

# Quality of Life, Arts & Culture Committee Meeting Record

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**Meeting Date:** May 18, 2020

**Convened:** 9:01 a.m.

**Adjourned:** 10:28 a.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  
Adam McGough

**Presenters:**

Ed Jamison, Director, Dallas Animal Services  
Joey Zapata, Assistant City Manager  
Michael "Mike" Peterson, AT&T Vice President of External Affairs – Texas  
Dr. Dralves, G. Edwards, MD  
Dr. Jill Waggoner, MD

## AGENDA

Call to Order (9:01 a.m.)

**A. Approval of the May 5, 2020 Minutes**

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** A motion was made to approve the minutes for the May 5, 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 C was briefed before Item B due to technical difficulty experienced by the presenter.*

**C. AT&T "Keep America Connected" Update**

**Presenter(s):** Michael "Mike" Peterson, AT&T Vice President of External Affairs - Texas

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation (s):** Michael Peterson provided an overview of the AT&T's efforts to address the rise in usage of internet and phone service as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, he also informed the Committee about the different programs and services available to those who need access to low-cost services for internet and telephone services as well as working with various entities such as Dallas ISD in an effort to bridge the connectivity divide experienced by many residents and customers. Information Only.

**B. DAS Receives COVID-19 Relief Grant from PetSmart Charities**

**Presenter(s):** Ed Jamison, Director, Dallas Animal Services

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** Ed Jamison informed the Committee that Dallas Animal Services had been selected to apply for an invitation-only COVID-19 Relief Grant and were selected to receive

the award. The award is in the amount of \$20,000 and will aid in the purchase of pet for animals in foster homes and the City's shelter. Any additional funding will be used to assist with COVID-19 related facility updates, animal care, and cleaning supplies. Information only.

*Item D was briefed before Item C at the request of the Chair.*

**D. Equity in Health Care**

**Presenter(s):** Dr. Dravles, G. Edwards, MD; Dr. Jill Waggoner, MD, Representative Lorraine Birabil, District 100

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** The Committee was briefed by medical professionals from the DFW area. They informed the Committee of the various hardships when trying to access adequate healthcare experienced by underserved and underrepresented communities. Dr. Edwards and Dr. Waggoner stressed the need to have permanent structures, instead of mobile units, in underserved communities so that long-standing care and access is available on a continuous basis. Representative Lorraine Birabil provided an update to the Committee on the efforts by state elected officials to address the disparities in healthcare affecting minority communities. These efforts include petitioning the Governor to track demographic-specific data as it relates to the pandemic, advocating for those who receive SNAP benefits to be able to purchase groceries online to increase access to healthy options, and advocating for the expansion of Medicare and telemedicine. Information only.

**C. Twin Falls Public Art Project Update**

**Presenter(s):** Joey Zapata, Assistant City Manager

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** Assistant City Manager Joey Zapata provided an update to the Committee on the contracting process for the Twin Falls Public Art Project. Staff notified the Committee that the City Attorney's Office and Office of Arts and Culture have been in continuous conversation with the selected artists for the project. Staff committed to providing an update at the Quality of Life, Arts, and Culture Committee on the status of the contracting process. Information only.

Adjourn (10:28 a.m.)

**APPROVED BY:**

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

**ATTESTED BY:**

Arnelle Woods, Coordinator  
Quality of Life, Arts & Culture Committee