



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: December 20, 2011

Prepared By/Phone Number: Melissa Velasquez, Judge's Office, x49555

Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Samuel T. Biscoe, County Judge

Commissioners Court Sponsor: Samuel T. Biscoe, County Judge

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

Consider and take appropriate action regarding renewal of contract with Envision Central Texas.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

Travis County's contract with Envision Central Texas expires December 31, 2011. The Commissioners Court has had a contract in place with Envision Central Texas for many years. This contract has been reviewed by the Court annually and funding for this contract has been provided annually, but has not been included in the budget process. Sally Campbell, Executive Director of Envision Central Texas, has requested funding for FY 2012, and would be happy to make a presentation on any future Commissioners Court meeting date. Attached are proposed deliverables from Envision Central Texas and minutes from last year regarding this item.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Direct Staff to prepare an appropriate contract and recommend a source of funding. The funding should be transferred to the Transportation and Natural Resources Department.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Contract amount is \$25,000 annually. There is no funding for this contract. In previous years the Commissioners Court has approved Allocated Reserve as the source of funding.

AGENDA REQUEST DEADLINE: All agenda requests and supporting materials must be submitted as a pdf to Cheryl Aker in the County Judge's office, Cheryl.Aker@co.travis.tx.us by **Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m.** for the next week's meeting.

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CERTIFIED MINUTES EXCERPT

The Travis County Commissioners' Court convened on December 14, 2010. The following Items were considered:

29. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING RENEWAL OF CONTRACT WITH ENVISION CENTRAL TEXAS. (10:05 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Sally Campbell, Executive Director, Envision Central Texas.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to direct appropriate County Staff to prepare an appropriate contract, including these deliverables; to have this on the Court's Agenda either December 21 or 28, 2010, and I would recommend that we just take the money from Allocated Reserve.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Karen Huber	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	absent

I, Dana DeBeauvoir, County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners' Court of Travis County, Texas, do hereby certify that the above is correct information from the Proceedings of the Commissioners' Court of Travis County, Texas.

Witness my hand and seal, this the 15th day of December, 2010.

DANA DeBEAUVOIR
County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk
of the Commissioners' Court of
Travis County, Texas

By: _____
Gillian Porter, Deputy

Melissa Velasquez

From: Campbell, Sally <scampbell@envisioncentraltexas.org>
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2011 11:05 AM
To: Melissa Velasquez
Cc: David Walch
Subject: RE: ECT 2011 deliverables
Attachments: 2012 ECT Deliverables for Travis County.doc

Hi Melissa:

Here are the ECT deliverables for 2012. Let me know if you have any questions. Also, let me know when it will go before the court.

Best Regards,

Sally

Sally W. Campbell
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From: Melissa Velasquez [<mailto:Melissa.Velasquez@co.travis.tx.us>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2011 2:01 PM
To: Campbell, Sally
Cc: David Walch
Subject: Re: ECT 2011 deliverables

Sally, we are working on the Envision Central Texas contract for 2012. Can you please send us the 2012 deliverables for ECT and we will work on getting this contract on the Commissioners Court agenda.

Thank you,
Melissa

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>>> On 12/6/2010 at 11:16 AM, in message

<657B9ED6AAD6874DA8CAE811C0AB5BA502E652A4@XCH.capco.state.tx.us>, "Campbell, Sally"

<scampbell@envisioncentraltexas.org> wrote:

Hi Melissa:

Here are the 2011 deliverables for ECT. Would you ask the judge what the next steps will be for this contract process?

Thanks,

Sally

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Envision Central Texas Deliverables for 2012 Contract with Travis County

I. Our Mission:

Envision Central Texas serves as a catalyst for regional cooperation and planning in order to realize a common vision for Central Texas which preserves and enhances our natural resources, economic vitality, social equity and overall quality of living.

II. Our Imperative:

We must improve how we grow in order to sustain our region's quality of life and competitiveness. The focus of ECT is on what, where and when we build, and how that impacts natural resources and mobility.

III. ECT Program:

- Improve coordination of regional planning and infrastructure
- Advocate for policies, tools and resources to support the vision
- Offer services that support livability of the region and advance the vision

A. Regional Planning

- **Conduct outreach and demonstration site tasks connected with the \$3.7 million federal Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant.** As a key member of the regional consortium which secured the HUD-DOT-EPA grant, ECT will help accomplish the committed work in association with the regional consortium of CAPCOG, CAMPO, Austin, Round Rock, San Marcos, UT-Austin, ACCD, Texas State and the five counties. The grant will be used to develop cutting-edge tools and plans that will help us create the region we want. *Note: this particular grant activity was delayed from 2011 due to HUD and vendor negotiations and issues.*
- **Convene four Central Texas Planner Roundtables** with agency, jurisdiction and private sector planners about quality growth issues in Central Texas. These meetings will center on the challenges of planning for sustainable growth in Central Texas and increasing mobility. This year the frequency of these roundtables will be increased to quarterly and the location rotated among the various jurisdictions.

B. Special Events

- **Convene Seventh Annual ECT Community Stewardship Awards Luncheon** in May where outstanding and innovative people, projects and processes are spotlighted before an audience of regional leaders. The event will feature a well known keynote speaker on regional planning and coordination.
- **Convene a Legislative Preview Luncheon Forum** in November featuring members of the Texas legislature and previewing the likely issues affecting Central Texas at the 83rd Texas Legislative Session.
- **Sustainable Communities Conference**
ECT will launch a new Sustainable Communities Conference with a professional focus that will have tracks for those interested in earning continuing education credits such as planners, engineers, lawyers, architects, etc.

- **Central Texas Growth and Connectivity Forum**

ECT will spotlight Central Texas growth and connectivity issues at a new regional forum. This forum may be held as the culminating event for the Sustainable Communities Conference (see above).

C. Issues and Advocacy

- ECT will continue its legislative education and advocacy work about county growth management, transportation funding and water management

D. Committees and Work Groups

- ECT will work to advance its vision and accomplish its 2012 Program of Work through the involvement of its committees and work groups made up of Central Texas volunteers. Those groups include:
 - Capital Area Texas Sustainability Consortium
 - Community Design Committee
 - Community Outreach Committee
 - County Growth Management Work Group
 - Development Work Group
 - Issue Resolution Work Group
 - Natural Infrastructure Committee
 - Professional Education Work Group
 - Transportation and Land Use Committee
 - Water Resources Management Work Group
 - Vision Alignment/Benchmarking Work Group

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