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RE: Von Ormy Appoints City Administrator, Health Inspector, Master Plan Architect and Approves Sale and Use of Fireworks

The City of Von Ormy established the positions of City Administrator and City Health Inspector at its December 2nd meeting. Kathryn Word was appointed as the first City Administrator for Von Ormy. Ms. Word earned her Master of Public Administration at UTSA and has worked for the City of Leon Valley. Her duties will include assisting in the establishment of the city's new police department, municipal court, managing special projects, grant writing and administering the 2010 Master Plan.

Jesse Roel was named the City Health Inspector. Roel is a registered sanitarian who also works with the city of San Antonio and is a National Guardsman.

Von Ormy also selected Durand-Hollis Rupe Architects of San Antonio to lead their Master Plan project. DNR will be working with the City Engineers, Gonzales-De la Garza & Associates, and the City's Master Plan Task Force to conduct on over 40 planning studies, including sewer, traffic, senior services, drainage, future parks, water, zoning, education, fire and police, internet/cable TV, economic development strategies and others.

City Council also approved the sale and use of fireworks for the upcoming holiday season.

USABLE QUOTES:

Regarding the new City Admin

"Establishing a new city requires a tremendous amount of research and planning. This is why we looked for a City Administrator with a solid background both in Public Administration and City Planning. I also liked Ms. Word's prior experience with Grant Writing and Master Planning. I feel that she will be a tremendous asset to our team and will allow us to work even faster to bring needed services to our city."

Regarding the Master Plan Architects

Mayor Martinez de Vara said, "We will spend the first part of 2010 performing a Master Plan for our city to help guide us as we move forward improving our great city. Our team of civil engineers, architects and master plan consultants is now in place. However, the most important input will be from our residents. We are conducting monthly neighborhood meetings to get input from residents and our Master Plan Task Force is comprised entirely of Von Ormians."

"Creating a Master Plan is really an exciting venture. It gives us an opportunity to peer into the future and get a glimpse of things to come."

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