far as the needs for - and delivery of - city services and infrastructure needs.

Sabino, who chairs our East Cesar Chavez Planning Team and chairs the Austin Community Development Commission, did not get notice of the meeting held today.

We hope we didn't miss such an important opportunity. Please add us to your notice list should any more opportunities arise to provide input on any new funding from any new source that the public can comment on.

Sabino 'Pio' and Lori Renteria, 478-6770

From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Morrison, Laura](#)
Subject: RE: Street Closure Ordinance- NEEDS FURTHER ATTENTION
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2009 11:48:35 AM

With all these amendments – I sure would prefer to have time to digest and vote on 2nd only...

Randi Shade

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From: Morrison, Laura
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2009 11:46 AM
To: Shade, Randi
Subject: RE: Street Closure Ordinance- NEEDS FURTHER ATTENTION

I definitely understand that phenomenon and I am comfortable deferring to Lee on this since he's followed it closely.

From: Shade, Randi
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2009 11:40 AM
To: Morrison, Laura
Subject: FW: Street Closure Ordinance- NEEDS FURTHER ATTENTION

See exchange below....Lee clearly wants to go fwd 2nd and 3rd.

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From: Shade, Randi
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2009 11:36 AM
To: Williams, Nancy
Cc: Bier, Marti
Subject: FW: Street Closure Ordinance- NEEDS FURTHER ATTENTION

Is Lee sure about this – 2 weeks after all this while continuing to move forward seems sensible. I know he gets once he's made up his mind, but this seems like more than one person...a woman's touch might be called for here ☺

work and procedures for both event directors and city staff.

I respectfully request that you do not approve the 2nd reading of the current revised Street Event Ordinance - Agenda Item #25 on April 30.

Not only is the entire process even more complicated than before, it appears that City Council will now have to be involved in almost every approval.

The issues that brought the Task Force together still have not been resolved. Those issues are: ACCESS and CONVENIENCE. This revised ordinance does not address these issues. Additionally, there are gaps (pages 12 & 15) that need to be filled in on the (Back-up materials) ordinance that is up for approval.

The original Street Event Ordinance (written in 1992 and revised in 1996) was written to identify those parties who were impacted by said events and those issues, once identified, could then be discussed and resolved. Now it appears that we are actually asking businesses, residents and buildings for their approval to have the event. What happened? Our CITY should be standing behind these well-known, established events that are bringing in MILLIONS of dollars to OUR city.

While I agree with the current revision that the application submission be moved up to 6 months out from the event date, I do not agree with the proposed timeline that 45 to 60 days out from the event date, you may have to start all over with a new route if enough objections require a revision. Now with only 1½-2 months out from the event, event directors may have scramble to revise it and get it approved. It takes hundreds of hours to review details, prepare maps and race routes. Getting a race route pulled and starting over 45-60 days out from the event is not any improvement at all. The idea, according to the Task Force, was to increase the timeline so that event promoters could promote "with confidence" but this proposed timeline really doesn't provide much assurance at all.

Mayor, I realize this is long, but I want to point out that these issues need resolution before put into law. Here are just a few other issues that stand out:

14-8-12 SECURITY DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT OF REQUIRED FEES.

(B) An applicant shall reimburse the city for **any** additional costs incurred by the city that exceed the amount of the security deposit – **WHAT KIND OF COSTS? Staff costs, property damage – what?**

(C) **Upon written request**, the director shall promptly refund the unused portion of the deposit following the right-of-way event. **Request it in writing? Shouldn't it be promptly refunded/mailed within 30 days of the event if not used? This is the current policy.**

14-8-13 DOCUMENTATION FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY EVENTS.

(B) The following documentation must be received no later than the 120th day prior to the start of a right-of-way event:

(1) a scaled, electronic map, in a form prescribed by the director, of the closure area, showing all lane configurations, sidewalks, pavement markings, curb and gutter, fire lanes, booths, stages, portable toilets, trash and recycling containers, first aid stations, EMS stations, and any other equipment or materials the applicant intends to place within the closure area – **This seems excessive to include all lane configurations, sidewalks, pavement markings, curb and gutters on the same map as the booths, stages, toilets, etc. Will the city provide free software or a special site for this specific map? If we are required now to have a paid professional to produce this map, 4 months out from our events, what about**

changes and updates to the map? It is unrealistic to not have any changes 4 months out from the event and now costs will increase to have a professional update it and resubmit it. This will also greatly affect non-profit events as they will not have budgets to acquire, update and maintain these required maps - and the whole purpose of many of these non-profit events is to raise funds.

Under the proposed ordinance, we still have to get signatures -

SIGN-OFFS: Getting sign-offs from each person or party is causing undue burden on those we are getting the signatures from - as an example, for this year's Capitol 10,000, we got signatures from everyone on the race course. This was the first time we had gotten a written response from each and every person on the course - there were well over 250 people/entities that we contacted. It took months and months to get this done and took a toll on the people we were trying to contact (some as many as 5 times because we couldn't get a response). Many do not want to be contacted, they do not want their private information on public documents and they don't want to spend their time and energy driving to the Post Office to collect a certified letter about an event. They want us to let them know when the events are and if they have a concern they will speak up about to resolve an issue.

14-8-14 NOTICE OF PROPOSED CLOSURE AND SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT.

(A-2) the original signature of each affected person, including the typed or printed name of the affected person, and a space in which the signer may indicate whether he or she opposes the closure - **This is still required in addition to the 20 percent who object in writing. The Task Force recommended that we move to a notification system and use the 20% written objection process. How will the 20% be measured? This requirement as written also doesn't promote electronic methods of notifications because most people will be unable to provide an electronic signature.**

(F) An applicant may not request to reserve more than three diagonal parking spaces or more than two parallel parking spaces in a block, unless the applicant receives the approval from each affected person operating a business that abuts the street where the parking spaces are located - **this doesn't even make sense. If we are requesting to close a street, why would these parking spaces need to be reserved? This was taken directly from the Parade Permit and doesn't have anything to do with a Street Closure Permit.**

14-8-21 PERMIT REQUIRED FOR THE USE OF SOUND EQUIPMENT.

An applicant may not operate sound equipment at a right of way event that produces sound greater than:

- (1) 85 decibels between 10am and 10pm ... (a) at a point 100 feet in front of the sound equipment; or (b) at the edge of the nearest residence from the sound equipment; Running events start before 10AM and these sound requirements don't address our needs. Bands play on our race courses (sometime in their own yard) and we don't want them eliminated because it wasn't clearly defined this ordinance for moving events.

Mayor Wynn, in all, we need to ensure consistent, direct communication by keeping things simple and listed in clear, precise steps. Possible ideas are:

- 1) Standardized clear access route maps - the revised ordinance does NOT require any kind of access map
- 2) Include Mass Transit stops (i.e. Cap Metro) on maps - to encourage public transportation
- 3) Parking facilities included on maps to direct people and provide clear routes to

park for these events – there may be less congestion if have direct routes to parking facilities

- 4) An improved notification system using mostly electronic formats – i.e. - a quarterly calendar of upcoming events; an electronic notification system with additional options of mailing for those addresses without email.

There are many loose ends to be completed before this ordinance should be passed. Please do not pass the 2nd reading as there is still work to do on this ordinance.

Respectfully,

Jann Girard

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To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [Spelman, William](#); [Coleman, Glen](#)
Subject: RE: Submitted from CM Shade's Website - puzzled about coverage on the first reading vote re: Grayco
Date: Friday, October 09, 2009 9:26:18 AM

Hi Becky

Good to hear from you. I am supporting the proposed Grayco Development. Have you visited the property site? If so, I'm surprised you wouldn't want to see it be re-developed. If you've not visited, then I hope you will check it out and then let me know if you still feel the same way as what you indicated below.

What is being proposed is NOTHING like what you're describing in Chicago. I'd love to know what you're reading that gives you that impression. Please let me know what coverage you're referring to in your subject line above.

As I said at the council meeting when the first vote was taken, I fully expected to be in a situation where one side or the other would be very disappointed. That's why I listened intensely to the debate both inside and outside of council chambers, and visited the site several times with several different constituent groups, including proponents and opponents.

I take the height restrictions of the waterfront overlay seriously, but this proposal does not exceed the 96 foot waterfront maximum height limit anywhere on the proposed property; it exceeds the particular sub-district height restriction of 60 feet on some but not all of its proposed site location, and it does not seem to be out of line with nearby properties. It does not block views, is set-back more than 350 feet at the nearest point to the hike/bike trail, and there seems to be much offered in return especially from a lake/park access perspective (for pedestrians and bicycles) and from a water quality perspective.

For comparison sake -- keep in mind that the Hyatt is more than twice the height of what is being proposed by Grayco and is 50 feet away from the water versus Grayco's proposed development which is 390 feet at its closest point to the water and nearly double that elsewhere on the site. What is currently there: ugly gated, cement parking lots and dilapidated 1970s style apartments that offer no greenspace nor public access and already have zoning to allow for a five story building (60 feet) to replace the current structures. What is proposed allows for 90 foot height (7-8 story building). There is public parkland, including a hill, plus a lining of 45-foot tall trees that will remain along Lakeshore Drive, Lakeshore Drive itself and a sidewalk between the property and the existing hike/bike trail, and there is still more open space between the trail and actual waterfront. In exchange for the entitlement to the extra 30 feet, the community is getting benefits that include the following:

Affordability: Contribution to the city's Affordable Housing Assistance Fund (at least \$1.5 million), and/or affordable units onsite.

Connectivity: Extension of the urban grid throughout the project, including additional driveways to Lakeshore Blvd.

Mixed use: Pedestrian-oriented uses at ground level.

Bicycle-pedestrian amenities: Sidewalks and bike lanes throughout the project, a trail across the front, showers for employees in the commercial spaces, and 3 car-sharing spaces.

Water quality: A regional wet pond (where there is currently a trash-filled ditch), capturing the runoff from the entire site and over 100 acres offsite.

Parkland: Contribution of \$225,000 for additional trail facilities along the lake (in addition to about \$800,000 in required fees).

Trees: Preservation of the trees along Lakeshore Boulevard (21 in place, 2 relocated and 3 removed)

and along Town Creek; restoration of greenspace for better tree growth.

Greenbuilding: 3 stars from the Austin Energy Green Building Program.

Public safety: Free space for an APD substation for 25 years.

Community space: 1000sf rent-free for community meetings, a day care, or a non-profit for 25 years.

Local small business: Retail space for a local business at 15 percent below market.

Art: Public plazas with public art.

Historic preservation: \$25,000 for preservation of the Norwood House.

Parking: No visible parking (all below-grade or integrated).

Remember -- without the proposed zoning change to allow for the extra three stories (30 feet), the owner of this property could rebuild the existing apartment buildings up to 60 feet high (5 stories), but there would be NO requirement to provide public access, any non-residential uses, or any affordable housing at all.

You should also be aware that the developer, the neighborhood association, and other stakeholders along with staff, citizen boards and commissions and the media have commented extensively on this proposal. The proposed project was recommended by every citizen board that has reviewed it: the Environmental Board, the Bicycle Advisory Council, and the Planning Commission, and was endorsed by both the Austin Chronicle and the Statesman. It has also been endorsed by several community groups, including the Parks Foundation and is strongly supported by owners of property adjacent to the proposed development. The only opposition seems to be from the East Riverside/Oltorf Neighborhood group (EROC), most of whom don't live in the immediate vicinity of this property, but all of whom have genuine concerns about increasing density in the area and the implications of that. I get that and take their concerns seriously. We also heard opposition from Save Town Lake.org which typically advocates for no height variances under any circumstances to the 1986 waterfront overlay restrictions, and as you might expect, we heard opposition from a few of the folks who live in the existing apartment complex that would eventually be demolished (although there are plans for re-location assistance and demolition will likely occur at some point with or without the zoning change). We did not hear opposition from the Sierra Club or other environmental groups that you often see at City Hall, and there were just 17 people signed up in opposition to the project during the public hearing. In questioning some of those who spoke in opposition, it became clear to me that some were unfamiliar with the project and hadn't even visited the site. They were in opposition the way you seem to be in opposition (i.e., without having all the facts) :-)

Seriously, these cases are never easy especially when the organized neighborhood association (EROC) opposes a zoning change, but I am comfortable with my vote. Lady Bird Lake is one of Austin's most important treasures. That's why I want to see the blighted and most crime ridden area of our treasured lake be re-developed. Lady Bird Lake definitely deserves better than what is at the proposed Grayco location now, but as you know, it takes trade-offs to achieve the private sector participation we need to get a re-development project like this one to happen. This is probably more information from me than you were expecting. Knowing you as I do, however, I wanted to give you more information rather than less:-)

Cheers and yes, I do sometimes long for the days when my work challenges were about improving website user experiences and hitting sales targets,

Randi

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To: Shade, Randi
Subject: Submitted from CM Shade's Website - puzzled about coverage on the first reading vote re: Grayco

Date/Time Submitted: Friday, 10/9/09, 0725 hours
From: Becky Taylor
E-mail address: [REDACTED]
Subject: puzzled about coverage on the first reading vote re: Grayco
Category: personal_message
Comments:
Randi,

I'll ask the same of Bill Spelman, but I'm perplexed at your vote that appears to enable taller buildings on the waterfront downtown. Setbacks and lower buildings allow for a much more open city, better integration of nature. I'm reminded of Chicago's efforts to "un-do" the tall buildings with their backs to the rivers in that city. Seems like we'd want to avoid that sort of vision long term.

Is the press getting it wrong in their coverage of your vote?

Hope to see you soon. Becky

Daniel (my recommendation) by a 3-person committee consisting of Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt, Council Member Morrison, and Vanessa Saria (Community Action Network, Exec. Director), I appreciate the fact that, through your efforts, the voices of those of us involved in this were heard. It's a democracy and things don't always go the way a group of citizens would prefer, but I genuinely feel that both of you heard and respected what we had to say along with taking appropriate actions. Unfortunately, I don't feel that way about the Commissioners Court.

Keep up the great work! We in North Austin look forward to working with you in the future on other important issues such as the North Burnet/Gateway Neighborhood Plan. If either of you ever need to get feedback on something that pertains to North Austin, please feel free to contact me and I'll see what I can do.

Best,
Walt

P.S. **Thanks to Marti for keeping me informed** over the last month or so via both emails and phone calls. I appreciate it!

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On Mon, May 18, 2009 at 2:55 PM, Bier, Marti <Marti.Bier@ci.austin.tx.us> wrote:
Hi Walt,

Because the City and County each selected different nominees from the finalists, we are working on a final selection process between those two candidates, Anthony and Katrina. As soon as we have that finalized I'll let you know. I'm supposed to talk to Randi about it later today.

Marti

Marti Bier

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From: Walt Esquivel [mailto:]

Sent: Saturday, May 16, 2009 8:20 AM

To: Bier, Marti

Subject: Re: TCHD BOM process

Hi Marti,

Any updates?

Thanks,
Walt

On Wed, May 6, 2009 at 4:50 PM, Walt Esquivel <[REDACTED]> wrote:
Hello Marti,

Thank you so much for your email.

I'm pleased that City Council will be interviewing the 3 candidates ([Anthony Haley](#), [Judy Cortez](#) and [Katrina Daniel](#)) instead of just agreeing with the Commissioners Court. What is the process going forward in terms of City Council and Commissioners Court agreeing on the final applicant for the BOM's joint member ?

1. The question you refer to in your email below and which I suggested last time to City Council and Travis County Commissioners Court as a "PROPOSED INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FOR APPLICANTS" remains as is:

"What role, if any, should neighborhood and homeowners' associations and other sources of public input play for the Healthcare District, particularly when considering any future clinic locations and/or clinic closings?"

2. I reemphasize my support for Katrina Daniel due to her depth and breadth of experience.

For the Joint City/County Position, the Recommended Appointee is:

Katrina Daniel: Ms. Daniel has an exceptionally strong background in health care, the legislative arena, public policy, public service, public funding, public health, state government, and civic participation. She is a proven community leader, highly qualified to serve on the BOM, and should be appointed to the joint City-County position. The more one studies her background and accomplishments, the more convinced one is that she will bring an incredible depth and breadth of experience and knowledge to the BOM. Ms. Daniel's experience and background will greatly benefit the community as TCHD continues to expand its health care services throughout Travis County.

Thank you and have a great day!

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On Fri, May 1, 2009 at 4:49 PM, Bier, Marti <Marti.Bier@ci.austin.tx.us> wrote:
Dear Walt,

I just wanted to make sure to keep you in the loop on the Board selection process for the Joint appointee. Because this is a new process that involves both the City and County to come to a joint decision, an appointee has not yet been selected.

At the last City Council Public Health & Human Services Sub-Committee meeting, the Members chose to conduct a second set of interviews of 3 finalists in order to meet the candidates in a formal setting (the first interviews at the County Commissioners Court were conducted on a Thursday during Council so the Council Members were unable to attend). Those interviews will be this coming Thursday, May 7th.

I just wanted to let you know what was happening and again ask you for your input on any questions or issues you'd like to suggest they cover. The question you suggested last time regarding public input processes was very helpful and I think the Council Members intend to use a similar question in their interviews on Thursday. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Marti

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office. We were also assisted by City video staff which taped the interviews. Please contact my office if you would like a copy of the videotape.

After interview and deliberation between the subcommittee participants with Leffingwell and Shade staff in attendance, the subcommittee voted to recommend Mr. Haley to the City Council and the Commissioners Court as the joint appointment to the TCHD. The subcommittee's recommendation will come before the Commissioners Court on Tuesday, June 2, 2009 for consideration (Added Item A1). I anticipate the same will come before the City Council within the week. My hope is that the recommendation of the subcommittee will be accepted by both bodies thus bringing this joint appointment process to a close. I look forward to constructing a more streamlined process acceptable to both bodies for future joint appointments.

Both candidates as well as so many others who applied were impressive. Their considerable skills have been and I hope will continue to be an asset in our community's ongoing efforts to address unmet medical needs among our less fortunate neighbors.

- SE

From: [Shade, Randi](#)
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Subject: Re: TCHD May 28 Interviews
Date: Friday, May 22, 2009 1:09:41 PM

Thanks!

Marti will take care of recording needs on Tuesday when she's back in office. Great suggestion. .

-Randi

----- Original Message -----

From: Sarah Eckhardt <Sarah.Eckhardt@co.travis.tx.us>
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Sent: Fri May 22 11:58:58 2009
Subject: Re: TCHD May 28 Interviews

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With whom should I speak at the City to arrange for recording?

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Subject: Re: TCHD May 28 Interviews
Date: Friday, May 22, 2009 2:11:33 PM

You're welcome. Thanks again for agreeing to help us with this.

----- Original Message -----

From: vsarria@austinisd.org <vsarria@austinisd.org>
To: Shade, Randi; Morrison, Laura; sarah.eckhardt@co.travis.tx.us <sarah.eckhardt@co.travis.tx.us>
Sent: Fri May 22 13:55:20 2009
Subject: Re: TCHD May 28 Interviews

Randi, thanks for emailing me the background information. I look forward to working through this process with Laura and Sarah,

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Re: TCHD May 28 Interviews

Thanks Laura. I saw your message after I had already responded to Sarah's. Since Marti is point person on this. please ensure that Grace keeps Marti in the loop.

There should be no problem getting this arranged. We recorded Parks Director interviews, but we may need to switch meeting rooms.

----- Original Message -----

From: Morrison, Laura

To: 'Sarah Eckhardt' <Sarah.Eckhardt@co.travis.tx.us>;

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Sent: Fri May 22 12:39:51 2009

Subject: RE: TCHD May 28 Interviews

Sarah -

I'll ask Grace Corpus, in my office, to get the video tape arranged. I'm also asking her to double check with our HR department to ensure the city doesn't have any standards that this will bump up against.

Looking forward to working with you and Vanessa on this.

Laura

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> Sent: Friday, May 22, 2009 11:59 AM

> To: Vsarria@austinsisd.org; Morrison, Laura

> Cc: Moore, Andrew; Bier, Marti; Williams, Nancy; Shade, Randi; Levinski, Robert; Sam Biscoe; Sherri Fleming

> Subject: Re: TCHD May 28 Interviews

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Morrison, Laura](#)
Subject: RE: Thank you and ASR report PDF
Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2009 5:27:06 PM

Thanks!

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Randi - ASR Feasibility Study. Ineteresting reading. Sorry I didn't get it to you earlier.

From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Morrison, Laura](#); ["Linda Litowsky"](#); [Riley, Chris](#)
Cc: [Rush, Barbara](#)
Subject: RE: Thank You From channelAustin
Date: Thursday, December 17, 2009 11:51:10 AM

I echo CM Morrison's comments below. I really enjoyed the tour and appreciate the work of your team.

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From: Morrison, Laura
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2009 6:11 AM
To: Linda Litowsky; Shade, Randi; Riley, Chris
Cc: Rush, Barbara
Subject: RE: Thank You From channelAustin

Linda,

Thank YOU for hosting us! Thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Laura

From: Linda Litowsky [mailto:]
Sent: Wed 12/16/2009 4:02 PM
To: Morrison, Laura; Shade, Randi; Riley, Chris
Cc: Rush, Barbara
Subject: Thank You From channelAustin

Dear Council Members Morrison, Riley, and Shade,

I wanted to write to thank you for joining us here at channelAustin this morning. The staff and I really enjoyed hosting the City Council Committee on Emerging Technology and Telecommunications.

We really appreciate your taking the tour and experiencing firsthand the remarkable and valuable resource our community has here at channelAustin.

We look forward to keeping you informed about the good works, community partnerships, and local content that the citizens of Austin provide.

We value your input and guidance as we move forward to think strategically about how to continue to make this space available to our community.

If you have any questions about channelAustin, please feel free to contact me directly.

Happy Holidays to you and your family.

Warmest Regards,

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Morrison, Laura](#); [Sharp, Karen](#)
Cc: [Ott, Marc](#); [Snipes, Anthony](#); [Tucker, Tommy](#); [Smith, David](#); [Wynn, Will](#); [Bailey, Rich](#)
Subject: Re: Thanks for your Assistance
Date: Thursday, April 23, 2009 8:37:10 PM

I echo Laura's comments below and appreciate her making them.

Thanks for all your good guidance and attentiveness, Karen. You were a big help.

Thanks again!!

-Randi

-Randi

From: Morrison, Laura
To: Sharp, Karen
Cc: Shade, Randi; Ott, Marc; Snipes, Anthony; Tucker, Tommy
Sent: Thu Apr 23 20:08:31 2009
Subject: Thanks for your Assistance

Karen –

I wanted to send on thanks from CM Shade and myself, for your very professional and effective help in the Council's performance reviews today of our City Clerk and Court Clerk. Your assistance, including guidance in setting up the framework for our review, providing information ahead of time, and answering our questions during our discussions, was critical to what we believe was a successful process.

Our work today reminded me of how helpful you were to me at the end of last year in dealing with a very challenging personnel issue in my office. I have been remiss and neglected to send you my thanks back ... and so am sending them on now.

Laura

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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Morrison, Laura](#)
Subject: Re: thx
Date: Thursday, March 05, 2009 9:46:56 PM

[My pleasure but thanks for the thanks.](#)

From: Morrison, Laura
To: Shade, Randi
Sent: Thu Mar 05 21:18:29 2009
Subject: thx

Thanks for holding firm on your intent to vote to uphold the valid petition on 800 west.

Laura Morrison
Council Member, Place 4

Sent via Remote

From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Morrison, Laura](#)
Subject: Re: thx
Date: Thursday, March 05, 2009 9:48:28 PM

PS. I will vote with the Riverside hood on future readings.

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Sent: Thu Mar 05 21:18:29 2009
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From: [Shade, Randi](#)
To: [Everhart, Amy](#)
Cc: "[Jim Walker](#)"; [Council Executive Assistants](#); [Council Executive Secretaries](#); [Leffingwell, Lee](#); [Cole, Sheryl](#); [Martinez, Mike \[Council Member\]](#); [Riley, Chris](#); [Spelman, William](#); [Morrison, Laura](#); [Garza, Rudy](#); [Matthews, Douglas](#)
Subject: RE: VENUE CHANGE for WTP4 Forum
Date: Monday, September 14, 2009 11:07:05 AM

Glad to hear about the venue change and to hear that questions are being submitted through Jim. This seems to be coming together well. Thanks for all your effort.

I am probably stating the obvious, but it sure seems like we ought to have this info prominently displayed on our City website as soon as possible.

-Randi

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From: Everhart, Amy
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2009 10:53 AM
To: Council Executive Assistants; Council Executive Secretaries; Shade, Randi; Leffingwell, Lee; Cole, Sheryl; Martinez, Mike [Council Member]; Riley, Chris; Spelman, William; Morrison, Laura
Cc: 'Jim Walker'
Subject: VENUE CHANGE for WTP4 Forum
Importance: High

Hi All:

Due to overwhelming response on all sides of this issue (as well as concerns about parking and other logistics), we are moving the Water Treatment Plant Forum to the Palmer Events Center. Palmer is a much larger space, parking is free, and we felt that the public would feel more comfortable coming to a place they've probably already been to. I've talked to the advocates and they are helping to spread the word.

Please make sure your bosses have the change on their calendar and everyone should call/email me if you have questions/concerns.

All other details remain the same:

Water Treatment Plant 4 Forum

You are invited to attend a discussion of issues surrounding the proposed Water Treatment Plant 4.
Thursday, September 7, 2009, 6:00pm - 9:00pm
Palmer Events Center, 900 Barton Springs Road
Free parking will be available in the Palmer/Long Center parking garage
Moderated by Jim Walker, Chair, Envision Central Texas

Questions for panelists can be submitted in advance of the forum by emailing them to the moderator:

wtp4.townhall.questions@gmail.com

Questions about the event can be directed to: Amy Everhart in the Mayor's Office, 974-3369,
amy.everhart@ci.austin.tx.us

Thanks y'all -

Amy

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Amy Everhart

Policy Director

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**From:** [Shade, Randi](#)  
**To:** [Morrison, Laura](#); [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [Leffingwell, Lee](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Whispers from Thursday  
**Date:** Friday, February 27, 2009 12:31:39 AM

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Jo.

Thanks for making the correction in today's Whispers. I read the original comment as having been something "said by Jeff Jack" at the Wednesday ANC meeting and figured he had mispoken or been misquoted since the four of us would not have met together with Marc in violation of the Open Meetings Act. Thanks again!

-Randi

PS. While on topic of accuracy in reporting, I don't think the headline:

'Taco' comment in email causes Martinez to walk out of chambers

is entirely accurate. Mike announced he'd be leaving the dais for 20 minutes so he could be on a conference call. He made his comment about the taco comment and then left to make his phone call before returning a short while later post-phone call. That said, it still was a dramatic moment for a zoning case:-).

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**From:** Morrison, Laura  
**To:** Jo Clifton ([REDACTED])  
**Cc:** Leffingwell, Lee; Shade, Randi  
**Sent:** Thu Feb 26 22:05:58 2009  
**Subject:** Whispers from Thursday

Hi Jo --

Just wanted to clarify that the meeting we had with Marc Ott regarding the Comprehensive Plan Consultant issue only included council members Lee, Randi and myself. Brewster was not in attendance as had been mentioned in today's Whispers. Of course having a 4th council member would have been problematic since that would have been a quorum.

Thanks for your coverage of our efforts.

Laura

**Jack says get it right . . . Jeff Jack** was on hand at last night's **Austin Neighborhoods Council** meeting to talk about the anticipated delay of the vote to pick a consultant for the city's updated comprehensive plan. **Council Members Brewster McCracken, Randi Shade, Laura Morrison** and **Lee Leffingwell** had met with **City Manager Marc Ott** to discuss giving more thought to the selection process, including a closer review of the sub-consultant teams, Jack said. It's crucial to get the vote right, Jack said. "Some of the teams had sub-consultants that brought their own agendas. We don't need toll road advocates. We don't need road warriors. We need people who are basically willing to listen to the community," Jack said. The vote is now expected in April . . .

**From:** [Shade, Randi](#)  
**To:** [Morrison, Laura](#); [Cole, Sheryl](#)  
**Cc:** [Corpus, Grace](#); [Long, Tara](#); [Diaz, Elaine](#); [Rush, Barbara](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Women Elected Officials Lunch  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 18, 2009 10:21:41 AM

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Fantastic!

Thanks!

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**From:** Morrison, Laura  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2009 9:26 AM  
**To:** Cole, Sheryl; Shade, Randi  
**Cc:** Corpus, Grace; Long, Tara; Diaz, Elaine; Rush, Barbara  
**Subject:** Women Elected Officials Lunch

Sheryl and Randi,

As you'll recall, we offered to host this next. If I remember correctly, we were shooting for April. Water under the bridge now... How about we try to make it sometime in October? I had a brief chat with Donna Howard about this and her sense matched mine, that October ought to be far enough out to meet the many busy schedules of our guests.

If you all are good with that, I'll ask Grace to get working with Elaine and Tara to make it happen.

We had also mentioned the possibility of inviting some of our women management staff. Asking them to share their thoughts on serving in the city's management structure might make for an interesting topic.

I'll look forward to your thoughts on all this.

Laura

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**From:** [Shade, Randi](#)  
**To:** [Levinski, Robert](#); [Morrison, Laura](#)  
**Subject:** revised version of Eco incentive Res  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 18, 2009 12:17:48 PM  
**Attachments:** [2-18 rev. Resolution - Economic Incentives - Draft\(090217\).doc](#)

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**To:** [Morrison, Laura](#); "[Sarah Eckhardt](#)"; [Vsarria@austinsd.org](mailto:Vsarria@austinsd.org)  
**Cc:** [Bier, Marti](#); "[Sherri.Fleming@co.travis.tx.us](mailto:Sherri.Fleming@co.travis.tx.us)"; [Moore, Andrew](#); [Williams, Nancy](#); "[Sam Biscoe](#)"; [Levinski, Robert](#)  
**Subject:** TCHD May 28 Interviews  
**Date:** Friday, May 22, 2009 7:44:30 AM  
**Attachments:** [TCHD interviews5 28 .doc](#)  
[TCHD Call for Nominations.pdf](#)  
[TCHD interviews5 28 .doc](#)  
[TCHD Interview Questions County.doc](#)  
[TCHD Interview Questions City.doc](#)  
[List of skills 5-18-09.DOC](#)  
[Haley.pdf](#)  
[Daniels.pdf](#)  
[Current TCHD Board of Managers.doc](#)

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Thanks to each of you for your willingness to help with our selection process. Attached are the materials Marti from my office has pulled together to help you prepare for the interviews you'll be doing on Thursday, May 28th at City Hall, Rm 2016, from 10 - 11:30 AM. Please give us a shout if you need any additional information. Thanks again and have a wonderful Memorial Day weekend.

-Randi

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**MEMO**

**TO:** Austin City Council Member Laura Morrison  
Travis County Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt  
Vanessa Sarria, Executive Director, Community Action Network

**FROM:** Marti Bier, Austin City Council Member Randi Shade's Office

**DATE:** May 21, 2009

**RE:** TCHD BOM Interviews

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**Cc:** [Coleman, Glen](#); [Williams, Nancy](#); [Curtis, Matt](#); [Bier, Marti](#)  
**Subject:** Thanks and Great Work  
**Date:** Friday, September 18, 2009 9:06:41 AM

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Hi and please excuse me for undoubtedly leaving City Staff off this email distribution list who should have been included (and please forward my comments to any of them as you see fit). First, I wanted to let you each know how much I appreciated all the hard work you put into making last night's WTP4 event the success it was. I found the discussion to be very valuable, and know it wasn't an easy forum to have pulled off. You did a terrific job making the case, managing the logistics, and demonstrating competence, resourcefulness and professionalism. It meant a lot to me to have participated, and from the feedback I have gotten from folks on all sides of this issue, it meant a lot to them, too. Thanks again!

-Randi

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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [Morrison, Laura](#)  
**Subject:** Thanks  
**Date:** Thursday, July 30, 2009 8:48:29 PM

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Hi Vanessa

Thanks for your messages today. I'm working with Laura Morrison and folks from UT, Austin Energy, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Environmental Defense Fund to figure out how to take the Pecan Street Project to a new level. The CAN model is instructive, and I really appreciate you taking the time to explain it to me.

Have a great weekend and thanks again.

-Randi

**From:** [Shade, Randi](#)  
**To:** [Morrison, Laura](#)  
**Cc:** [Levinski, Robert](#); [Bier, Marti](#); [Diaz, Elaine](#)  
**Subject:** Weekend Vmail  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 08, 2009 7:10:25 AM

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Hi Laura

Thanks for your message Saturday night. I would be happy to look over applicant list today and visit with you tomorrow. Today (Tues) I am booked solid and can't meet, but tomorrow looks a bit better.

-Randi