



## Citizens' Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) Minutes

**DATE:** September 14, 2006  
**TIME:** 12pm  
**PLACE:** Training Room 1  
1700 South Lamar Blvd.  
Austin, TX 78704

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kathy Boas, Alonzo Bradley, Kelley Chou, Cecile DeWitt, Bob Englert, Henry McMahon, Darren Richards, Liz Shelby, Angie Wagner, Ludivina Zambrano  
**STAFF PRESENT:** Marietta Noel, Lisa Quinn, Sally Spill, Mildred Vuris  
**GUESTS PRESENT:** None

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### 1. Meeting Call to Order:

**A. Introductions:** Meeting was called to order at 12:07pm.

**B. Opening Remarks:** Henry McMahon asked the group for a moment of silence in honor of the life of former Governor Ann Richards. He also asked for positive thoughts for the wife of CPAC member George Englert. Also noted were the funeral of former Board Chairman Robert Chapa and the article on the Planned Living Assistance Network (PLAN) written by Bob Englert in the NAMI Austin magazine.

**C. Citizens' Comments:** There were no citizens' comments at this time.

**2. Approval of the Minutes from the August 10, 2006 Meeting:** Minutes were approved as submitted.

**3. Presentation:** There were no presentations at the meeting.

### 4. Reports:

#### A. Staff:

**1. Governmental & Community Relations:** Mildred Vuris reported the Mayor's Mental Health Task Force (MMHTFMC) and the Jail Diversion program were awarded a grant from the Gain's Center in Florida for a planning tool to assess data. Travis County was the only county in the nation to be awarded the grant. She also noted that the MMHTFMC Executive Coordinator was working on a system mapping project to re-design local crisis services. Ms. Vuris also briefly reviewed the Crisis Service Redesign project, spoke of a possible relocation of psychiatric emergency services to Seton Shoal Creek and the search for funding for mobile outreach.

2. **Director of Programs Update:** Sally Spill reported there were currently two part time recovery specialist positions being advertised. Consumer scholarships for the NAMI Texas conference will be funded from a \$3,000 prize won in a bowling fundraiser in conjunction with ESPN Radio. Ms. Spill also reported on the upcoming opening of Project Recovery, a short-term transitional housing projected funded by the Community Court and placed at the Oak Springs facility.
3. **Senior Planner:** Marietta Noel reported CPAC member Paul Merola had tendered his resignation to the committee. Paper work will be forwarded to the Human Resources committee for further action.

**B. Officers: Chair Henry McMahon:** Mr. McMahon noted that he will not be able to attend the October meeting. Co-Chairs Liz Shelby and Ludy Zambrano will take over duties in his absence.

**C. Reorganization of the CPAC and NAC:**

1. Liz Shelby and Ludy Zambrano attended a meeting of the Officers from the CPAC and NAC. Ms. Shelby prepared a document merging the bylaws of each committee. Combination draft bylaws were reviewed and discussed. Members felt the focus should be on what could realistically be accomplished by the group. A membership number of 19 was suggested as a negotiable number. Members were asked to submit any suggestions on the document no later than Monday, September 25. Topic of committee merger will be introduced to the committee liaisons.

5. **Unfinished Business:** There was no unfinished business to discuss.
6. **New Business:** There was no new business to discuss.
7. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 1:40pm.

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Henry McMahon, Chair

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Lisa M. Quinn, Recording Secretary