

**River Commission Meeting
Minutes**

**Tuesday, July 24, 2007
9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Municipal Plaza B Room**

Members Present: A.J. Rodriguez, *Hispanic Chamber of Commerce*
Ed Whitacre, Jr., *Chairman Emeritus AT&T*
J. Darryl Byrd, *Silver Ventures*
Julian Trevino, *Chairman*
Lionel Sosa, *Executive Director, MATT Foundation*
Lisa Wong, *Rosario's Restaurant*
Lynda B. Burke, *Community Category*

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Penny Postoak Ferguson, *Assistant City Manger*; Helen Valkavich, *City Attorney's Office*; Camila Kunau, *City Attorney's Office*; Steve Whitworth, *City Attorney's Office*; Trey Jacobson, *Mayor's Office*; Roderick Sanchez, *Development Services*; Christopher Looney, *Development Services*; Andrew Spurgin, *Development Services*; Emil Moncivais, *Planning and Community Development*; Ann McGlone, *Planning and Community Development*; Lori Houston, *City Manager's Office*; Aaryn Hernandez-Smith; *City Manager's Office*

Others Present:

A. Regular Business

❖ **Call to Order**

B. Swearing in of Members

Selection of Appointment Terms (Staggered 3 year terms)

Yolanda Byington with the Office of the City Clerk coordinated the appointment terms of the Commission. The appointments are as follows:

One year term:	Expiration Dates:
A. J. Rodriguez	June 27, 2008
Ed Whitacre, Jr.	June 27, 2008
Two year terms:	
Lionel Sosa	June 27, 2009
Lisa Wong	June 27, 2009
Three year terms:	
Lynda B. Burke	June 27, 2010
J. Darryl Byrd	June 27, 2010
Julian Trevino	June 27, 2010

C. Review of Mayor's Panel Recommendations

Brenda Vickery Johnson, Chair of Mayor's Advisory Panel

Brenda Vickery Johnson presented information on the Mayor's Panel Recommendations.

D. City Attorney Office/City Manager's Office

Camila Kunau and Helen Valkavich from the City Attorney's Office

Camila Kunau and Helen Valkavich presented information on the Ethics and Open Government and City Code Rules for Boards and Commissions. They gave an overview of the various boards, commissions, legal restrictions and ethics. They explained what constitutes a conflict of interest, an open meeting among other Committee policies and the Open Meeting Act. Helen reiterated that if a Commission member has attended Municipal Leadership Institute, they could simply submit their certification to the City Clerks Office and that would suffice for their appointment to the River Commission.

E. Development Services

Roderick Sanchez, Development Services

Roderick Sanchez discussed the Development Process for the San Antonio River and the typical development process for a river project. Rod covered the development process and interaction between the various commissions, Zoning, Planning, HDRC and River Commission. Rod also covered the development process timeline between the said commissions.

Julian mentioned that he would review any projects with staff as we become made aware of projects that the River Commission might wish to consider.

F. Commission took a break and reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

G. Planning and Community Development

Ann McGlone, Planning and Community Development

Ann presented HDRC guidelines, duties and functions, RIO improvement overlays and jurisdictions. She also explained the review process timeline and the interaction between the various commissions.

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Ann presented the RIO Overlay improvements in depth. The design guidelines of each district were covered, along with maps of each RIO district. Ann explained the design standards for each RIO district and design standard categories. Also discussed were the building design characteristics. Ann also explained the range of items that are received for HDRC review and the number of items that are brought to the HDRC's attention on a yearly basis.

I. San Antonio River Improvement Project/River North TIRZ

Lori Houston, City Manager's Office

Lori presented the San Antonio River Improvement Project (SARIP)/River North TIRZ. Lori explained the project limits of the SARIP, the project partners, the benefits, project budget. Lori also covered the project descriptions for each segment currently underway and anticipated projects along the River.

A question was asked if the funding for the Museum Reach is complete. Mission Reach is heavily federally funded. Phase One construction piece is estimated to be 21.6 million of which 13.6 is to be federal funds, the current range for FY 2008 appropriated funds is anywhere from \$2-\$10 million. Staff is working to identify additional funds and working to secure funds.

Julian passed out articles related to the funding of the SARIP.

Lori presented the River North/TIRZ 27 project.

J. Linda Billa Burke volunteered to be the Vice Chair of the River Commission.

K. Scheduling of River Commission Meetings

The group agreed August 21 was to be the Goal Setting Retreat and the tour will be on the same day but group will coordinate with their calendars on the future River Commission meetings. Staff support is needed in order to coordinate the meetings.

Lionel Sosa explained that he would not be present at the August 21st and September 25th Commission meeting.

Chair explained that the group would come to an agreement as to what they would review and what process they would review, since items that are brought to the Commission are time sensitive. Commission vision would be the "Grand Scale" of what they would like to see the River become. This approach would be done by the Commission as a whole or with a sub-committee.

L. Adjournment – 11:36 a.m.

Copies of these presentations are made part of the file and are available upon request.

Respectfully Submitted,



*Penny Postoak Ferguson
Assistant City Manager
City Manager's Office*



Dr. Julian H. Trevino, Chairperson