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From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2010 7:18 PM
To: Morrison, Laura
Subject: PSH

We are going to have another hearing on Marshal Apts on January 13th. I was thinking we should amend PSH strategy report by resolution with changes to neighborhood stakeholder process on same date and then adopt the amended report. Thoughts?

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From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2010 2:43 PM
To: 'Jolene Kiolbassa'
Cc: Morrison, Laura; Long, Tara; McDonald, Stephanie; Levinski, Robert
Subject: RE: Thanks and PSH

Thanks Jolene. Laura and I will start working on this after the holidays.

From: Jolene Kiolbassa [mailto:[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 7:10 PM
To: Cole, Sheryl
Cc: Morrison, Laura
Subject: Re: Thanks and PSH

Thanks to both of you!

Here are some volunteers for Permanent Supportive Housing (Neighborhood Contact and Task Force):

Susan Marler
Heritage Neighborhood
[redacted]
(works for I Live Here, I Give Here)

Martha Ward
Ridgetop Neighborhood
[redacted]

Mary Ingle
NUNA
casamia@mail.utexas.edu

Neighborhood Contact only (no Task Force):
Ted Siff
Original Austin Neighborhood Association
[redacted]

We will revisit PSH at our January Coffee; I assume more neighbors will volunteer then.

Thanks,
Jolene

From: "Cole, Sheryl" <Sheryl.Cole@ci.austin.tx.us>
To: Jolene Kiolbassa <[redacted]
Cc: "Morrison, Laura" <Laura.Morrison@ci.austin.tx.us>
Sent: Mon, December 13, 2010 2:17:55 PM
Subject: RE: Thanks and PSH

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From: Jolene Kiolbassa [mailto:[redacted]
Sent: Friday, December 10, 2010 4:06 PM
To: Cole, Sheryl
Subject: Thanks and PSH

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From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Monday, December 06, 2010 1:16 PM
To: 'Terrell Blodgett'
Cc: [redacted]; Spelman, William; Browder, Leslie
Subject: RE: City of Austin pension system

Leslie let's talk about this.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Terrell Blodgett [mailto:blodgett@mail.utexas.edu]
Sent: Sunday, December 05, 2010 9:49 PM
To: Cole, Sheryl
Cc: [redacted] Spelman, William
Subject: City of Austin pension system

This is kind of a follow up to a call I had from Bill Spelman several months ago.

The stories keep coming - Sunday NYT on state and local fiscal crisis in general but also pinpointing tremendous pension liabilities. I really think the Council needs to get someone to take an outside, objective look at the whole City system - and probably fire and police even worse, but if necessary from a political standpoint, could look at city system first. I know that Council has approved some changes to go to the Legislature but I think we need again - an objective, outside look at investmants, benefits - the whole smear. I am not at all sure that the changes that are being proposed are broad enough or deep enough.

I am not qualified nor interested and have no one in mind except a possible sponsor and that would be the Austin Area Research Organization (AARO). They do not have the staff but would be a good sponsor ---- you could add some "community" names if you think necessary to give it a broader base.

I think Betty Dunkerley and probably Barney Knight, the Pension Board's attorney, think that sufficient steps have been taken and are planned - I don't think you can afford to not have an OUTSIDE study.

If you are satisfied that the City can afford what has been proposed and feel that you have had the kind of objective counsel that leaves no doubt in your mind as to the future, then I withdraw this suggestion but I, myself, have continuing concerns.

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From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2010 2:23 PM
To: 'Hartman, Gregory W.'; 'sarah.eckhardt@co.travis.tx.us'; 'Clubb, Patricia L'; Amy Shaw Thomas; terry.keel@tfc.state.tx.us; 'Aundre.Dukes@tfc.state.tx.us'
Cc: Goode, Robert; Edwards, Sue; Riley, Chris; Shade, Randi; McDonald, Stephanie
Subject: City Council Resolution
Attachments: IFC for Texas Facilities Commission 11-9-10.doc

I have enjoyed meeting with all of you as the Texas Facilities Commission prepares preliminary planning for the redevelopment of its Capitol Complex. Thank you for bringing your energy and joining us in our working group. I am enthusiatic about what we can accomplish together for our city. November 18, I am bringing forward a resolution together with Council Members Shade and Riley where the City of Austin commits resources in a masterplaning effort with the Texas Facilities Commission and want to make sure you are aware. Please let me know as soon as possible if you have any concerns with the language in the attached resolution. Under our agenda posting rule, we must post the resolution by 5 p.m. Wednesday, November 10.

We look forward to continued collaboration with you.

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Whereas, the Texas Facilities Commission is assessing its physical resources and presence in Austin and evaluating a proposal that would triple the amount of space at the Capitol Complex, including joint development with private partners where there are currently parking lots or garages; and

Whereas, the proposal envisions moving state employees from 2 million square feet of leased space across Austin to new state-owned buildings near the Capitol and potentially adding 7 million square feet of space with only 1 million necessary for state use; and

Whereas, the proposal envisions the remaining 6 million square feet, which would be an addition to local property tax rolls, to be used as a mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly development that would comply with City of Austin development rules and Capitol view corridors, enhance the urban environment, increase quality of life amenities such as parks, trails, and historic preservation, and be well served by public transit; and

Whereas, by working with the State of Texas, Travis County, potentially the University of Texas System, the University of Texas Austin, Seton Medical Center, and other stakeholders on a master plan, the City of Austin could transform downtown, bolster its long term financial position by strengthening its tax base, create synergy in redeveloping the Waller Creek area, develop an urban rail system, and explore a medical school in the area; and

Whereas, the Texas Facilities Commission is undertaking a master planning effort to determine the economic feasibility and land use scenarios to better utilize the Capitol Complex, maximize State resources, and plan for future State growth.

Now, therefore, be it resolved:

That the City Manager is authorized to negotiate and execute an interlocal agreement in an amount not to exceed $200,000 to partner in the Texas Facilities Commission's master planning effort.

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From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 1:17 PM
To: 'Aundre.Dukes@tfc.state.tx.us'
Cc: Ott, Marc; Shade, Randi; Riley, Chris; Edwards, Sue; Goode, Robert
Subject: RE: Capitol Redevelopment Plans for State of Texas

I think he is on the list, but I am making doubly sure everyone in our shop who is working on Waller who has not seen it is invited. I know Chris has seen it but not with members of the WCC.

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Sent: Friday, October 15, 2010 2:32 PM
To: Cole, Sheryl
Subject: Re: Capitol Redevelopment Plans for State of Texas

Sheryl:

Will the City Manager being attending as well? I think Randi said he would be, but I didn't see his email in the list.

Regards,

Aundre Dukes
Texas Facilities Commission
Planning & Asset Management
Ph: 512-936-9984

"Cole, Sheryl" <Sheryl.Cole@ci.austin.tx.us>

10/15/2010 01:54 PM

To "Will Meredith" <[redacted]>, "Tom Meredith" <[redacted]>, "Melba Whatley" <[redacted]>, "Melanie Barnes" <[redacted]>, <[redacted]>, <pclubb@mail.utexas.edu>, <[redacted]>, <[redacted]>, <Michael.Lacy@tfc.state.tx.us>, "Suzanne Deal Booth" <[redacted]>

cc "McDonald, Stephanie" <Stephanie.McDonald@ci.austin.tx.us>, "Shade, Randi" <Randi.Shade@ci.austin.tx.us>, "Coleman, Glen" <Glen.Coleman@ci.austin.tx.us>, "Ott, Marc" <Marc.Ott@ci.austin.tx.us>, "Edwards, Sue" <Sue.Edwards@ci.austin.tx.us>, <Aundre.Dukes@tfc.state.tx.us>, <terry.keel@tfc.state.tx.us>, "Goode, Robert" <Robert.Goode@ci.austin.tx.us>

Subject Capitol Redevelopment Plans for State of Texas

As you may know, the State of Texas Facilities Commission is planning a redevelopment of its Capitol Complex. This endeavor will have a tremendous impact on the City of Austin, as well as Seton Hospital and the University of Texas. Council Member Shade and I, together with Executive Director Terry Keel, invite you to view these plans on October 29th at 3:00, Texas Facilities Commission, 1711 San Jacinto. Parking is available at the Texas Facility Commission and also on the street. Please meet us in the front of the building.

I understand that this date and time are amenable to most of your schedules and I appreciate you taking the time to meet with us. Please RSVP to my executive assistant Tara Long at tara.long@ci.austin.tx.us.

Great things are on the horizon!

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From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2010 11:28 AM
To: 'Michael Lofton'; Leffingwell, Lee; Anderson, Greg; Jones, Shannon
Cc: [redacted] Ott, Marc; McDonald, Michael [APD]; Lumbreras, Bert; Garza, Rudy; Snipes, Anthony; Jones, Shannon; Shade, Randi; Riley, Chris; Spelman, William; Martinez, Mike [Council Member]; Morrison, Laura; Sam.Biscoe@co.travis.tx.us; Ron.Davis@co.travis.tx.us; sherri.fleming@co.travis.tx.us; [redacted] Kevin M. Foster; freddie.dixon@mail.utexas.edu; gvincent@mail.utexas.edu; kirk.watson@senate.state.tx.us; lloyd.doggett@mail.house.gov; dawnna.dukes@house.state.tx.us; Curtis, Matt; Mormon, Andy; mark.strama@house.state.tx.us; Exalton Delco; William Akins; James Hill; Bill Powers; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Thank You for your Support of The African American Youth Resource Center

Shannon knows you are coming for a follow up visit. Keep me posted. I am glad it is going well.

From: Michael Lofton [mailto:[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2010 6:39 PM
To: Leffingwell, Lee
Cc: [redacted] Ott, Marc; McDonald, Michael [APD]; Lumbreras, Bert; Garza, Rudy; Snipes, Anthony; Jones, Shannon; Cole, Sheryl; Shade, Randi; Riley, Chris; Spelman, William; Martinez, Mike [Council Member]; Morrison, Laura; Sam.Biscoe@co.travis.tx.us; Ron.Davis@co.travis.tx.us; sherri.fleming@co.travis.tx.us; [redacted] Kevin M. Foster; freddie.dixon@mail.utexas.edu; gvincent@mail.utexas.edu; kirk.watson@senate.state.tx.us; lloyd.doggett@mail.house.gov; dawnna.dukes@house.state.tx.us; Curtis, Matt; Mormon, Andy; mark.strama@house.state.tx.us; Exalton Delco; William Akins; James Hill; Bill Powers; [redacted]
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Greetings Mayor Lee Leffingwell,

It gives me great pleasure to send a special thank you Mayor Lee Leffingwell for you taking the time to meet with Mr. Ashton Cumberbatch and I today regarding The African American Youth Resource Center. Most especially I want to thank you again for your support of The African American Youth Resource Center. Words can't express my sincere appreciation for having your support and the support of all of our City Council Members. God Bless You All!!!

In addition, I want to thank City Staff for their support as well; City Manager Marc Ott, Anthony Snipes, Bert Lumbreras, Chief Michael McDonald, Rudy Garza and Mr. Shannon Jones for their support as well. I would be re-missed if I did not mention and send a very, very special thank you to that of Travis County Judge Sam Biscoe, Commissioner Ron Davis and Ms. Sherri Fleming for their support!!!! The County is waiting on an official letter of support from The City of Austin to support this initiative with matching funds.

FYI, Mr. Shannon Jones and I are scheduled to meet with City Manager Marc Ott on October 26Th to discuss the Clinic Proposal in detail; the services to be provided and the cost. Once we get past this meeting, and "all" goes well, we should have a date that we can provide to Travis County, the information they need.

In closing, Congressman Doggett today, sends his support for The African American Youth Resource Center and says he will be there on the opening day. I am prayer-full that all of you can come on the official opening day for the Center, and yes we already have tons of applications from students wanting to be the first group to attend for a year. Once we announce the opening of the center, I already know, we will have a waiting list. Our kids want help and parents call us practically daily looking for programs for their kids.

We will make a difference; this will be history for Austin; we will reduce crime and save a number of our most precious jewels and that is our kids. They are hungry for attention.

On the opening day, someone will need to bring me some Kleenex!!!!!

Thank You All!!!

Michael Lofton
[redacted]

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From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Thursday, September 23, 2010 10:22 AM
To: 'Allen Weeks'
Cc: rjevans@austinisd.org; Long, Tara; McDonald, Stephanie; Leffingwell, Lee; Ott, Marc
Subject: RE: Information for "100 Best St. John" Presentation for Press Office

I will certainly plan to attend some portion of the celebration and will pass the information along to the mayor and City Manager.

From: Allen Weeks [mailto:[redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 23, 2010 7:56 AM
To: Cole, Sheryl
Cc: rjevans@austinisd.org
Subject: Information for "100 Best St. John" Presentation for Press Office

Dear Sheryl,

Here is the invitation to the event on October 9. Thanks for working with us on coordinating city and school district participation.

I have not invited to the Mayor or City Manager Ott, but would certainly be excited about either or both being part of this presentation. I think it definitely is a chance to get the word out about the great coordination between entities and community that is going on.

There is also a reporter from the Statesman, Juan Castillo, who is interested in doing a feature.

I've also attached a flyer for the HopeFest event (during which the presentation will be held on the main stage), which should attract around 4,000 local residents. City agencies and AISD are key participants on this day.

Feel free to call with any questions. Thanks!

Allen
[redacted]

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From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Tuesday, September 07, 2010 9:22 AM
To: McDonald, Stephanie; Levinski, Robert
Cc: Morrison, Laura; Riley, Chris
Subject: FW: Comprehensive Plan and Neighborhood Plans Meeting

Let's figure out if we should put this on our next CPT meeting.

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Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

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Cc: Matthew Dugan<Matthew.Dugan@ci.austin.tx.us>; kent collins<[redacted];

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1. The neighborhood plans as adopted are "presumptively valid" in their relationship to the comp plan;
2. The neighborhood plans as adopted will be "incorporated intact" into the comp plan;
3. The existing process for making any deviation for the neighborhood plans will be followed;

4. The neighborhood plans constitute "irreducible principles" that will not be modified by the comp plan.

What this means from my perspective is that the plans for which the neighborhoods have gained approval (or will get approved before the final adoption of the comp plan) codifying their own "visions" of what the future should be trumps any effort of the task force to create a unified long term comprehensive plan for the entire city and ETJ that might contradict, modify, or actually override the neighborhood plans for the "collective good". Taken further, this means that what we are doing at the Task Force should be recognized as extremely more limited than I had thought, because the boundaries for our "vision" and plan will necessarily be established by the disparate neighborhood associations. And I, for one, was not aware of this very important limitation.

I can only assume, based on this clear statement of neighborhood plan status, that this means that the 62% of the city's population that lives in neighborhood plan areas (as I understood those statistics from the meeting) (...cory heard it to be 52%, but I heard the larger number) will be able to exempt themselves from any of the general concepts (eg density, diversity, affordability, mixed use, etc) established by the task force. Another way of looking at it is that the neighborhood activists (and I do not intend that term to be pejorative, but matter of fact) that donate their time and energy into creating and getting adopted plans to protect the qualities they deem important for their particular area will in effect force the comp plan "vision" onto the areas of the city and the ETJ that do not have neighborhood plans. Sort of a giant, multifaceted "NIMBY" for all practical purposes.

My point is that this neighborhood plan "untouchable" status is now a clearly enunciated principle, the ramifications of which should now be fully discussed prior to our moving forward with any further deliberations. I (and again I may be the only unenlightened member of the task force on this point) had no idea that every discussion we had for hours on the vision statement (and will now have on the plan framework) should have taken into consideration every adopted neighborhood plan and every proposed neighborhood plan that might get adopted before the final plan is adopted. And every neighborhood plan will stand on its own once adopted,

regardless of its consistency with other neighborhood plans or the city's comprehensive plan.

In short, for right or wrong, this is a game changer for me. The comp plan is not being created by the task force with neighborhood input. It is to a large extent being created by the neighborhoods with task force input. It is a process necessarily limited by the "Race to the Top" in which all the neighborhood associations in the city with any sense will engage to complete before the task force completes its work. Their decisions will impact not only what cannot happen in their areas, but what will be pushed off onto the other areas of the city, and the ETJ, with no neighborhood association protection. I obviously knew that this is what the neighborhood associations were doing, I just thought that an adopted neighborhood plan would still have to conform to whatever the ultimate comprehensive plan was determined to be, not the other way around.

Obviously this was an incorrect assumption.

Be interested in your thoughts and, unless I am the only one surprised by this development, **I request that a full briefing on this be put on the agenda for the next meeting of the Task Force so there can be a discussion of the impact of neighborhood association plans on our work.**

Many thanks for reading this if you got this far.

j

------ Forwarded Message
From: Cory Walton <[redacted]>
Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2010 11:43:24 -0700 (PDT)
Garner and greg:
Subject: Comprehensive Plan and Neighborhood Plans Meeting

Hello Greg & Garner,

On behalf of the Austin Neighborhoods Council I want to thank you for the clarifications you offered last night to residents city-wide regarding the relationship between our adopted neighborhood plans and the

progressing Comprehensive Plan.

Thanks also for your flexibility in changing the discussion format in response to particiants' desire for open discussion among the entire group. I think this served as a more effective way to establish common ground from which to launch into the exercises you'd envisioned.

From my notes, and from the video footage I shot at the meeting, you responded to questions from ANC member Bill Bednar that the neighborhood Plans would remain valid and would be included in their entirety into the Comprehensive Plan, and that any changes to the plans would be conducted through the established neighborhood plan amendment process.

Please confirm that what I recorded and what meeting attendees heard is accurate. I plan to send out some emails to interested folks who couldn't attend, and I want to be absolutely sure that we're all clear on this issue.

As noted by several attendees last night, concerns remain that the four indexed map scenarios presented for citizens' review and consideration were compiled without any base information on the capacity of the existing zoning in the neighborhood planning areas or anywhere else in the whole planning area. While you acknowledge that you are now compiling this data, it seems to many residents at last night's meeting that you're placing the cart before the horse, i.e. presenting indexed maps before compiling base data. But as you both said several times, staff very much want to hear feedback about how to improve the process going forward. So perhaps we can talk about how information about the adopted neighborhood plans could be integrated into the next community forum series. I would be glad to meet or to talk about this issue while the good ideas from last night are stil fresh.

Finally, I'm grateful that you cited the figures reflecting that while the neighborhood planning area comprises only 16% of the Comprehensive Planning area, those neighborhood planning areas comprise some 52% of the total Comprehensive Planning area's population. Those two facts should make it very easy for planners and consultants to concentrate on density and infill issues associated with

placing a presumed 750,000 additional residents on the other 84% of the Comprehensive Plan area , while respecting the majority of Austin residents who have already worked with city planning staff, already made their future density and infill provisions including Vertical Mixed use adoption, already gained recommendation from the Planning Commission and already gained what they believed to be a promise and a trust from the City Council in the adoption of their neighborhood plans and future land use maps.

As you've seen, past experiences as well as recent Comp Plan exercises leave a very large credibility gap between Austin's neighborhood residents and the city's planners and elected officials. So I hope you'll be patient with us and continue to re-state your department's commitment to incorporating Austin's neighborhood plan, their FLUMS and the neighborhood planning process in toto into the comprehensive plan, so that by the time this planning process is completed, there may be some restoration of trust. Please let me know how I can help in building better communication between our neighborhoods and staff toward that end.

In the meantime, my thanks to you and all the staffers who've spent late hours to keep the lines of communication and engagement by residents in the comprehensive planning process.

Sincerely
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1. The neighborhood plans as adopted are "presumptively valid" in their relationship to the comp plan;
2. The neighborhood plans as adopted will be "incorporated intact" into the comp plan;
3. The existing process for making any deviation for the neighborhood plans will be followed;
4. The neighborhood plans constitute "irreducible principles" that will not be modified by the comp plan.

What this means from my perspective is that the plans for which the neighborhoods have gained approval (or will get approved before the final adoption of the comp plan) codifying their own "visions" of what the future should be trumps any effort of the task force to create a unified long term comprehensive plan for the entire city and ETJ that might contradict, modify, or actually override the neighborhood plans for the "collective good". Taken further, this means that what we are doing at the Task Force should be recognized as extremely more limited than I had thought, because the boundaries for our "vision" and plan will necessarily be established by the disparate neighborhood

associations. And I, for one, was not aware of this very important limitation.

I can only assume, based on this clear statement of neighborhood plan status, that this means that the 62% of the city's population that lives in neighborhood plan areas (as I understood those statistics from the meeting) (...cory heard it to be 52%, but I heard the larger number) will be able to exempt themselves from any of the general concepts (eg density, diversity, affordability, mixed use, etc) established by the task force. Another way of looking at it is that the neighborhood activists (and I do not intend that term to be pejorative, but matter of fact) that donate their time and energy into creating and getting adopted plans to protect the qualities they deem important for their particular area will in effect force the comp plan "vision" onto the areas of the city and the ETJ that do not have neighborhood plans. Sort of a giant, multifaceted "NIMBY" for all practical purposes.

My point is that this neighborhood plan "untouchable" status is now a clearly enunciated principle, the ramifications of which should now be fully discussed prior to our moving forward with any further deliberations. I (and again I may be the only unenlightened member of the task force on this point) had no idea that every discussion we had for hours on the vision statement (and will now have on the plan framework) should have taken into consideration every adopted neighborhood plan and every proposed neighborhood plan that might get adopted before the final plan is adopted. And every neighborhood plan will stand on its own once adopted, regardless of its consistency with other neighborhood plans or the city's comprehensive plan.

In short, for right or wrong, this is a game changer for me. The comp plan is not being created by the task force with neighborhood input. It is to a large extent being created by the neighborhoods with task force input. It is a process necessarily limited by the "Race to the Top" in which all the neighborhood associations in the city with any sense will engage to complete before the task force completes its work. Their decisions will impact not only what cannot happen in their areas, but what will be pushed off onto the other areas of the city, and the ETJ, with no neighborhood association protection. I obviously knew that this is what the neighborhood associations were doing, I just thought

that an adopted neighborhood plan would still have to conform to whatever the ultimate comprehensive plan was determined to be, not the other way around.

Obviously this was an incorrect assumption.

Be interested in your thoughts and, unless I am the only one surprised by this development, **I request that a full briefing on this be put on the agenda for the next meeting of the Task Force so there can be a discussion of the impact of neighborhood association plans on our work.**

Many thanks for reading this if you got this far.

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------ Forwarded Message
From: Cory Walton <[redacted]>
Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2010 11:43:24 -0700 (PDT)
Garner and greg:
Subject: Comprehensive Plan and Neighborhood Plans Meeting

Hello Greg & Garner,

On behalf of the Austin Neighborhoods Council I want to thank you for the clarifications you offered last night to residents city-wide regarding the relationship between our adopted neighborhood plans and the progressing Comprehensive Plan.

Thanks also for your flexibility in changing the discussion format in response to particiants' desire for open discussion among the entire group. I think this served as a more effective way to establish common ground from which to launch into the exercises you'd envisioned.

From my notes, and from the video footage I shot at the meeting, you responded to questions from ANC member Bill Bednar that the neighborhood Plans would remain valid and would be included in their entirety into the Comprehensive Plan, and that any changes to the plans would be conducted through the established neighborhood plan amendment process.

Please confirm that what I recorded and what meeting attendees heard is accurate. I plan to send out some emails to interested folks who couldn't attend, and I want to be absolutely sure that we're all clear on this issue.

As noted by several attendees last night, concerns remain that the four indexed map scenarios presented for citizens' review and consideration were compiled without any base information on the capacity of the existing zoning in the neighborhood planning areas or anywhere else in the whole planning area. While you acknowledge that you are now compiling this data, it seems to many residents at last night's meeting that you're placing the cart before the horse, i.e. presenting indexed maps before compiling base data. But as you both said several times, staff very much want to hear feedback about how to improve the process going forward. So perhaps we can talk about how information about the adopted neighborhood plans could be integrated into the next community forum series. I would be glad to meet or to talk about this issue while the good ideas from last night are stil fresh.

Finally, I'm grateful that you cited the figures reflecting that while the neighborhood planning area comprises only 16% of the Comprehensive Planning area, those neighborhood planning areas comprise some 52% of the total Comprehensive Planning area's population. Those two facts should make it very easy for planners and consultants to concentrate on density and infill issues associated with placing a presumed 750,000 additional residents on the other 84% of the Comprehensive Plan area , while respecting the majority of Austin residents who have already worked with city planning staff, already made their future density and infill provisions including Vertical Mixed use adoption, already gained recommendation from the Planning Commission and already gained what they believed to be a promise and a trust from the City Council in the adoption of their neighborhood plans and future land use maps.

As you've seen, past experiences as well as recent Comp Plan exercises leave a very large credibility gap between Austin's neighborhood residents and the city's planners and elected officials. So I hope you'll be patient with us and continue to re-state your

department's commitment to incorporating Austin's neighborhood plan, their FLUMS and the neighborhood planning process in toto into the comprehensive plan, so that by the time this planning process is completed, there may be some restoration of trust. Please let me know how I can help in building better communication between our neighborhoods and staff toward that end.

In the meantime, my thanks to you and all the staffers who've spent late hours to keep the lines of communication and engagement by residents in the comprehensive planning process.

Sincerely
Cory Walton, President
Austin Neighborhoods Council

------ End of Forwarded Message

Doherty, Deborah

From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Monday, August 23, 2010 10:31 AM
To: 'Will Meredith'
Cc: Shade, Randi; Melba Whatley; Melanie Barnes [redacted] McDonald, Stephanie; Coleman, Glen
Subject: RE: Waller Creek Project Update? (8-23-10)

This great work. Our next step was for me, Randi, Melba, Melanie, and Tom to get together. Tom is usually the hardest to get scheduled. Can you take responsibility for a date for him to meet in City Hall?

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From: Will Meredith [mailto:[redacted]]
Sent: Monday, August 23, 2010 8:59 AM
To: Shade, Randi; Cole, Sheryl
Cc: David Rockwood; Rene Huey-Lipton; Tom Meredith
Subject: Waller Creek Project Update? (8-23-10)

CM Cole and CM Shade,

I hope you all are doing well and enjoying the end of summer.

I haven't heard from you all in a while and I wanted to take a moment and check in regarding our Waller Creek Project.

David and Rene at GSD&M (copied on this email) were hoping to obtain some more 'stories and insights' from our larger focus group in order to incorporate into the overview report they have so kindly compiled for us. It might be better to have some other quotes and stories in there besides just ours so it will show better when we present it.

Attached is the original draft of the 'Uncovering the Purpose of the Waller Creek Project" from David and Rene. As you can see they did an amazing job driving the data out of our sessions and assimilating it into overarching themes and concepts for us to consider.

In regards to the pending next steps, milestones for the coming months, and the overall project trajectory of the 'Waller Creek Conservancy', it would be great to connect soon and hear more about what your aspirations are and if you all would still like our assistance in moving forward with the project.

Let us know what we can help with.

I hope to hear from you all soon.

Best Regards,

Will

Doherty, Deborah

From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Saturday, July 31, 2010 4:44 PM
To: Melba Whatley
Cc: Shade, Randi; McDonald, Stephanie; Coleman, Glen; Melissa Barry; Tom Meredith; Melba Whatley
Subject: Re: update

Wow. Thank you all for your work and leadership to make this a reality. Your city appreciates ever hurdle you have leaped thus far in this endeavor. I am proud and blessed for the opportunity to work with you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 31, 2010, at 9:08 AM, "Melba Whatley" <[redacted]> wrote:

> Dear Sheryl and Randi,
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> Before I leave town for a month, I wanted to give you an update on the
> Waller Creek Conservancy.
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> We are officially formed with Tom, Melanie and me as officers. We'l l
> add others later.
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> Thanks in large part to Allan Scherer, we have a good idea of the
> timeline, budget and form of a national competition for the design of
> Waller Creek as well as the responsibilities of the conservancy to
> execute the competition.
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> We have engaged Jeff Wilson as the photographer documenting the now
> and future.
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> We have established what we believe to be excellent relationships with
> key city staff, especially Sara Hensley, Jim Robertson and Joe
> Pantalion.
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> We have met with Ted Siff and expect to enjoy his guidance in
> working with the Waller Creek Advisory Committee as well as other
> city groups.
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> We have established relationships with some private property owners
> and other groups with an interest in the project.
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> In my absence Melanie will continue her excellent work on the
> formation of the conservancy and establish a relationship with the
> convention center directors.

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> Overall, we have worked to reach out to those with an interest,
> passion or responsibility for the project. We still have many
> people to reach but we're making progress. In every instance, we ha
> ve stressed our desire to be real partners, to be completely transpa
> rent and to be open to all ideas but we've made no promises beyond t
> hat.
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> To help establish the sense of trust and community we have worked
> on, we would like to host a party for everyone who has touched this
> project so far. We're calling it the Waller Creek Party Number One
> because we hope there will be many more as this community swells.
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> The timeline for the competition and other pressures to act that I
> have discussed with Stephanie suggest we should be prepared to move
> forward soon. But we must complete all the GSD&M work of branding
> and messaging, fill the board of the conservancy, create the LGC and
> agreement between the city and the conservancy, raise funds and
> write the RFP—at the very least.
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> I will be available by email and cell should you wish to reach me.
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> Warm regards,
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> Melba

Doherty, Deborah

From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Saturday, July 31, 2010 4:32 PM
To: Melba Whatley
Cc: Shade, Randi; Tom Meredith; Coleman, Glen; McDonald, Stephanie; Melanie Barnes
Subject: Re: PS

Thank you Melba and I will call them and express appreciation,

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 31, 2010, at 11:03 AM, "Melba Whatley" <[redacted]
wrote:

> Dear All,
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> I neglected to mention that Pete Winstead's firm agreed to represent
> the conservancy and has done our legal work pro bono. Martha Smile y
> has overseen our work and Mike Cook drafted the documents. Please
> thank them if you see them.
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> Best, Melba

Doherty, Deborah

From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 8:11 AM
To: Bier, Marti
Cc: Shade, Randi; Wilson, Beverly (Council Place 6)
Subject: RE: interns

Thank you Marti for working on this. We just had a potential intern submit an intern. Let me visit with Beverly and get back with you.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Bier, Marti
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 3:30 PM
To: Cole, Sheryl
Subject: RE: interns

We're paying ours but some offices don't have the funds. We're paying $11/hr...does that sound like what yall want to offer? Also, how many hours are you wanting? I'll see if we can help find you someone.

-marti

Marti Bier
Policy Aide
Council Member Randi Shade

sent with my thumbs from my Palm device

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

From: "Cole, Sheryl" <Sheryl.Cole@ci.austin.tx.us>
Subj: RE: interns
Date: Fri Jun 4, 2010 2:01 pm
Size: 1K
To: "Bier, Marti" <Marti.Bier@ci.austin.tx.us>

We have no money. Do you'll?

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From: Bier, Marti
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 2:08 PM
To: Cole, Sheryl; McDonald, Stephanie
Subject: RE: interns

Do you know if yall are able to pay an intern? How many hours?

-Marti

Marti Bier
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From: Shade, Randi
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 1:17 PM
To: Cole, Sheryl
Cc: McDonald, Stephanie; Bojo, Leah; Bier, Marti; O'Rourke, Liam; Woody, Thaddeus; 'Terrell Blodgett'
Subject: RE:

Hi Sheryl

I am happy to ask our new interns and our prized LBJ School Blodgett Fellow for suggestions about others they may know who are also interested in working in a Council office. By way of this email, in fact, I am doing just that.

-Randi

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From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 11:16 AM
To: 'Terrell Blodgett'
Cc: McDonald, Stephanie; Shade, Randi
Subject:

I hear you are getting interns. We are interested.

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Doherty, Deborah

From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2010 10:07 AM
To: McDonald, Stephanie
Cc: Shade, Randi
Subject: FW: Visioning Session

I don't remember the architect who came in Fritz place last time, but he was excellent. Did we invite him?

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From: Marcin, Christine W [mailto:cmarcin@austin.utexas.edu]
Sent: Friday, June 18, 2010 2:38 PM
To: Cole, Sheryl
Subject: FW: Visioning Session

Dear Councilwoman Cole,

Fritz Steiner asked that I please respond to your invitation on his behalf. He is in Cambridge this week at a Lincoln Institute seminar and his time is quite limited. Unfortunately, he will be unable to participate in the Visioning Session next Wednesday; he has two appointments late that afternoon that he cannot reschedule. He hopes the session goes well.

Best regards,
Christine Marcin
Executive Assistant

From: Cole, Sheryl <Sheryl.Cole@ci.austin.tx.us>
To: terry.keel@tfc.state.tx.us <terry.keel@tfc.state.tx.us>; Aundre.Dukes@tfc.state.tx.us <Aundre.Dukes@tfc.state.tx.us>; Linda Guerrero <[redacted]>; [redacted]; President; Hartman, Gregory W. <[redacted]>; Gary Farmer <[redacted]>; [redacted]; kirk.watson@senate.state.tx.us <kirk.watson@senate.state.tx.us>; [redacted]; David Bodenman <[redacted]>; Hensley, Sara <Sara.Hensley@ci.austin.tx.us>; Steiner, Frederick R; Shearer, Allan; Charlie McCabe <cmccabe@austinparks.org>; [redacted]
Cc: Shade, Randi <Randi.Shade@ci.austin.tx.us>; Coleman, Glen <Glen.Coleman@ci.austin.tx.us>; McDonald, Stephanie <Stephanie.McDonald@ci.austin.tx.us>

Sent: Fri Jun 18 13:40:04 2010
Subject: Visioning Session

Dear Friend of Waller:

As you know, ensuring that the Waller Creek Project is a success depends directly on building a strong foundation of ideas, goals and partnerships. I am proud to ask you to be a part of that exercise and invite you to join me from 3-5 on Wednesday, June 23rd at a Visioning Session where we will collaborate to form the basic principles of the potential Waller Conservancy.

GSD&M is located at 828 West 6th Street with parking available off 6th and Wood.

Please RSVP to me at Sheryl.Cole@ci.austin.tx.us

Sincere regards,
Sheryl

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From: Cole, Sheryl

Sent: Friday, June 18, 2010 1:40 PM

To: 'terry.keel@tfc.state.tx.us'; 'Aundre.Dukes@tfc.state.tx.us'; 'Linda Guerrero'; [redacted]; 'Bill Powers [redacted]'; 'Hartman, Gregory W.'; 'Gary Farmer'; [redacted]; 'kirk.watson@senate.state.tx.us'; [redacted]; 'Charlie Jones [redacted]'; 'James Huffines [redacted]'; [redacted]; 'Laura Huffman [redacted]'; [redacted]; David Bodenman; [redacted]; Hensley, Sara; 'fsteiner@austin.utexas.edu'; 'ashearer@austin.utexas.edu'; 'Charlie McCabe'; [redacted]; [redacted]

Cc: Shade, Randi; Coleman, Glen; McDonald, Stephanie

Subject: Visioning Session

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Doherty, Deborah

From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2010 11:13 AM
To: Canally, Greg
Cc: Ott, Marc; Leffingwell, Lee; Nathan, Mark
Subject: RE:

Great! I am glad we got it done and are all moving forward.

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From: Canally, Greg
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2010 4:21 PM
To: Cole, Sheryl
Cc: Wilson, Beverly (Council Place 6)
Subject: RE:

thank you. that sounds like a good plan.

we will be ready for tues and i will work with beverly on posting language.

From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2010 4:17 PM
To: Canally, Greg
Cc: Wilson, Beverly (Council Place 6)
Subject:

Greg I am simply taking out the language in the resolution about the Audit and Finance Committee and simply posting on the Audit and Finance agenda. Please send Beverly a copy of the resolution.

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Doherty, Deborah

From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2010 8:46 AM
To: Coleman, Glen
Cc: Shade, Randi
Subject: RE: Waller / Missed You

The 21c forlks were in Friday from I think Kentucky. We had a room full with Drenner, Betty and many more. I just wanted you to meet them. They are coming to see Randi soon.

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From: Coleman, Glen
Sent: Friday, June 11, 2010 1:16 PM
To: Cole, Sheryl
Subject: Waller / Missed You

Hi Sheryl,

Heard you needed me re Waller - how can I help?

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- glen coleman

Policy Aide, Council Member Randi Shade
Austin City Council Place Three
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Doherty, Deborah

From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2010 8:42 AM
To: Gerbracht, Heidi; McDonald, Stephanie
Cc: Bill Spelman; Riley, Chris
Subject: FW: posting language question from6/10 Council -follow up

FYI. I will keep you posted.

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From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2010 8:35 AM
To: Morgan, Anne
Subject: RE: posting language question from6/10 Council -follow up

Anne if the posting language wasn't sufficient to even talk about the other bids or entertainn accepting one how is it broad enough to reject them?

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From: Morgan, Anne
Sent: Friday, June 11, 2010 4:49 PM
To: Leffingwell, Lee; Martinez, Mike [Council Member]; Cole, Sheryl; Morrison, Laura; Shade, Randi; Riley, Chris; Spelman, William
Cc: Ott, Marc; Goode, Robert; Kennard, Karen; Grace, Cary
Subject: posting language question from6/10 Council -follow up

Mayor and Council:

This is a follow up to the question about the narrow posting language yesterday for the SMRFF item.

I have attached a copy of the posting language from the Central Library item in December 2008. It was posted broadly. In that instance, the posting language put the public on notice that you would be authorizing staff to negotiate with one of several firms that had submitted proposals. In the future, we can post professional service agreements in this manner, if you would prefer to have that flexibility.

Anne Morgan

Doherty, Deborah

From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2010 8:41 AM
To: Gerbracht, Heidi; McDonald, Stephanie
Cc: Bill Spelman; Riley, Chris
Subject: RE: newer version

I don't think we should mention violation of the anti-lobbying rules. As council members we can't state that as fact as a matter of policy. Also, I don't think there is any need to throw a public punch. I feel the same way about suggesting that all the others are not good corporate citizens.

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From: Gerbracht, Heidi
Sent: Friday, June 11, 2010 4:27 PM
To: 'Bill Spelman (spelman@mail.utexas.edu)'; Cole, Sheryl
Cc: McDonald, Stephanie
Subject: newer version

Hi Council Member Cole, Spelman, and Stephanie-

I'm attaching an updated version based on our conversation, Bill. If y'all have a chance to talk to CM Riley over the weekend, that might help.

I will be trying to post this first thing Monday morning, but wanted to get sign off from both of you first. I have a call in to Mr. Getter at Balcones to ask him for the financial analysis that they did that does not agree with the City's net present value analysis, so that you'll have it for your information and backup.

Have a great weekend!
Heidi

Doherty, Deborah

From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Sunday, May 23, 2010 5:19 PM
To: Bill Spelman
Subject: FW:

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From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Sunday, May 23, 2010 5:19 PM
To: Leffingwell, Lee
Cc: Nancy Williams; Wilson, Beverly (Council Place 6)
Subject:

I am again requesting a public briefing on the Keypoint report.

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Doherty, Deborah

From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2010 9:54 AM
To: '[redacted]
Cc: McDonald, Stephanie; Shade, Randi; 'Tom Meredith'
Subject: RE: Waller meeting

Great! See you Monday.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2010 10:05 PM
To: Cole, Sheryl
Subject: Waller meeting

I am so thrilled to say I can be at the meeting on Monday afternoon!

It has been so wonderful to get to work with you on this exciting project!! Thanks for your personal kind words. It will be my privilege to help bring your dream to fruition!

best,
melanie

Doherty, Deborah

From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2010 9:53 AM
To: 'Bartsch, Kathy R'
Cc: McDonald, Stephanie; Shade, Randi; 'Tom Meredith'
Subject: RE: Invitation to an important meeting Monday, May 24, 2010

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From: Bartsch, Kathy R [mailto:kbartsch@po.utexas.edu]
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2010 9:48 AM
To: Cole, Sheryl
Subject: FW: Invitation to an important meeting Monday, May 24, 2010

Ms. Cole,

President Powers asked me to let you know that he won't be able to attend the meeting on Monday as he is already booked for that time. He's forwarded the invitation on to Dean Steiner to see if he is available.

Kathy

Kathy Bartsch
Executive Assistant to President Bill Powers
The University of Texas at Austin ~ P.O. Box T ~ Austin, Texas 78713
Direct: 512-471-2302 ~ Fax: 512-471-8102

From: Cole, Sheryl [mailto:Sheryl.Cole@ci.austin.tx.us]
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2010 9:00 PM
To: President
Subject: Invitation to an important meeting Monday, May 24, 2010

Dear President Powers:

I would like to invite you to a brain storming suggested by Tom Meredith to take place at Idea City (GSD&M) on Monday, May 24, 2010 from 1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be in the main conference room. If you are not able to attend, I would like to request you ask Dean Fritz Steiner or another member of the architecture faculty to attend.

I along with Council Members Randi Shade and Chris Riley, as well as Melanie Barnes and Melba Whatley have been visiting with Tom launching a new vision for the eastern portion of downtown where Waller Creek will be the driving asset for live, work and play amenities. Other cities around the world have used a park conservancy model as the primary vehicle for successful public-private partnerships. These are the cities that have world class destinations today. We want your help as we develop something even more successful in Austin.

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Doherty, Deborah

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Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2010 9:51 AM
To: 'Hartman, Gregory W.'
Cc: McDonald, Stephanie; Shade, Randi; 'Tom Meredith'
Subject: RE: Invitation to an important meeting Monday, May 24, 2010

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From: Hartman, Gregory W. [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2010 10:57 PM
To: Cole, Sheryl
Subject: RE: Invitation to an important meeting Monday, May 24, 2010

Sheryl

Thank you for the invite, but I will be unable to attend the meeting on 5/24. I am part of a group, called the Executive Strategic Planning group, made up of leaders from the Seton Family of Hospitals, Central Health (the healthcare district) and the CommuniCare clinics system which is working on our joint delivery of health and hospital care. In order to stay on schedule and finish our work this summer, we've had to commit to keep the schedule for our key meetings.

You know I'm personally very committed to your work on the Waller Creek development and that Seton is also committed to being an important partner in your work. Please do not hesitate to call on me to participate in future activities.

Thanks again for the invite, and please stay in touch on this issue. If you want to discuss or have questions, don't hesitate to call me.

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From: Cole, Sheryl [mailto:Sheryl.Cole@ci.austin.tx.us]
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Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2010 9:50 AM
To: 'Gary Farmer'
Cc: McDonald, Stephanie; Shade, Randi; 'Tom Meredith'
Subject: RE: Invitation to an important meeting Monday, May 24, 2010

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From: Gary Farmer [mailto[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2010 11:35 PM
To: Cole, Sheryl
Subject: RE: Invitation to an important meeting Monday, May 24, 2010

Sheryl: I truly wish that I could be at this brain storming session as I am tremendously interested in the topic as you know. Unfortunately, I will be out of town on that date and my plans can not be changed. Please keep me on the list for future meetings concerning Waller Creek and the development potential for that part of the City. Thanks.

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Fax: 512/380-8819

From: Cole, Sheryl [mailto:Sheryl.Cole@ci.austin.tx.us]
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Doherty, Deborah

From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2010 4:09 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Martinez, Mike [Council Member]
Subject: RE: April 29 Council Item 14 DPR Construction, Inc.

So, that means I am your favorite Council member. Let me make sure Mike knows. Just kidding.

From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]]
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2010 1:30 PM
To: Cole, Sheryl
Subject: Re: April 29 Council Item 14 DPR Construction, Inc.

Council Member Cole,

Not only are you younger than I, you are also prettier and smarter than me. I truly believe God has blessed our community by allowing us to have you as our Council Member.

Thank you so much and God Bless,

Frank Fuentes

In a message dated 4/29/2010 12:24:53 P.M. Central Daylight Time, Sheryl.Cole@ci.austin.tx.us writes:

> As you now know, I got it.

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2010 2:57 PM
To: Morrison, Laura; Riley, Chris; Shade, Randi; Martinez, Mike [Council Member]; Cole, Sheryl; Spelman, William; Leffingwell, Lee
Cc: [redacted]; Garza, Bobby; Curtis, Matt; Garza, Rudy; Ott, Marc; Lara, Veronica
Subject: April 29 Council Item 14 DPR Construction, Inc.

Mayor and Council:
Attached for your review and consideration is a joint letter of opposition from the US Hispanic Contractors Association and the Austin Black Contractor's Association opposing Item#14 relating to Austin Energy's System Control Center construction project for $67,000,000.
Respective members of our organization plan to attend and address the Austin City Council during tomorrow's Council meeting.
Thank you for your consideration.

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April 28, 2010
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Mayor and Council Members:

Re: April 29, 2010 Council Agenda Item#14 - DPR Construction, Inc., (Construction Manager at Risk) for Austin Energy's System Control Center $67,000,000 contract
Dear Mayor and Council:

The Austin Black Contractors Association and the U.S. Hispanic Contractors Association and it's respective Austin Chapter respectfully request that you oppose item 14 on your April 29th agenda. This item is requesting administrative approval to award a $67,000,000 contract with no defined scope of work, no compliance plan and not even the minimum general goals for MBE/WBE participation, which in our opinion violates the spirit and intent of the city's MBE/WBE ordinance and program.

We would also like to remind the Council that on March 5, 2009 the Council approved the original contract with DPR for $145,000 for pre-construction with no MBE/WBE subcontracting opportunities or goals.

While we appreciate the significance of the AE System Control Center project, city staff has had sufficient time (nearly five years) to develop a relocation plan and construction schedule to address staff housing constraints and fiscal impacts. We firmly believe that this attempt by staff to suddenly fast track and seek approval to award a $67,000,000 construction project administratively without future Council deliberation, transparency and public participation is unacceptable.

We would like to remind the Council that you recently voted to move forward with a construction manager at risk approach for the Water Treatment Plant 4 Project which involved a very transparent schedule and contract award with meaningful MBE/WBE participation.

Our organizations and members remain deeply concerned with what appears to be yet another blatant example of a lack of commitment by Austin Energy to adhere to the MBE/WBE program and ordinance.

Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Austin Area Black Contractor's Association
U.S. Hispanic Contractor's Association
U. S. Hispanic Contractors Association de Austin

Doherty, Deborah

From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2010 1:37 PM
To: 'Susan Moffat'
Cc: Bill Spelman; Morrison, Laura
Subject: RE: Audit and Finance

Got it.

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From: Susan Moffat [redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2010 12:10 PM
To: Cole, Sheryl
Cc: Bill Spelman; Morrison, Laura
Subject: Re: Audit and Finance

Thanks for the heads up. I believe Mark will be attending tomorrow and I'll get there if I can. At this point, LC doesn't have a formal position that the board has signed off on so any comments will just be expressing the viewpoint of the speaker.

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At 10:34 AM -0500 4/26/10, Cole, Sheryl wrote:

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From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2010 11:29 AM
To: 'Lora Ann Gerson'; Nancy Williams; Wilson, Beverly (Council Place 6); Randi Shade
Cc: Acevedo, Art
Subject: RE: Do you know?

Sure I will pass it on. I hope all is well. Let's get together soon,

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From: Lora Ann Gerson [redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2010 10:03 AM
To: Nancy Williams; Wilson, Beverly (Council Place 6); Randi Shade; Cole, Sheryl
Subject: Do you know?

Amelia graduated summa cum laude with a degree in Criminal Justice and Sociology last year. She is unemployed at this moment. She is trying to change that - with the encouragement of her parents. She applied last night for a job at the police department. The job description is below. If you know anyone over there that you can encourage to interview her, I would greatly appreciate it. It will be up to her after that. But I do know that when I used to hire and had lots of applicants, that people would get an interview if someone I knew asked me to interview them. I am also going to attached her resume.

Thank you for any assistance you can give on this matter.

Lora Ann

Position Information

Posting Title	Crime Scene Specialist
Job Requisition Number	066894
Position Number	113496
Job Type	Full-Time
Division Name	Police Headquarters

- Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with major coursework in Criminal Justice, Science, or in a field related to the job, plus two (2) years experience in crime scene investigation, in a crime laboratory, or in law enforcement.
- Experience or education may be substituted up to four (4) years.

Must posses the following skills or certifications:

1. Must obtain IAI Level I ? Crime Scene Technician Certification, within 12 months of being eligible for testing.

Minimum Qualifications

Licenses or Certifications:

- Valid Drivers License

Doherty, Deborah

From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2010 11:26 AM
To: 'Bo McCarver'
Cc: Martinez, Mike [Council Member]
Subject: RE: Submitted from City Council web site - Participation in the Comprehensive Plan. Where are the Latinos? Where are we all?

Let Mike and I put our heads together.

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Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2010 5:27 PM
To: Cole, Sheryl
Subject: Re: Submitted from City Council web site - Participation in the Comprehensive Plan. Where are the Latinos? Where are we all?

Councilmember Cole,

I'm sure that the composition of the Steering Committee was representative of Austin's ethnic mix. The problem, however, is participation from the Latino population at large; they just aren't showing up.

I think Ora Houston and others have done a super job recruiting African American participants -- but the Latino leadership has not had much success in drawing folks.

As you can see, I'm challenging them to pull out more people in the second phase and focus on real racial and economic issues that have plagued Austin for decades.

I appreciate your request for suggestions and ask the same from you:
how can I help?

Bo

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> Date/Time Submitted: 2249 hours
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To: [redacted] Katherine Gregor
Cc: Bill Spelman; Mike Krusee; McDonald, Stephanie; Long, Tara; Gerbracht, Heidi
Subject: RE: walk-and-talk follow up

I am swamped with Texas Relays and next week is a council week and I am booked. I haven't even discussed the meeting with Steph let alone Bill or Heidi. Give us some time to do both of those things and then we will get a meeting set up. Of course, if Bill can or wants to meet with you sooner that is okay.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2010 4:24 PM
To: Cole, Sheryl; Katherine Gregor
Cc: Bill Spelman; Mike Krusee
Subject: Re: walk-and-talk follow up

I'm happy to discuss with them. I am in town tomorrow and can meet after I land at about 4pm if Mike is available. Should I come to Bill or Sheryl"s office tuesday when I arrive about 4pm?

Sent on the Sprint® Now Network from my BlackBerry®

From: "Cole, Sheryl" <Sheryl.Cole@ci.austin.tx.us>
Date: Mon, 29 Mar 2010 14:12:20 -0500
To: Katherine Gregor<[redacted]>; Scott Polikov<[redacted]>
Cc: Bill Spelman<spelman@mail.utexas.edu>; Mike Krusee<[redacted]>
Subject: RE: walk-and-talk follow up

I think we discussed our aides meeting with Scott and Mike before we started pulling anyone together or talking to Lee.

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From: Katherine Gregor [redacted]

Sent: Sunday, March 28, 2010 5:18 PM
To: Scott Polikov
Cc: Cole, Sheryl; 'Bill Spelman'; 'Mike Krusee'
Subject: Re: walk-and-talk follow up

Scott: Here is the contact information for Sheryl's & Bill's aides. Sheryl had mentioned making sure they had contact info, for all the folks you discussed pulling together. KG

Cole's Office: Stephanie.McDonald@ci.austin.tx.us
974-2266 or cell: [redacted]

Spelman's office: Heidi.Gerbracht@ci.austin.tx.us, 974-2256

BTW: I would appreciate ALL of you keeping my participation in this on the Q.T. This is me contributing what I can personally, as an Austin citizen, entirely separate from my role as a Chronicle reporter - so I wouldn't want anyone to think otherwise.

Thanks, Katherine

On Mar 28, 2010, at 2:33 PM, Scott Polikov wrote:

> Sheryl, Bill, Katherine, Mike
> I sure enjoyed the visit Friday. I look forward to supporting the effort however I can. Please let me know what I may do as a next step
> Best
> Scott
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> **From:** Katherine Gregor [redacted]
> **Sent:** Friday, March 26, 2010 9:04 AM
> **To:** Sheryl Cole; Bill Spelman
> **Cc:** Mike Krusee; Scott Polikov
> **Subject:** Today's walk-and-talk on economics of Austin Urban Rail funding
> Hi all -
> Scott Polikov happens to be in town, speaking at a Land Use conference at UT today, so he has graciously agreed to join us. He is at the forefront nationally of figuring out the economic side of these rail corridor redevelopment projects, so it will be great to have him along.
> The plan is to meet in front of the Blanton Museum at 2, then walk south down San Jacinto corridor until 3:30. Mike Krusee and Scott Polikov will lead a discussion of that corridor's potential redevelopment, from an economic perspective. I'll be listening and learning.
> Sheryl & Bill: Let me know if you want me to swing by city hall and pick you up, at 1:50, then drive up to the Blanton together. (Mike, could you leave your car at the other end?)
> As background, here is a great 2-page summary of all federal funds coming forward under **Sustainable Communities Programs**, and the new **National Infrastructure Innovation and Financing Fund**, in the feds' FY2011 Budget proposal.

KatherineGregorCommunications
512/707-1440

Doherty, Deborah

From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2010 5:20 PM
To: Nathan, Mark; Wilson, Beverly (Council Place 6)
Cc: Leffingwell, Lee
Subject: RE: Texas Relays

Sure. Mike will probably want to read it or I will.

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To: Cole, Sheryl; Wilson, Beverly (Council Place 6)
Cc: Leffingwell, Lee
Subject: RE: Texas Relays

Sheryl / Beverly: Unfortunately Lee won't be able to attend the reception because he is accepting his Distinguished Alumni award from the UT Engineering School on Thursday night at 6:30. Could we provide you with a short letter from him that could be read at the event? Please advise. Thanks, MN.

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Sent: Monday, March 29, 2010 1:58 PM
To: Wilson, Beverly (Council Place 6)
Cc: Leffingwell, Lee; Martinez, Mike [Council Member]; Nathan, Mark; Moore, Andrew
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Doherty, Deborah

From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2010 2:12 PM
To: 'Katherine Gregor'; Scott Polikov
Cc: 'Bill Spelman'; 'Mike Krusee'
Subject: RE: walk-and-talk follow up

I think we discussed our aides meeting with Scott and Mike before we started pulling anyone together or talking to Lee.

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From: Katherine Gregor [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, March 28, 2010 5:18 PM
To: Scott Polikov
Cc: Cole, Sheryl; 'Bill Spelman'; 'Mike Krusee'
Subject: Re: walk-and-talk follow up

Scott: Here is the contact information for Sheryl's & Bill's aides. Sheryl had mentioned making sure they had contact info, for all the folks you discussed pulling together. KG

Cole's Office: Stephanie.McDonald@ci.austin.tx.us
974-2266 or cell: [redacted]

Spelman's office: Heidi.Gerbracht@ci.austin.tx.us, 974-2256

BTW: I would appreciate ALL of you keeping my participation in this on the Q.T. This is me contributing what I can personally, as an Austin citizen, entirely separate from my role as a Chronicle reporter - so I wouldn't want anyone to think otherwise.

Thanks, Katherine

On Mar 28, 2010, at 2:33 PM, Scott Polikov wrote:

> Sheryl, Bill, Katherine, Mike
> I sure enjoyed the visit Friday. I look forward to supporting the effort however I can. Please let me know what I may do as a next step
> Best
> Scott

From: Katherine Gregor [redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 26, 2010 9:04 AM
To: Sheryl Cole; Bill Spelman
Cc: Mike Krusee; Scott Polikov
Subject: Today's walk-and-talk on economics of Austin Urban Rail funding

Hi all -

Scott Polikov happens to be in town, speaking at a Land Use conference at UT today, so he has graciously agreed to join us. He is at the forefront nationally of figuring out the economic side of these rail corridor redevelopment projects, so it will be great to have him along.

The plan is to meet in front of the Blanton Museum at 2, then walk south down San Jacinto corridor until 3:30. Mike Krusee and Scott Polikov will lead a discussion of that corridor's potential redevelopment, from an economic perspective. I'll be listening and learning.

Sheryl & Bill: Let me know if you want me to swing by city hall and pick you up, at 1:50, then drive up to the Blanton together. (Mike, could you leave your car at the other end?)

As background, here is a great 2-page summary of all federal funds coming forward under **Sustainable Communities Programs**, and the new **National Infrastructure Innovation and Financing Fund**, in the feds' FY2011 Budget proposal.

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From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Monday, March 01, 2010 5:12 PM
To: 'Frances Ferguson'
Cc: Riley, Chris; Shade, Randi; Spelman, William
Subject: RE: updated bond chart

I have started to just adore you for understanding that we really are trying to figure out what is best for BIG AUSTIN and then DO IT. People don't understand how close all of us are and you are right what a good council we have. However, just for your information because I think when we met with Randi and Walter you got to see the real wound up Sheryl. Over the top Sheryl doesn't bother Randi (she's a mom) but if you are ever really need to pull me back from the ledge call Chris or Bill.

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From: Frances Ferguson [mailto:[redacted]
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2010 11:05 PM
To: Shade, Randi; Cole, Sheryl; Morrison, Laura; Riley, Chris; Martinez, Michael R.; Leffingwell, Lee; Spelman, William
Subject: RE: updated bond chart

Hello Mayor and Council – I just wanted to thank you again. Tonight's hearing was really remarkable – and y'all made it so. In all the years we've been working on housing, never has a council cared so thoroughly about the totality of the issue and understood how fundamental housing is to the completeness of our community. I was really moved by the circumspect nature of all the people who spoke. And profoundly grateful that y'all were really THERE listening to the whole dynamic unfold. So often w/ past councils a hearing would go on and most council members would all get up and leave and have their aides sit in or NOT. But y'all were really THERE listening, asking, balancing, thinking it all through. And I just thank you for that. It's really an honor to work w/ y'all individually and as a "council". I can't remember a better council that has been as thoughtful and collegial and really working together to find balanced positions for the good of Austin.

Thank you. Francie ferguson.

From: Frances Ferguson
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2010 10:20 AM
To: 'Shade, Randi'; 'sheryl.cole@ci.austin.tx.us'; Morrison, Laura; Riley, Chris; 'michael.martinez@ci.austin.tx.us'; 'lee.leffingwell@ci.austin.tx.us'; 'bill.spelman@ci.austin.tx.us'
Cc: Bier, Marti; Levinski, Robert
Subject: updated bond chart

Hello Council Members – a number of you have seen a chart I created of the bond funded projects.

I suddenly realized that my chart **undercounted** supportive housing. (probably b/c I did it really late one night ☺)

Here is the updated chart.

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From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2010 10:43 AM
To: 'Marcelo Tafoya'
Cc: Martinez, Mike [Council Member]; Leffingwell, Lee; Spelman, William; cris.riley@ci.austin.tx.us; Morrison, Laura; Shade, Randi
Subject: RE: Texas Relay Festival Update 1.0

Marcelo I certainly appreciate your efforts but was not aware of your plans and we simply have not budgeted for this effort. Please feel free to come in and learn about the various activities planned in the community. Also, you are on my call list to invite personally to the reception at City Hall. Also, you will be receiving an invitation by mail.

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From: Marcelo Tafoya [mailto[redacted]
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2010 8:28 AM
To: Cole, Sheryl
Cc: Martinez, Mike [Council Member]; Leffingwell, Lee; Spelman, William; cris.riley@ci.austin.tx.us; Morrison, Laura; Shade, Randi
Subject: Texas Relay Festival Update 1.0

Dear City Councilwoman Sheryl Cole,

I am writing to keep you updated on the current events with the **Texas Relay Festival** to be held at the **Travis County Expo Center**. We are moving along as planned and look forward to working with the city of Austin to make this event a huge success. We have verified the attendance of several Professional Football Players and are currently in negotiation with **Drew Brees** (*Super Bowl Champs New Orleans Saints Quarterback*) and **Reggie Bush** (*Super Bowl Champs New Orleans Saints Running Back*).
Currently, we have received the support of:
Travis County Sheriff Greg Hamilton
Travis County Commissioner Margaret Gomez
Travis County Commissioner Ron Davis

We once again ask for your support for our event and hope to receive your response as soon as possible.

All support for this event is greatly appreciated and will not be forgotten. We look forward to working with you and will notify you as we continue to move forward.

Thanks,

Marcelo Tafoya
LULAC Council #4858

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From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2010 2:33 PM
To: McDonald, Stephanie
Cc: Riley, Chris; Leff, Lewis
Subject: Ciclovia Planning Meeting
Attachments: AUSTIN CICLOVIA.pdf

Below is an invite to a planning meeting for a ciclovia type event that Council Member Riley and I are hoping will come together with the help of the community and our Neighborhood Connectivity Staff in the Transportation department. Please feel free to forward the invite on and RSVP to Stephanie if you are able to attend. Some of you have already let us know that you cannot make the meeting, but expressed interest in getting the word out.

Thanks,

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From: McDonald, Stephanie
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2010 1:50 PM
To: Cole, Sheryl
Subject: ciclovia invite

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Ciclovia Planning Meeting

March 12, 2010
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
City Hall

Everyone is invited to learn more about ciclovia events and offer ideas and suggestions for an Austin event later this year. Please RSVP to stephanie.mcdonald@ci.austin.tx.us

Here's a collage of a ciclovia type event from Miami, Florida

To view a short film about Ciclovia in Bogota: http://www.streetfilms.org/ciclovia/

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From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2010 3:07 PM
To: Jerald Winetroub [redacted]
Cc: Riley, Chris

Thanks for helping me try to get the Comp Plan on the right track. Chris plans to call you about the need for more business representation. He asked me
"Why would he want to do that to his friends?" Good and funny point. I will be touch.

Doherty, Deborah

From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2010 10:35 AM
To: 'Sandra Martin'; Long, Tara
Cc: Ben Bentzin; Ian Ball; O'Brien, Julie; Hampton, Jeff; Michael Torres; Amanda Van Hoozer; Martinez, Mike [Council Member]
Subject: RE: Cap Metro Service & Clients of APD, CPS, DA & Center for Child Protection

Yes, Ben Bentizen did contact me about this issue and I spoke with Mayor Pro Tem Martinez and he is working on it. He will be in touch. I look forward to continuing to work with you.

From: Sandra Martin [mailto:[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2010 3:36 PM
To: Cole, Sheryl; Long, Tara
Cc: Ben Bentzin; Ian Ball; O'Brien, Julie; Hampton, Jeff; Michael Torres; Amanda Van Hoozer
Subject: Cap Metro Service & Clients of APD, CPS, DA & Center for Child Protection
Importance: High

Council Member Cole,

I understand that my Board Member, Ben Bentizin, has spoken to you about this issue and he asked that I forward these materials to you. It seems that Cap Metro buses come within a mile of our building but as recently happened, a mile is a very long way for a mother and infant in the rain. Our clients are not given an option about traveling to the Center for a forensic interview and they are often court ordered to attend counseling here. The Center for Child Protection's entire board would be most appreciative of any assistance that you are able to provide in support of service to our Center.

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From: Cole, Sheryl

Sent: Monday, January 25, 2010 12:35 PM

To: Martinez, Mike [Council Member]; From the Public Information Office; Alexander, Jason; Alvarado, Melissa; Ballas, Marisa; Beekley, Taja; Bergeron, Veronica; Bier, Marti; Bogusch, Annette; Bonee, Lucy; Britain, Rebecca; Brossette, Julie; Browder, Leslie; Canally, Greg; Carvell, Kyle; Coleman, Glen; Corpus, Grace; Curtis, Cathy; Curtis, Matt; Davila, Leander; Diaz, Elaine; Duesterhaus, Layne; Duncan, Roger; Dupuy, Andrew; Edwards, Sue; English, Barksdale; Enkhbaatar, Sanchir; Eskew, Dana; Estrada, Deena; Everhart, Amy; Fernandez, Rolando; Florance, Christopher; Fraga, Patricia; Franks, Brady; Garza, Bobby; Garza, Jason; Garza, Rudy; Gaul, Kay; Gentry, Shirley (Brown - CCO); Gerbracht, Heidi; Goode, Robert; Griffin, Celeste; Hackleman, Reagan; Hart, Robin; Hawkins, Rondella; Hayes, Joya; Herber, Jennifer; Hethcox, Leslie; Jackson, Janet; Joseph, Andrew; Knodel, Jeff; Lawler, John; Leff, Lewis; Leffingwell, Lee; Levinski, Robert; Li, Victoria J; Lightsey, Lynne; Long, Tara; Lott, Cindy; Lumbreras, Bert; Lurie, David; Maness, Jill; Martinez, Rose Marie; Matthews, Douglas; Matustik, David; McDonald, Michael [APD]; McDonald, Stephanie; McGee, Gwen; Meszaros, Greg; Moore, Andrew; Morales, Martha [PIO]; Morrison, Laura; Mory, Kenneth; Nathan, Mark; Noak, Rita; O'Connor, Deneice; Ochiltree, Alta; Olmstead, Alicia; Ott, Marc; Park, Samantha; Parker, Amy; Parkerson, Matt; Patrick, Mary; Pinchas, Aviva; Polio, Laura; Reeves, Keith; Rhodes, Willie; Riley, Chris; Riley, Chris; Rios, Myrna; Rivera, Linda; Rodriguez, Mary Lou; Rush, Barbara; Saenz, Kathleen; Sandoval, Marie; Schneiweiss, Leslie; Schooler, Larry; Shade, Randi; Shaw, Margaret; Sherbert, Nicole; Snipes, Anthony; Spelman, William; Steiner, John; Telles, Reyne; Terry, Sarah; Thomas, Diana; Van Eenoo, Ed; Williams, Nancy; Williamson, Laura; Wilson, Beverly (Council Place 6); Woltenberg, Kendall

Cc: Alvarado, Melissa

Subject: RE: City of Austin News Release by SMBR re: Austin is Tops for Small Business

Categories: News Release

Again congratulations to all.

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Cc: Alvarado, Melissa
Subject: RE: City of Austin News Release by SMBR re: Austin is Tops for Small Business

Super Congrats to all. Very proud of you all.

Mike

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez
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From: From the Public Information Office
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2010 10:30 AM
To: Official Distribution
Cc: Alvarado, Melissa
Subject: City of Austin News Release by SMBR re: Austin is Tops for Small Business

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Small Business Development Program
Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services Office

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

January 25, 2009
Contact: Rosalinda Jalifi, Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services Office,
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Austin is Tops for Small Business

Austin, TX - The City of Austin has been ranked as the #1 place in the United States to open a small business by *Portfolio.com.* Austin advanced from its 2009 rating of fourth on the list to first in 2010.

"Austin has established a growing niche market with small businesses. We feel fortunate to have a supportive Council and City Management that has encouraged our Small Business Development Program to create a myriad of tool box services for start-up businesses or local entrepreneurs wanting to expand," said Rosalinda Jalifi, Assistant Director of the Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services Office at the City of Austin.

Austin's population of 1.7 million residents is also home to over 38,602 small businesses. According to *Portfolio.com*, Austin's 19.5% population growth between 2003 and 2008 attributed to the region's ability to weather the recent national economic storm. The number of small businesses started up between 2006 and 2007 outpaced other metropolitan areas with a 5.6 percent increase.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana ranked second this year, due to an increase of 3.9% growth in numbers of small businesses, close to three times the national growth rate. Coming in third in the rankings is Raleigh, North Carolina, which fell from last year's first place. While Raleigh still has an impressive 22.5 percent population growth, it did not match Austin's pace in growth rate for jobs or small business.

The City of Austin's Small Business Development Program (SBDP) offers resources and services that gird entrepreneurs with solid start up skills and existing business owners with the information and tools necessary to maintain or expand their businesses. For more information on the *Portfolio.com* article, please visit www.portfolio.com

TOP 3 REASONS AUSTIN IS TOPS FOR SMALL BUSINESS:

- **Small Business is Big Business in Austin:** 94% percent of Austin's small business companies employ 50 or fewer employees – nationally the number is 86%

- **Business Education and Technical Assistance**: From business plans to business expansion – the City's Small Business Development Program provides resources, services, consulting and classes to prospective business owners. Use of SBDP's services continues to grow! In 2009 the Business Solutions Center saw over 4,500 visitors, SBDP tallied more than 2,600 training hours and over 1,700 technical assistance hours offered through BizAid.

- **Special Events Meet Small Business Needs:** Access to information and capital are the top two needs of local small business owners. The City's Small Business Development Program helps meet those needs with two annual events – *Getting Connected* and *Meet the Lender. Getting Connected* links small business owners to non-profits, networking organizations and government

programs geared to help entrepreneurs. *Meet the Lender* opens the door for small business owners to meet local small business-friendly lenders in a casual, non-intimidating setting.

The SBDP, a division of the City's Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services Office, is committed to providing opportunities and resources to small businesses to help them grow and prosper in a competitive business environment. For more information about SBDP's resources and services, please call 512-974-7800 or visit www.austinsmallbiz.org.

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From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2010 1:28 PM
To: 'Roger L. Cauvin'
Cc: Ott, Marc; Edwards, Sue; Morrison, Laura; Riley, Chris
Subject: RE: Facilitator for Citizens Advisory Committee, Comprehensive Plan

Thank you for your input. I believe three council members will briefly attend the next meeting. We are aware that there a variety of issues at play and simply ask that you give us and staff an opportunity to try and form constructive solutions.

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From: Roger L. Cauvin [mailto:[redacted]
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2010 6:25 PM
To: Cole, Sheryl
Subject: Facilitator for Citizens Advisory Committee, Comprehensive Plan

Council Member Cole,

I serve on the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Comprehensive Plan. As I'm sure you've heard, the recent meetings of the committee have been rather unproductive. Committee members and observers have diverse opinions about what the cause of the process breakdown is. Based on my having studied how to conduct productive meetings, I believe one of the primary problems facing the committee has been the lack of a trained meeting facilitator.

I have great respect for the chair, Judge Margaret Cooper, but she is a judge, not a facilitator. She has done a good job of keeping order during meetings, but facilitation is not only about keeping order, but also about keeping people focused on a goal and making people feel empowered to achieve that goal. Instead, members are frustrated and are unclear about precisely what their role is.

The process framework for the comprehensive plan is sound, in my opinion. The first step is to develop a vision for Austin that isn't tainted by policy preconceptions. Having received much positive feedback about a recent "meeting in a box" I conducted, I believe it is an effective tool for gathering valuable input. The subsequent phases of examining various policy options, and doing "scenario testing" to determine which policies will best achieve the vision, also make a lot of sense. What's lacking is skilled facilitation.

I urge the City Council to appoint a trained facilitator to lead the meetings of the Citizens Advisory Committee. This facilitator could work closely with city staff and consultants to set the agenda for each meeting and ensure everyone feels empowered and has a clear sense of their role. One such facilitator is Sharon Miller. Last year, she facilitated a charette on the proposed boathouse. I was impressed with her ability to get people working cooperatively and productively. If you're interested, I can send you her contact information.

Respectfully,

Roger L. Cauvin
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From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Thursday, January 06, 2011 4:07 PM
To: Hensley, Sara
Cc: Ott, Marc
Subject: Rosewood Park

You rock! Planning to run against me?

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From: Cole, Sheryl
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To: Hensley, Sara; [redacted] Ott, Marc
Cc: Long, Tara; Lumbreras, Bert; Garza, Jason; McNeeley, Kimberly; Snipes, Anthony; Moreno, Christina; Thedford, April
Subject: RE: Follow up from yesterday--Rosewood issues

Again, Sara you totally rock!

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From: Hensley, Sara
Sent: Friday, January 07, 2011 4:09 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Cole, Sheryl; Long, Tara; Lumbreras, Bert; Garza, Jason; McNeeley, Kimberly; Snipes, Anthony; Moreno, Christina; Thedford, April
Subject: Follow up from yesterday--Rosewood issues

Ms. Thompson; I wanted to follow up and thank you for the meeting yesterday afternoon. I really appreciate the honest conversation as well as the commitment from everyone to work together to solve the issues.

I have already talked with Kimberly McNeeley, Assistant Director, and asked her to go ahead and order the tables and chairs. In addition, we discussed the tarp issues and she is committed to investigating whether the tarp needs to be completely replaced. If it does not, she will make sure that the issues with trip hazards are addressed. Kimberly is also addressing the issues related to the Doris Miller facility not being properly cleaned before it is turned over for a rental and the changing room/s used as a storage.

Ms McNeeley was unaware, as I, the situation with Mr. L. D. Washington and is looking into it now.

Kimberly and I will be working with the staff to better understand the important cultural and historical significance of the Rosewood and Doris Miller facilities as well as the key importance to work with the community.

Both Kimberly and I look forward to working with you and Ms. Duffy, especially in addressing new membership for the Rosewood Advisory Board.

I do not have the other community members e-mails. Would you please share this update with them?? Thank you again. Sara

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Doherty, Deborah

From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2010 3:48 PM
To: Matthews, Douglas
Cc: Ott, Marc
Subject: RE: Sunday editorial

Did you give them any information about the Council resolution?

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From: Matthews, Douglas
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2010 3:22 PM
To: MAC Staff
Cc: Snipes, Anthony; Ott, Marc
Subject: Sunday editorial

Council and staff - As you may be aware from the City Manager's presentation to the DAA three weeks ago, the Manager went to ARCH in April under the guise of a homeless person to gain a stronger understanding of the homeless problem here in Austin. He followed that up with a second overnight stay on Wednesday night of this week. The Manager visited with the AAS editorial writers this week, along with representatives of ECHO and Front Steps, to promote Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, and to talk a little about his experience. We expect Ken Herman will be writing an editorial about the Manager's experience and observations for Sunday's paper.

For those of you interested in learning more about Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, you can visit www.hhweekaustin.com.

Doug.

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"Effective people are not problem-minded; they're opportunity minded"
- *Peter Drucker*

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From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2010 1:16 PM
To: Washington, Mark
Cc: Ott, Marc
Subject: RE: resume

Thank you and great job on Saturday. I am still getting compliments on Saturday. I am so proud of what Marc was able to do with you and all the professional help.

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From: Washington, Mark
Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2010 5:49 AM
To: 'CAMISHA MAXWELL'; Cole, Sheryl
Cc: Sharp, Karen; Byram, Roberta (HRD)
Subject: RE: resume

Camisha,

I will have my staff take a look at your resume and advise you on opportunities.

Karen, please have staff follow-up.

Thanks

From: CAMISHA MAXWELL [mailto:[redacted]
Sent: Friday, November 05, 2010 4:57 PM
To: Cole, Sheryl; Washington, Mark
Subject: resume

Hello,

My name is Camisha Maxwell. I am a recent graduate of Huston-Tillotson University with a BA in Interdisciplinary studies. I am currently seeking employment and would be truly grateful for any assistance that you may be able to provide. My grandmother, Ada Harden, forwarded me your email addresses in hopes that you may be able to help. I have enclosed my resume for your review.

Thank You in advance,
Camisha Maxwell

Doherty, Deborah

From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Thursday, September 23, 2010 10:55 AM
To: Browder, Leslie
Cc: Ott, Marc; Adams, George; Robertson, Jim

I have talked to Marc about the State of Texas redevelopment process and both Jim and George have seen the presentation. I just did not give him any thoughts about the financial implications and all the things that the groups before us right now before council regarding Airport Blvd are talking about.

Doherty, Deborah

From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Thursday, September 23, 2010 10:48 AM
To: Browder, Leslie
Cc: Ott, Marc
Subject: FW:

Will you please brief Marc on our meeting yesterday with the state? I plan to bring an item from Council on October 13.

From: McDonald, Stephanie
Sent: Thursday, September 23, 2010 10:43 AM
To: Cole, Sheryl
Subject: Re:

Yes. October 13 I think.

From: Cole, Sheryl
To: McDonald, Stephanie
Sent: Thu Sep 23 10:42:07 2010
Subject:
Did I tell you that Mike should be our third sponsor on the joint planning item with the state? Also, when did you tell me in October we would bring that?

Doherty, Deborah

From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Thursday, September 09, 2010 5:24 PM
To: 'Michael Lofton'
Cc: freddie.dixon@mail.utexas.edu; [redacted] [redacted] Jones, Shannon; sherri.fleming@co.travis.tx.us; Ron.Davis@co.travis.tx.us; Wilson, Beverly (Council Place 6); Sam.Biscoe@co.travis.tx.us; Ott, Marc
Subject: RE: Council Member Cole - Many Thanks for Your Support

Thank you Michael. I enjoyed visiting with you. As always, I am with you.

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From: Michael Lofton [mailto:[redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 09, 2010 2:11 PM
To: Cole, Sheryl
Cc: freddie.dixon@mail.utexas.edu; [redacted] [redacted]; Jones, Shannon; sherri.fleming@co.travis.tx.us; Ron.Davis@co.travis.tx.us; Wilson, Beverly (Council Place 6); Sam.Biscoe@co.travis.tx.us; Ott, Marc
Subject: Council Member Cole - Many Thanks for Your Support

Greetings Council Member Cole,

I just wanted to send a special thank you for taking to the time to meet with Rev. Dixon and myself regarding The African American Youth Resource Center. I plan to set up a meeting with Commissioner Ron Davis to request not only his continued support but see if he can assist with championing this effort as well from the county. It was good to hear that some of the Council Members that we have met with, have come to you to share their support. The meetings I've had with Council Members Morrison, Riley and Spelman have all went well. I meet with Council Member Shade on the 16th. I'm waiting on dates from Mayor Lee Leffingwell, and Mike Martinez. Both have shared their support and just wanted to meet for some brief details.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if you need any thing else from me. I will get back with you after I meet with Commissioner Ron Davis.

Be Blessed,

Michael Lofton
[redacted]

Doherty, Deborah

From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Tuesday, September 07, 2010 1:03 PM
To: Guernsey, Greg; Rusthoven, Jerry
Cc: 'Jerry Winetroub'; jack Gullahorn; Ott, Marc; [redacted]
Subject: Neighborhood Plans

Greg or Jerry will you briefly explain the neighborhood planning process to Mr. Winetroub. He sits on the Comprehensive Planning Commitee and issues have come up about how the neighborhood plans will impact the Comprehensive Plan and ultimately the zoning process. Please confirm that both Council and Planning Commission have the authority to overide any provision in a plan now. It is my understanding that it would take Council action to alter that process. Also, please let him know the overall status of all the plans(53% complete?) and how a plan would be amended. Several members are meeting tommorow at 10:00 a.m. Your prompt attention is appreciated.

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From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2010 2:18 PM
To: Canally, Greg
Cc: McDonald, Michael [APD]; Ott, Marc

I know you are swamped and I might even have a little to do with it. However, Steve Stewart came by and said that both Chief McDonald and the City manager support the EMS vehicles that should be on the next council agenda as a budget amendment. Let me know if I can help.

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From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2010 11:19 AM
To: McDonald, Michael [APD]; Kerr, Rhoda Mae
Cc: Ott, Marc
Subject: RE: 04.08.10 Follow Up: Item 20 (Cont.)

I have been meaning to tell you and Chief Kerr that both of you did a knock out job last week.

From: McDonald, Michael [APD]
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2010 11:39 AM
To: Leffingwell, Lee; Martinez, Mike [Council Member]; Riley, Chris; Shade, Randi; Morrison, Laura; Spelman, William; Cole, Sheryl
Cc: Nathan, Mark; Williams, Nancy; Moore, Andrew; Garza, Bobby; Leff, Lewis; Ballas, Marisa; Coleman, Glen; Bier, Marti; Levinski, Robert; Rush, Barbara; Gerbracht, Heidi; English, Barksdale; McDonald, Stephanie; Wilson, Beverly (Council Place 6); Ott, Marc; Kerr, Rhoda Mae; Evans, Harry
Subject: 04.08.10 Follow Up: Item 20 (Cont.)
Importance: High

Mayor and City Council Members,

Good morning. Last week, our office received further follow-up questions regarding Item #20 from the April 8th Council Meeting. As you may recall, this item was related to the AFD recruiting contract. Included below are the follow-up questions with respective responses. We hope you find this information helpful. Should you have any further questions, however, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Question:

The second bullet on the attachment emailed to M&CC on 4/16 says: "Cost of a new hire firefighter is $21.14 per hour to fill a vacancy". Is this only the hourly wage, or does this take into account retirement cost, benefits, etc.?

Answer:

	6 Months Probation	6 Mnth FF	Total First Yr
Wages	23,178	25,190	48,368
Medicare. Tax (.0145 of Salary)	326	365	692
Retirement (On completion of training)	4,415	4,799	9,214
	27,920	**30,354**	**58,273**
Total hours worked per year			2,756
Cost per hour worked			**21.14**

Note: Insurance is not included here because the total value is applied to the City's Health Insurance Fund.

Question:

The last bullet on the attachment says: "The cost for 90 cadets is $2500/month or $225,000. In addition, there are associated expenses for personal protective equipment, uniforms, etc.". Can we expand on the "etc." piece? What all does this include? Does this include any facilities costs?

Answer:

Uniform:	Bunker Gear:	Text Books:	Consumable Supplies:
short sleeve shirts	Turnout Bag	Fire	sheetrock

long sleeve
black tie
trousers
Gym shorts
ball cap
cold weather jacket
black belt
ID Photo
Rain Coat
Name Tags
T-shirts (AFD)
Cadet T-shirts
Cadet Shorts
TL T-shirts
TL Shorts

helmet/goggles
turnout coat
turnout pants
suspenders
boots
gloves
hood
face piece
Webbing
Wedges
Center Punches
Perp Pack
Wild land Coat
Utility rope

Medical
AHA CPR Manual

Application & Fees:
TCFP / Course Approval
DSHS EMT-Course Notification per class
National Registry
CPR
DSHS Application for Cert.
TCFP Application for Cert.
TCFP Testing Fee

OSB plywood
door inserts
particle board
hay
fasteners
propane
fuel
saw blades for all types of saws
smoke machine fluid
Water
EMT supplies

Note: No facilities cost are included as these types of costs are paid regardless of a training class.

Jason Alexander for Asst. City Manager Michael McDonald

Doherty, Deborah

From: Cole, Sheryl
Sent: Wednesday, March 03, 2010 4:09 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Garza, Rudy; Ott, Marc
Subject: RE: Mayor and Council Memo.PDF

Have we really decided to not staff these meetings even on request from a presentation from a specific department?

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To: Cole, Sheryl
Cc: Garza, Rudy; Ott, Marc
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Council Member,
We did have a productive meeting last night and Rudy Garza did attend which facilitated a good conversation between he and the committee members on the issue at hand.
There may be some miscommunication, but it was explained to the committee last night and on Feb. 21st that only Rudy Garza and Veronica Laura will be attending our Advisory Committee Meetings
and that there will be no more "staff presentations" as it has been in the past from SMBR, Austin Energy, Water Utility, Aviation, Parks & Recreation, Legal etc.
We will only get printed reports after request have been made in our regular meetings.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

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Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2010 4:32 PM
To: Cole, Sheryl; Garza, Rudy
Cc: Ott, Marc; Thomas, Deborah
Subject: RE:

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