



MBE/WBE and Small Business Council Subcommittee
MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 12, 2010

The MBE/WBE and Small Business Council Subcommittee convened in a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 12, 2010 in Room #1101 at City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Committee Members in attendance:

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez, Council Member Cheryl Cole, Council Member Randi Shade,

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The September 14, 2010 regular meeting minutes were approved on a 2-0 vote by a motion from Council Member Shade, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first 10 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

Council Member Cole joined the dais.

Paul Saldaña, U.S. Hispanic Contractors Association de Austin – discussed the Formula 1 Initiative and asked again for a meeting between the developers and the various minority trade associations.

4. MBE/WBE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Monthly report from the Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) and Small Business Advisory Committee regarding its activities and minority-owned and women-owned business enterprises issues.

Adrian Neely, Chair of the MBE/WBE and Small Business Advisory Committee reported on the October 5, 2010 regular meeting.

Carol Hadnot, Austin Area Black Contractors Association, said that the Formula 1 project is going to require due diligence and scrutiny by the City.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Update from Austin Energy on the Weatherization Project with respect to subcontracting

Steve Saenz, Program Manager and Joe Guerrero, Project Coordinator, Austin Energy, presented an update on the Weatherization Project.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Alayne Johnson, Austin Area Black Contractors Association, said that a prime on this project is not using African American firms despite the discrimination clause, and this contractor has been assigned a bulk of the files.

Ms. Lara said that she will provide the committee with all six of the contractors' compliance plan goals and how much participation they have achieved thus far. She also said that she will provide this information prior to the next meeting.

She will also bring back recommendations for improved participation reporting after meeting with Austin Energy staff

Council Member Cole also requested the same type of reporting such as compliance plan goals, and participation on large projects in the future as they are being carried out.

Carol Hadnot, Austin Area Black Contractors Association –said that the business model established by Austin Energy is not being used. She also said that files on this project are not being distributed equitably.

b. Discussion and possible action regarding the proposed MBE/WBE Procurement Program Ordinance Amendments.

Ms. Lara presented the amendments and the subcommittee recommended the changes for approval by the full Council on a 3-0 vote on a motion by Council Member Cole, seconded by Council Member Shade.

6. STAFF REPORT

Monthly report from the Small & Minority Business Resources department regarding request for changes.

Veronica Briseño Lara, Director, SMBR presented the request for change report. The committee requested information be added to show the number of violations each prime contractor has to date.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Alayne Johnson, Austin Area Black Contractors Association, asked if on the request for change report, # 45 and #46 if one or two violations were issued, she also stated that SMBR should look at these situations closely, especially since the contractor is known for not meeting goals.

Carol Hadnot, Austin Area Black Contractors Association, said that on the weatherization project there were a few request for changes where non-profit organizations have replaced subcontractors, and requested SMBR look at this more closely.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez at 4:12 p.m.