

Quality of Life, Arts & Culture Committee Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: May 5, 2020

Convened: 1:07 p.m.

Adjourned: 3:27 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Carolyn King Arnold, Chair
Jennifer S. Gates, Vice Chair
Tennell Atkins
Omar Narvaez
Chad West

Committee Members Absent:

Other Council Members Present:

Casey Thomas
David Blewett
Paula Blackmon
Adam McGough

Presenters:

Frida Espinosa Mueller, Artist
John Jenkins, Director, Park & Recreation Dept.
Greg Hudson, President and CEO, Dallas Zoo
Mary Brinegar, President and CEO, Dallas Arboretum
Jessica Galleshaw, Director, Office of Community Care
Leslie Hibbs, WIC Program Administrator, Office of Community Care
Jennifer Scripps, Director, Office of Arts and Culture
Augustin Arteaga, The Eugene McDermott Director, Dallas Museum of Art

AGENDA

Call to Order (1:07 p.m.)

A. Words of Inspiration

Presenter(s): Frida Espinosa Mueller

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Frida Espinosa Mueller provided a special artistic in celebration of the Cinco De Mayo holiday.

B. Approval of the March 24, 2020 Minutes

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): A motion was made to approve the minutes for the March 24, 2020 Quality of Life, Arts, and Culture Committee meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by: Tennell Atkins

Item passed unanimously: X

Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by: Omar Narvaez

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

Item D was moved before Item C due to technical difficulty experienced by the presenter.

D. City Services Restoration Plan: Parks and Recreation Department Operations Update

Presenter(s): John Jenkins, Director, Park and Recreation Department; Greg Hudson, President and CEO, Dallas Zoo; Mary Brinegar, President and CEO, Dallas Arboretum

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Director Jenkins provided an overview of the City of Dallas' Park and Recreation Department's plans to reopen and restore city services through the parks and rec centers.

The City has been working to ensure the safety of all staff and guests while providing efficient services. The City has been working in close coordination with the Dallas Zoo and Dallas Arboretum to provide a review of their intended reopening plans. Representatives from the Dallas Zoo and Dallas Arboretum addressed questions raised regarding the requirement of facial coverings upon entry to their facilities as well as precautions put in place to address social distancing needs. A motion was made to forward a voting item to the May 13, 2020 Council Agenda with a recommendation from the Committee to require City facilities to follow CDC guidelines and recommendations. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by: Jennifer Gates
Item passed unanimously: X
Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by: Tennell Atkins
Item passed on a divided vote:
Item failed on a divided vote:

The meeting was recessed at 1:32 p.m. due to a safety emergency at Dallas City Hall. The meeting reconvened at 2:32 p.m.

E. City Services Restoration Plan: City of Dallas Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program Operations and Senior Services Programs

Presenter(s): Jessica Galleshaw, Director, Office of Community Care; Leslie Hibbs, WIC Program Administrator, Office of Community Care

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Director Galleshaw provided the Committee with an overview of the amended operations of the City's WIC program as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff informed the committee that during this time, operations have been expanded to allow for additional clients in need of benefits to still have access for support. WIC operations will not be restored to their normal capacity until direction from the state agency is provided. Additionally, Director Galleshaw provided an overview of the adjustments made to continue to the provision of senior services in response to the pandemic. Staff are still making referrals for services and taking calls to provide information for seniors in need. Staff will provide an update to the Committee regarding efforts to restore services to normal operations. The Chair requested staff provide a memorandum an overview of what was presented to the Committee. Information only.

C. City Services Restoration Plan: Office of Arts & Culture and Arts Ecosystem Operations

Presenter(s): Jennifer Scripps, Director, Office of Arts & Culture; Augustin Arteaga, The Eugene McDermott Director, Dallas Museum of Art

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Director Scripps provided the Committee with provided with an overview of the amended operations of the Office of Arts and Culture in addition to the Arts Ecosystem within Dallas. Different venues and organizations have made a dedicated effort to migrate their services and operations to a virtual platform to provide opportunities for continued engagement. Despite permission to reopen by the Governor's revised orders in response to the pandemic, the museums in Dallas have declined to reopen their venues and facilities in an abundance of caution. The facilities need to enhance their facilities and inventory with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and sanitary supplies. The Chair requested staff provide a memorandum an overview of what was presented to the Committee. Information only.

Adjourn (3:27 p.m.)

APPROVED BY:

ATTESTED BY:

Carolyn King Arnold, Chair
Quality of Life, Arts & Culture Committee

Arnelle Woods, Coordinator
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