



## **CAN Community Council**

Monday, October 15, 2007

### **Minutes**

**Attendees:** Clint Smith, Cynthia Colbert, Nancy Neavel, Pat Dabbert, Terry Cowan, Willie Williams, Barbara Anderson, Vanessa Sarria, Michelle Augustine, Amy Wong Mok, Anne Harutunian, Bruce Elfant, Laura Morrison, Barbara Smith, Barbara Cilley, John Michael Cortez, Laurie Seremetis, Shawn Lemieux.

**Unable to Attend:** Al Perez, Amanda Arlitt, Debbie Wise, Kathy Armenta, Kevin Coleman, Leslie Hernandez, Linda Murphy, Marquis Williams, Maureen Siu, Mitch Sudolsky, Penny Lichenstein, Ronnie Mendoza, Sandra Gonzalez, Susan McCormick.

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – Pat Dabbert, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:40PM.
2. **Introductions and Announcements** –
3. **Citizen Communication** - No presentations
4. **Approval of August Minutes** - Minutes were approved as presented.
5. **Presentation on CAN Mission, Role, etc.** - Vanessa Sarris presented the framework and the need for a framework for CAN's body moving forward. Vanessa talked with the Community Council about going back to the basics to move forward and that currently the CAN Councils and Committees are not synchronized with the vision of CAN. We as the CAN are not integrated. The Role and Purpose were review and Vanessa presented the planning and implementation process of the 'Common Vision' moving forward.
6. **Input form CC on Framework** -
  - The CC members talked about the Resource Council and the proposed system being an up stream process.
  - Accountability for change will have to answer the question do we have the time and energy to do all this, i.e. "Framework".
  - The CC needs to work on two gaps only and not go into identifying new gaps; there is no money for new gaps.
  - Do not adopt a framework I would adopt these gaps that will be identified if only one or two gaps.
  - Only 1 or 2 gaps not the entire SIP indicators project
  - Go through a process and picking one thing to work on with the focus on the Gaps and have the CC talk about those Gaps.
  - Central Texas is in conflict and we cannot face and identify everything, (gaps) we must choose which gaps we want to take on.
  - I don't believe that the RC can't get their hands around the issues of the community to include the CAN IAG's
  - This seems like a duplication of services are we asking the right questions and are we blaming the victims for non-action.
  - What is the role of the CC? Is it setting an action for the RC from CC?
  - What is the planning from the RC going to be? Look at the accountability, The RC is the decision makers and the CC gets community input. Would the RC have the power to change the funding?
  - What about a new Response team? We have had them in the past but no one showed up at the meetings.
  - We do not want to see the framework, process, and the SIP included in the information to the CC.

7. CC input recommendations:

- 1) What is the awareness in the community
- 2) Community Access, increasing community access
- 3) Community Advocacy
- 4) Every other month have a CC working meeting. **(non- televised)**
- 5) The framework is a marketing tool/ process
- 6) The CC input is very important to send the information to the RC when addressing the key areas in 2008, i.e. legislations session 2009 and other identified areas.
- 7) The CC wants their efforts to be recognized and real.
- 8) Having Travis County Citizens at the table as a CC member.

8. Nomination/ Election Process - Terry Cowen is the new CC Chair for 2008 and we are in need of a new CC Vice Chair. Please forward your nominations for the vice chair to Terry Cowen.

9. Other Business – Pat Dabbert explained that the nomination committee would be meeting to review the nomination for CC Vice Chair and to discuss the written process of nominating new Community Council members.

10. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM

*Next Community Council meeting: Monday, November 19, 2008 from 5:40PM – 7:40PM, at City Hall*