CIAC to hold presentations on impact fees

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Brownsville's Capital Improvement Advisory Committee appears closer to recommending an impact fee to recoup costs that finance the expansion of infrastructure to serve new development.

CIAC meets today for a series of presentations from the experts.

The noon meeting is in the Brownsville Public Utilities Board conference room, 1425 Robinhood Dr. The agenda that the city posted noted City Hall's address instead, but that is in error, city officials confirmed.

The city has charged an \$280 impact fee per lot since 1990. The fee was raised to \$2,133 in September 2006, but within two months a majority on the City Commission voted to rescind the increase and called for more studies.

Engineering consultants will be on hand to present growth projections and capital improvements that are required to meet the growth addressed in PUB's water and wastewater master plan.

A review of the impact fee implementation schedule also is on the agenda for the public meeting. The agenda also allows for questions from the public.

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