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**WEATHERIZATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday March 15, 2011**

The Weatherization Committee convened on Tuesday February 15, 2011 at City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street in the Executive Session Room, # 1027 in Austin, Texas.

Chair Andy Ramirez called the Board Meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:
Andy Ramirez and Brian Walters

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the February 15, 2011 meeting were approved on a motion by Brian Walters and seconded by Andy Ramirez.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

There were no citizens signed up to speak.

3. OLD BUSINESS

Discussion regarding the Austin Energy Weatherization project and potential recommendations to the Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) & Small Business Enterprise Procurement Program Advisory Committee regarding minority participation.

Karl Rabago, Austin Energy, updated the committee regarding seeking additional funds, potential of additional projects available, amendment to the current contract and new deadline to complete projects; November-December.

Carol Hadnot, Austin Area Black Contractors Association, said she was concerned that the committee had not requested a due date on the feedback from the weatherization recommendations given to Council Subcommittee.

Mr. Ramirez said he requested that they provide feedback as soon as possible.

Mr. Ramirez discussed his concern with Austin Energy potentially not implementing the recommendations provided to them in the current agreement.

Mr. Rabago said he was prepared to discuss the recommendations and proceeded to do so.

Alayne Johnson, ABCA, stated that the multi-family projects are awarded to the larger, A.C. prime contractors, leaving no weatherization work for small subcontractors and concerned that goals/participation would not increase.

Mr. Walters stated that he would like to see Austin Energy add an objective process to distribute files to contractors.

On a motion from Mr. Ramirez and seconded by Mr. Walters, the committee requested that Austin Energy vigorously consider the recommendations and implementing them in the current contract, provide in writing his

response on the recommendations given to Austin Energy and on the recommendations they cannot implement; an explanation in detail as to why.

Mr. Rabago agreed to provide AE's response to the recommendations in writing by the end of the week.

4. STAFF REPORTS

Staff reports were distributed and referenced throughout the meeting.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

No agenda items were discussed.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 4:48 p.m.