

Charge from the Laredo Mayor and City Council, January, 2000

To the Blue Ribbon Committee for the River Vega Master Plan

I. General powers and duties

The Blue Ribbon Committee (Committee) in discharging its duties enumerated herein, shall serve in an advisory capacity rather than an administrative capacity. The Committee serves as a primary connection from the Rio Grande Vega Master Plan Design Team (Design Team) to the community at large. The term of service for the Blue Ribbon Committee shall be commensurate with the duration of the Master Plan effort, which is anticipated to end in April 2007. The responsibilities of the Blue Ribbon Committee consist of:

- ❖ Meet regularly and as needed to provide feedback to the Design Team on issues brought forward to the Committee.
- ❖ Such monthly meetings will be consultations between the City-appointed advisory Committee and the Design Team. Public participation will be encouraged through specific meetings at key junctures in the project.
- ❖ Represent the interests of the community as a whole in an advisory capacity to the Design Team

II. Vision and mission statements

- A. **Mission:** To be an Advisory Committee that is the public interface for the development of the River Vega Master Plan.

III. Goals, responsibilities

- A. **Goals:** The Committee's goal will be to serve as an advisory connector between the Public and the Design Team on the River Vega Master Plan.
- B. **Responsibilities:** To hold regular meetings and to provide feedback to the Design Team on issues brought forward to the Committee.

IV. Officers, members

Chair

- A. Chair and Vice-Chair shall be elected by a majority vote by the Committee at the initial meeting.
- B. The Chair will be responsible for conducting the monthly Committee meetings and for providing written minutes of the meeting to the Committee and Design Team.

V. Ethics and standards of performance

- A. Appointees of the Mayor and Council are City Appointed Officials.
- B. They shall reflect the highest standards of ethics, performance and excellence in customer service.
- C. They also shall reflect professionalism, courtesy and proper decorum in interacting with each other and with the public and while serving as City Appointed Officials.
- D. They shall comply with the standards, policies and procedures defined in the protocol and procedures handbooks adopted by the Mayor and Council.

VI. Accountability to the Mayor and Council

- A. Appointees of the Mayor are accountable to the Mayor and Council.
- B. The Mayor and Council hold all City Appointed Officials accountable for the highest standards of ethics, performance and excellence in customer service.

Charge Recommendation and Adoption

This charge was recommended to the Laredo Mayor and Council by

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Environmental Services

September 14, 2006

for the

Blue Ribbon Committee for the River Vega Master Plan created by

Appointment on August 28, 2006

This charge was approved and issued by the Laredo Mayor and Council on

(DATE) _____

Raul G. Salinas, Mayor
City of Laredo

Gustavo Guevara Jr.
City Secretary

