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Interns and Governments Gain by Work/Study

"Working in a rural county government -- well, it's like getting to the grass roots level of government," Victor Carreon, intern to Wilson County Judge Gresham Akin, said about his position.

Carreon has a busy schedule, because Judge Akin has given him varied assignments. He has assisted in the application to the Bureau of Recreation for Kosciusko Park, has attended numerous meetings and has been allowed to observe Akin as he counsels with juvenile offenders. He drives 70 miles (round trip) three times a week, and once a week, attends a program seminar for the interns.

He said that he felt that he was learning more in Wilson County, rather than in a big, San Antonio-based agency. Recently, he was given new projects assisting with the historical preservation application for renovating the nineteenth century County Courthouse and working with the county flood insurance program.



*Victor Carreon, intern and
Judge Gresham Akin*

Carreon is one of 20 student interns in the AACOG Work/Study Program. The majority of the students work part-time (20 hours each week) while they complete their graduate studies. The interns work in public agencies and local governments on a grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Local funds are contributed by the employing agencies and the participating universities.

Carreon is attending graduate school in Environmental Management with a concentration of Human Resources at the University of Texas at San Antonio. Other student interns and assignments are: Ruby Dempsey, Pedro Ramirez and Charles Herrera, various divisions at AACOG; Luis Tarazon, City of Castroville; Filiberto Moncada, City of Cibolo; Richard Ewaniszyk, City of Leon Valley; Gilbert Perales, City of Lytle; Andres Garza, City of Pearsall; Janie Bais, Travis Bishop, Roy Chavera, Wayne Kottman, Isabel Munoz, Robert Peche, Sandra Stinson, and Rose Valdez, various divisions at City of San Antonio; Marlene Hagesfeld, City of Schertz; Mary Louis Guerrero, Community Action Programs through Comal County; and Manuel Longoria, Universal City. These students are from St. Mary's University, Southwest Texas State University, Trinity University and UTSA.

Since the program started, tremendous acceptance of the concept has been received. Of the 97 participating students, 70 have advanced to professional jobs in their career field. Therefore, AACOG's program is meeting an important HUD Work/Study objective, to prepare minority and low income students academically and practically in the fields of planning, management and the general administration of public agencies. The students profit by gaining experience, and AACOG member governments profit by receiving needed assistance with the additional manpower.

Summary of Executive Committee Action

The Executive Committee reviewed 23 applications totaling \$83.2 million during January. In addition, six applicants were given consensus to proceed and one application for a loan was approved.

A City of San Antonio application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for a \$6.5 million Urban Development Action grant received favorable approval from the Committee. This application for inner-city revitalization involved \$48 million to build a 500-room hotel, 500-car parking garage, new retail space and a multi-level pedestrian walkway lining Alamo Plaza and Paseo del Rio. The economic impact generated will be \$60 million. The Executive Committee concurred with the Regional Development and Review Committee comment that the City of San Antonio thoroughly consider the impact of the project on energy consumption, water use and on the generation of additional solid waste. The recommendation stated that the city also determine whether the proposed parking garage will be sufficient to meet needs of the hotel and the new retailers. Included in the RD&RC report were three applications from San Antonio Transit System receiving Executive Committee favorable review. Totaling \$28.7 million in capital assistance with \$21.8 million from the Urban Mass Transit Administration, the money will be used to purchase 123 advanced-design buses, ten small buses, patrol cars and more.

The Regional Human Resources Advisory endorsed the final designation agreement and grant for the 21-county Camino Real Health Systems. The Department of Health, Education and Welfare application for \$556,632 was favorably reviewed by the Committee, and becomes the final phase of the agency's designation.

In a report from both Bexar and Alamo Senior Advisories, two applications to DHEW for Girling and Associates and the MBFA Foundation to expand home health services were unfavorably reviewed by the Committee. In their comments, it was noted that existing home health care services were under-utilized, and home health providers should coordinate services or apply for funds in a joint application.

'701' Comprehensive Report Approved

AACOG has received notification of approval from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Housing and Land Use Elements report. The COG also received recognition in being the only agency to obtain such approval in 1977 from the HUD regional office.

This special report documented the use of 701 comprehensive planning grants by AACOG, and the HUD approval established recertification for AACOG to continue to be eligible for 701 funds.

A compilation of existing publications setting out regional housing and land development policies approved by the Executive Committee, the report was submitted in October, 1977 after receiving additional approval from the Committee. The previously adopted and coordinated policies of the 12-county Alamo region were judged by HUD to be in compliance with land use and housing requirements; they were not evaluated to their appropriateness.

The Alamo Area Council of Governments is a voluntary association of local governmental units joined together in a cooperative effort to meet the challenge of today's problems.

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Application Review Agenda

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HUMAN RESOURCES

Committee meets: Thursday, February 16, 2 p.m., Three Americas Building
 Comments to: Jim Brandes by Wednesday, February 15

- #8-01-18-707 APPLICANT: EODC of San Antonio & Bexar County/Planned Parenthood Center
"Comprehensive Family Planning:" To provide comprehensive family planning services to approximately 18,900 persons. Total Cost: \$967,000. Funding Agency: HEW - \$232,800.
Local Funds: \$734,200.
- #8-02-18-701 APPLICANT: EODC of San Antonio & Bexar County
"Community Action Agency:" To operate and/or delegate social service programs for the poverty population of San Antonio & Bexar County. Total Cost: \$1,964,600. Funding Agency: CSA - \$1,375,200. Local Funds: \$589,400.
- #8-02-18-702 APPLICANT: Our Lady of the Lake University
"Energy and Environment Workshop:" A 2-week summer workshop for 50 middle/upper-school teachers on energy situation, its impact, and options for present and future energy use. Total Cost: \$9,874. Funding Agency: USOE. (Review by Executive Committee on February 8).
- #8-02-18-703 APPLICANT: Fredericksburg Child Development Agency
"Head Start Program:" To provide educational, nutritional and social services to pre-school children of low-income families. Total Cost: \$56,079. Funding Agency: HEW.
- #8-02-18-704 APPLICANT: Hill Country Community Action Association, Inc.
"Family Planning Program:" To provide comprehensive family planning services to approximately 3,300 persons in 13 counties, including Gillespie. Total Cost: \$486,880.
Funding Agency: HEW - \$363,797. State: \$73,000. Other: \$50,083.
- #8-02-18-705 APPLICANT: S.W. Migrant Association
"Supplemental Grant for Mental Health Services:" To establish a mental health liaison unit to expand the present scope of health care provided migrants and residents of Bexar and Atascosa Counties. Total Cost: \$66,462. Funding Agency: HEW - \$65,902.
Local Match: \$560.
- #8-02-18-706 APPLICANT: San Antonio Metropolitan Health District
"Urban Rat Control:" To educate persons in West side area of San Antonio regarding rat control. Program includes eradication of rats in that area. Total Cost: Approx. \$300,000. Funding Agency: HEW.
- #8-02-18-707 APPLICANT: Concerned Athletes in Action, Inc.
"Youth Opportunity Pilot Project:" To foster academic achievement, positive decision making, and development of healthy bodies and sound minds by providing work experience, on-the-job training, recreation services and more to 50 disadvantaged youths in Bexar County. Total Cost: \$170,303. Funding Agency: DOL - \$170,303.

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY

Committee meets: Monday, February 6, 1:30 p.m., Three Americas Building
 Comments to: Ty Probasco by Friday, February 3

#7-12-18-801 APPLICANT: City of Poth
"Poth City Park": To acquire a 30-acre park site and develop two ballfields, a multi-purpose court, a restroom/concession building, a child play area, and necessary support facilities. Total Cost: \$328,597.50. Funding Agency: BOR - \$164,298.75.
Applicant: \$164,298.75.

#8-01-18-801 APPLICANT: City of Cibolo
"Cibolo Park Phase II Project": To provide a new baseball field with a backstop, picnic facilities, playground equipment, and fencing of existing field. Total Cost: \$12,658. Funding Agency: BOR - \$6,329. Applicant: \$6,329.

Following are applications by TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION for development projects, requesting the National Park Service to fund 50 percent of the total cost, with the remaining 50 percent to be paid through private funds.

- #8-01-18-802 "Alamo Plaza Historic District: Reuter Building": Total Cost: \$100,000.
- #8-01-18-803 "Old U.S. Arsenal: Powder Magazine and Stables": Total Cost: \$80,000.
- #8-01-18-804 "La Villita Historic District: Elmendorf House": Total Cost: \$50,000.
- #8-01-18-805 "Missouri-Pacific Depot": Total Cost: \$20,000.
- #8-01-18-806 "Guadalupe-Schmitz Hotel (Plaza Hotel)": Total Cost: \$100,000.
- #8-01-18-807 "Charles A. Schreiner House": Total Cost: \$40,000.
- #8-01-18-808 "Old D'Hanis Historic District: St. Dominic's Church": Total Cost: \$5,000.
- #8-01-18-809 "Old D'Hanis Historic District: Reiber Houses #1,#2": Total Cost: \$40,000.
- #8-01-18-810 "Castroville Historic District: Baetz Saloon": Total Cost: \$26,000.
- #8-01-18-811 "Castroville Historic District: Henry Kueck House": Total Cost: \$6,000.
- #8-01-18-812 "Wilson County Courthouse": Total Cost: \$30,000.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING

Committee meets: Wednesday, February 15 1:30 p.m., Three Americas Building
 Comments to: Charlie E. Evans by Tuesday, February 14

#8-01-18-300 APPLICANT: Bexar County
"Sheriff's ID Records Upgrade": To expand file capacity for fingerprint cards, index cards and arrest folders at Bexar Jail Booking area. Total Cost: \$31,707. Funding Agency: TCJD.

#8-01-18-301 APPLICANT: Bexar County
"Clerical Assistance in Computerizing Misdemeanor Offenses At Magistrate Level": To speed up first step of the judicial process in handling misdemeanors, in response to Speedy Trial Act. Total Cost: \$68,873. Funding Agency: TCJD.

#8-01-18-302 APPLICANT: Ella Austin Community Center
"Ella Austin CC Community Crime Prevention Program": To involve East Side Community in crime prevention program, to include a neighborhood alert program; tenant security; escort services for senior citizens; rape crisis programs; youth crisis intervention; mass media campaign and others. Total Cost: \$250,000. Funding Agency: LEAA.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT & REVIEW

Committee meets: Tuesday, February 21, 9 a.m., Three Americas Building
 Comments to: Mel Goodwin by Monday, February 20

- #7-10-18-003 APPLICANT: East Central Water Supply Corporation
"Water Main Extension by the City of San Antonio (City Water Board) and Repressurizing Plant for a Secondary Water Supply": Application to Farmers Home Administration for funding. Total Cost: \$140,000. Funding Agency: FmHA - \$70,000. Applicant: \$70,000.
- #7-11-18-002 APPLICANT: City of Schertz
"Community Development for Utility Improvements, Streets, etc.": Total Cost: Not available at this time. Funding Agency: DHUD (grant).
- #7-11-18-004 APPLICANT: City of San Antonio
"Community Development for Drainage Improvements, Park Facilities, Street Improvements, etc.": Total Cost: Not available at this time. Funding Agency: DHUD (grant).
- #7-12-18-010: APPLICANT: Fashing Peggy Water Supply Corporation
"Ground Storage Tank & Distribution System": Total Cost: \$100,906. Funding Agency: FmHA - \$100,00 (loan). Local Funds: \$906.
- #7-12-18-011 APPLICANT: City of Kerrville
"Airport Improvements": Installation of ILS localizer station to include outermarker and test equipment. Total Cost: \$128,281. Funding Agency: FAA - \$115,452.90. State: \$6,414.05. Local Funds: \$6,414.05.
- #8-01-18-003 APPLICANT: Center Point, Texas
"Firehouse Construction": Construct a new firehouse to replace outdated facility. Total Cost: \$41,425. Funding Agency: FmHA - \$33,925. (loan). Local Funds: \$7,500.
- #8-01-18-005 APPLICANT: Green Valley Water Supply Corporation
"Water Expansion Project": Provide water system improvements to rural water system. Total Cost: \$1,896,500. Funding Agency: FmHA - \$1,860,000. (loan). Local: \$36,500.
- #8-01-18-006 APPLICANT: Ella Austin Community Center, application to UMTA for Capital Improvement Grant under Section 16b(2) to purchase two 17-passenger paratransit vans. Total Cost: \$41,528. Funding Agency: UMTA - \$33,222. Local Funds: \$8,306.
- #8-01-18-007 APPLICANT: Goodwill Rehabilitation Service/Handi-Lift application to UMTA for Capital Improvements Grant under Section 16b(2) to purchase 10 extended "Maxi" vans. Total Cost: \$150,000. Funding Agency: UMTA - \$120,120. Local Funds: \$30,030.

ALAMO SENIOR ADVISORY

Committee meets: Friday, February 10, 2 p.m., Three Americas Building
 Comments to: Frank Adamo by Thursday, February 9

- #8-02-18-550 APPLICANT: Community Council of South Central Texas
"Transportation to Elderly and Handicapped": To provide transportation to elderly and handicapped residents of Guadalupe County (UMTA 16b(2)). Total cost to be determined.
- #8-02-18-551 APPLICANT: Texas Lutheran College
"Training Program": To train staff, advisory committee members, and volunteers working with elderly. Total cost to be determined.

BEXAR SENIOR ADVISORY

Committee meets: Friday, February 10, 10 a.m., Three Americas Building
 Comments to: Minnie Williams by Thursday, February 9

#8-01-18-500 APPLICANT: Economic Opportunity Development Corporation
"Hydroponics Pilot Project": To enable elderly to supplement present food source through year round production of vegetables within their own homes. Total Cost: \$33,627. Funding Agency: HEW - \$26,491. Local Funds: \$11,400.

10, 9, 8 ... '911' Countdown Started

"911" (Nine-one-one) is beginning the final countdown to reality, after more than a year of intensive preparation. Southwestern Bell notified the 911 Management Committee that the system will go into operation in January, 1979, well ahead of the original schedule. The 911 telephone number will be available to summon emergency fire, police or medical assistance anywhere in the San Antonio Metropolitan Telephone Exchange.

With 23 incorporated cities and Bexar County participating, the San Antonio area will have the first metropolitan 911 system in Texas. The City of San Antonio is the subscriber for the system, with the other governments sharing the estimated seven cents per person cost.

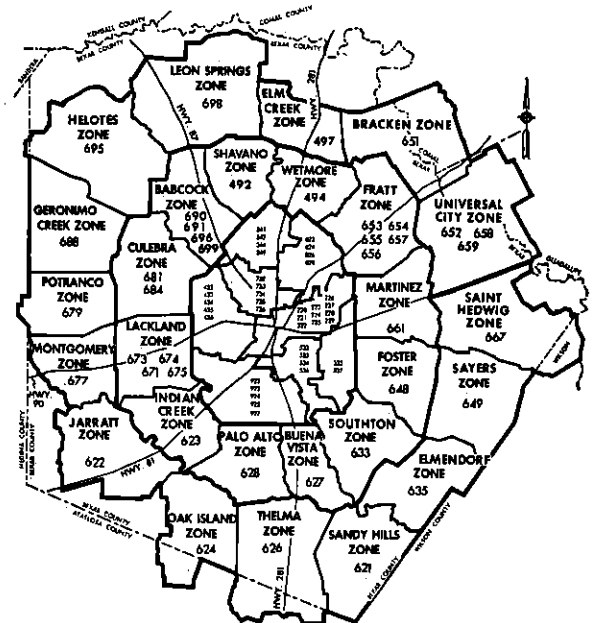
The 911 Management Committee, representing the participating governments, is directing the overall 911 program implementation. The committee has appointed Technical and Public Education Subcommittees to handle the detailed preparations for the project. AACOG is assisting with coordination for the program and staffing the committees.

"Maturity Speaks: Let's Listen" Scheduled on Feb. 20

The 1978 Governor's Conference on Aging plans to offer an open forum for the senior citizens of Texas. "Maturity Speaks: Let's Listen" is scheduled for February 20 and will be held at the San Antonio Convention Center. Throughout the program, numerous opportunities will be available for the elderly themselves to speak out on issues and problems. Also, question and answer sessions to state agencies and other service providers will be held. The conference will feature presentations, panels and discussions led by senior citizens. Interpreters for the deaf will be available, and many of the presentations will be in Spanish.

Conference check-in for registered participants will be on February 19, 2-6 p.m. and on February 20, 8-10 a.m. Sponsored by the Governor's Committee on Aging and locally by the Bexar and Alamo Area Agencies on Aging-AACOG, the conference will be a day-long event, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

On the 23-member steering committee who planned the conference are three San Antonians: Nancy Bohman, director of the Metropolitan Office on Aging; John Paul Jourard, assistant executive director of Senior Community Services, Inc. and Al J. Notzon, AACOG Executive Director.



If you are in the San Antonio phone book, "911" will be available to summon emergency assistance beginning January, 1979.

Clean Water, Anyone?

Planning a shopping trip soon to an area mall?

Be sure and see the Clean Water, Anyone? exhibit making its rounds in February and March.

The display will visually show how citizen input is necessary for fishable, swimmable streams by 1983. That goal, required by federal law, is being met all over the country and citizens are getting involved. The display is designed to educate people about 208 waste treatment management planning and contains information, maps, and suggestion box. In addition, brochures are available. The display will be scheduled: February 6-11, South Park; February 13-18, Central Park; February 20-25, North Star; February 27-March 4, McCrless; March 6-11, Wonderland; and March 13-18, Windsor Park.

208 Management Proposals Under Consideration

Implementation of the final 208 plan for the San Antonio area could be carried out through a Water Quality Council representing participating governments and operators and staffed by AACOG as the 208 continuing planning agency.

This was the proposal put forward by the 208 Management Task Force at the January 27 meeting of the Areawide Planning Advisory Committee. The APAC also was informed that the San Antonio City Council had passed a unanimous resolution in favor of this alternative. The Management Task Force made its recommendation following a review of consultant recommendations for selection of the best system to coordinate management and updating of the plan.

The APAC has scheduled a special meeting for February 3 at 9 a.m. to give further consideration to the Task Force and City recommendation, as well as other management alternatives that were included in the consultant report. Additionally, the APAC will consider alternatives that would vest the continuing planning responsibility in the State, with a subcontract to the San Antonio River Authority, or in each of the three major treatment operators with an independent council for coordination. The various alternatives must still be reviewed by local governments and a public hearing before the AACOG Executive Committee makes its final recommendations on management of the 208 plan.

The consultant report recognized that the major existing wastewater operators were the logical entities to administer the operational function but that a coordination of water quality planning at the regional level would be necessary for effective implementation of the 208 plan. The City of San Antonio, San Antonio River Authority and Cibolo Creek Municipal Authority are the current major operators.

The Task Force report calls for sub-regional groups to be established in each of the three service areas handled by the major operators, to deal with local coordination between the cities and treatment authorities. From these, a strong Water Quality Council would be named and charged with long range responsibility for meeting the regional goals of the 208 plan.

The recommended continuing planning agency is AACOG, according to the consultant, based on its regional comprehensive planning responsibilities, its record as the 208 planning agency and its responsiveness to the local governments affected by the 208 plan. AACOG's designation as the 208 agency, to be acceptable to participants, would require that a strong Water Quality Council be the policy body, with the Executive Committee in a position to overrule the Council only by a vote of three-fourths of its members. Financing of the 208 continuation program is still to be determined, based on the availability of federal funds for the continuing planning.

Briefings of all local governments on the upcoming management decisions are underway and a public hearing is tentatively scheduled for mid-March before the recommendations are finalized.

Calendar

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings will be held in Room 532, Three Americas Building

- Thursday, February 2 Frio County RC&D/Goals, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, Pearsall.
- Friday, February 3 Areawide Planning Advisory, 9 a.m.
- Monday, February 6 Open Space Advisory, 1:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 8 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 1:30 p.m.
- Thursday, February 9 Regional Drug Abuse Advisory, 3 p.m., Room 230.
- Friday, February 10 Bexar Senior Advisory, 10 a.m.
Alamo Senior Advisory, 2 p.m.
- Monday, February 13 Housing Advisory, 1:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 14 Regional Alcoholism Advisory, 1:30 p.m., Room 230.
- Wednesday, February 15 Criminal Justice Planning, 1:30 p.m.
- Thursday, February 16 Human Resources Advisory, 2 p.m.
Medina County RC&D/Goals, 12 Noon, Sammy's Rest., Castroville.
- Friday, February 17 Resource Conservation & Development, 9:30 a.m.
"911" Public Education, 10 a.m., Room 230
- Tuesday, February 21 Regional Development & Review, 9 a.m.
Vandalism Task Force, 1:30 p.m.
Atascosa County RC&D/Goals, 2 p.m., Courthouse, Jourdanton.
- Wednesday, February 22 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 1:30 p.m.
- Monday, February 27 Areawide Planning Advisory, 2 p.m.
- Monday, March 6 Open Space Advisory, 1:30 p.m.



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