



Capital Improvements Management Services Department  
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## Parman, Mission Branch libraries break ground on new chapter



CIMS Director **Mike Frisbie, P.E.**, joined City Council, City Management and Library representatives at ground-breaking ceremonies for two branch libraries, both of which are scheduled to open in early 2011.

District 9 City Councilwoman Elisa Chan, members of the Dan F. Parman family, and community representatives turned ceremonial shovels for the Parman Branch Library on January 12 (top photo).

Meanwhile, District 3 City Councilwoman Jennifer Ramos, Mayor Julian Castro, and local leaders celebrated the start of construction for the new Mission Branch Library at the old Mission Drive-In on January 26 (bottom photo).



Both branches, part of the 2007-2012 Bond Program, will include book stacks, reading areas, small meeting rooms, children's area, teen area, and two large community rooms with moveable partition between them.

The Parman Branch will be at 20735 Wilderness Oak in Stone Oak. The facility will be approximately 16,600 square feet on a 10-acre site, with much of the property preserved as natural environment.

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## From the Director's Chair - *By Mike Frisbie, P.E., City Engineer*

Greetings CIMS family!

Many of us live on a budget based on what we actually earn and spend accordingly. There can be times when we purchase items beyond our means.

As City employees, we are expected to follow rules and regulations for purchasing and spending, and to watch our budgets.

The City's revenues are slightly above projections, and that is good news given the country's overall economic condition. Breaking it down further, CIMS is doing an excellent job overall in monitoring our finances.

This work ethic is even more vital as we move into the crux of the 2007-2012 Bond Program. For months now, I have been talking about 2010 being the busiest construction year in San Antonio's history.

We are at the midpoint of the Bond Program, and now the action will get more intense.

In 2010, we are scheduled to begin construction on approximately 40 Horizontal projects and 30 in



Vertical. That involves a lot of land transactions with our Real Estate Division, tests and analyses from Environmental Management, and surveys and inspections from Technical Services.

Add in contracts, compliance issues, schedules, invoices, and other construction-related activity for these 70-plus new projects, and you realize that CIMS will have a busy year.

City Manager Sheryl Sculley recently held her quarterly Administrative Staff Meeting. She outlined top 10 priorities for the first quarter of 2010.

One of these priorities is the BRAC (Base Realignment And Closure) plan and implementation. Crucial to the BRAC plan's success is the Walters Street (Interstate 35 North to Fort Sam Main Gate) project, which is scheduled to begin construction this year.

The Walters project, now managed by **David McBeth's** Horizontal team, will reconstruct and widen the existing roadway to a proposed six-lane roadway with sidewalks, driveway approaches,

bike lanes, turn lanes at major intersections, a raised median, and necessary drainage and traffic signal improvements. The project includes the purchase of right-of-way as required.

The total cost for this project is currently estimated to be \$13.6 million, with the City's share expected to equal approximately 29 percent of this total.

City Manager Sculley also talked about federal stimulus funding for capital projects. Several of our projects fall under this category. She emphasized that stimulus-related projects are capped on their schedule and budget.

Another priority for the first quarter is a disparity study looking at small and women-owned business participation in City business. When City Council ranked the implementation priorities for the Bond Program in 2007, small, minority, and women-owned businesses participation in project delivery was one of the needs.

CIMS will have a big hand in meeting the first-quarter priorities for 2010 and throughout the year. Keep up the great work!

## CIMS employees encouraged to complete 2010 Census



The 2010 Census is coming to your mailbox in March.

By law, every household in the United States must participate in the 2010 Census. One of the shortest census forms in history, this year's Census form asks 10 questions and takes about 10 minutes to complete. Households should complete and mail back their forms upon receipt.

Federal funding is distributed to cities based on population. A complete and accurate Census count means more funding for valuable community services, including transportation needs.

For more information, call 207-0230 or 792-8185.

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The Parman Branch has an overall cost of \$7.4 million (\$4.3 million for construction) from the 2007 Bond Program and Certificates of Obligation.

Dan F. Parman, developer of the Stone Oak and Sonterra developments along the U.S. 281 corridor, donated the land for the new library. Other features at the District 9 library include walking trails and outdoor amphitheater.

Peter Zubiata's artwork, commissioned by CIMS division Public Art San Antonio, includes stacked-stone cairns that serve as wayfinding landmarks along a sidewalk leading to the library, metal and wood benches placed along the walking trail, and indoor wall-relief sculpture composed of back-lit wood panels in the shape of

tree silhouettes. **Jimmy LeFlore** is PASA director.

Marmon Mok is the designer and Lyda-Swinnerton is the contractor.

CIMS Vertical staff directly involved with the project are City Architect **Betty Feldman**, and Architects **Dale Lange**, **Bill Hensley**, and **Randy Matyear**.

The Mission Branch Library is at the old drive-in site at 3100 Roosevelt Ave. The building will be approximately 16,400 square feet, occupying 4 acres of a 26-acre master plan site.

In addition to the 2007 Bond, the \$7.4 project (\$4.7 million for construction) includes Certificates of Obligation and Community Development Block Grant and tax notes.

The site will be



*Community members look at a display board showing the artwork by Peter Zubiata that will adorn the new Parman Branch Library.*

regraded to relocate swale and prepare for future development. Features will include walking trails associated with National Parks paths to Mission San Jose and the San Antonio River, and an outdoor performance venue in a

future development of the historic drive-in marquee.

The project has been coordinated with Texas Historic Commission to preserve views of Mission San Jose and to provide guidelines for further development of the site.

Artwork by Chris Sauter includes an exterior sign near the entry that projects a flickering "movie" of the library's name on the wall at night, and an interior mural illustrating geologic strata of the site. PASA also commissioned this work.

The designer is Kell Muñoz Architects Inc. and the contractor is O'Haver Contractors. CIMS staff managing the project are Betty Feldman, Bill Hensley, and Randy Matyear.



*Workers with JR Ramon & Sons Inc. demolish the old concessions stand at Mission Drive-In at the conclusion of the ground-breaking ceremony for the new District 3 branch library.*

## CIMS Quarterly Meeting starts recognition program

**Elvia Fernandez**, Management Analyst in Reporting/Web Portal Support, was introduced as the first winner of the new CIMS Exceptional Customer Service Recognition program at the department's Quarterly Meeting on January 22.

Fernandez was nominated by **Sam Hutchins**, Reporting/Web Portal Support Manager. The nomination described Fernandez as the "go to person when there is a need for information. If the information exists, she will find it."

Hutchins' nomination form was supported by testimonials from **Robert Bethea** (Vertical), **David Lopez** (Horizontal), **Bianca Thorpe** (Horizontal), and Caroline Anz from Slay Engineering.

Fernandez's portrait and nomination synopsis will appear on the new CIMS Wall of Honor on the 5th floor at Municipal Plaza Building. In addition, she received a certificate of recognition, letter of congratulations from CIMS Director **Mike Frisbie**, P.E., and will have Lunch with the Director, and a choice of a prize.

Other nominees for the Exceptional Customer Service Recognition were **Fernando Lopez**, Senior Construction Inspector in Technical Services; and the Construction Inspection team of **Marta Atkin**, **Rafael Vazquez**, and **Robert Blanco**, all Senior Construction Inspectors; **Eulalio Corpus Jr.** and **Ricardo Ramirez**, both Construction Inspector II; and **Eduardo Ruiz** and **Randy Esparza**, both Construction Inspector I.

Nominations were reviewed by the CIMS Director and Assistant Directors. CIMS employees are encouraged to nominate their co-workers for the



*CIMS Director Mike Frisbie congratulates Elvia Fernandez as the department's first-ever winner of the Exceptional Customer Service Recognition program.*

award for consideration at the next Quarterly Meeting.

Frisbie referred to a slide showing construction activity for the 2007-2012 Bond Program. The slide illustrated that construction will increase this spring, reaching a peak in late 2010 and early 2011.

Public Art San Antonio Director **Jimmy LeFlore** reminded employees of the new PASA Web site - <http://www.publicartsa.com/flip/>.

Congratulations to the employees whose newborn babies were shown in photos: **Fernando Hernandez** (Compliance/Small Business); **Alma Nuñez** (Vertical); **Imelda Molina** (Vertical); **Claudia Valles-Tovar** (Horizontal); and **Elda Esquivel** (Horizontal).

## Happy birthday in February

CIMS wishes a happy birthday to fellow employees born in February:

**Eulalio Corpus Jr.**, Technical Services (1st); **Mike J. Guerra**, Horizontal (3rd); **Ricardo Montes**, Technical Services (5th).

**Eric Reyna**, Vertical (6th); **Paul McClure**, Technical Services (7th); **James Bennett**, Web Portal (8th); **Eduardo Ruiz**, Technical Services (8th).

**Rafael Vazquez**, Technical Services (8th); **Juan Martinez**, Technical Services (10th); **Felicia Guzman**, Technical Services (14th); **David Hernandez**, Horizontal (18th).

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**CIMS Mission Statement**

Together, Dedicated to Our Community ... Building a Great San Antonio



**Our Core Values**

- Accountability & Integrity
- Enjoying every day
- Respecting our customers
- Valuing our diversity & history
- Forward thinking



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