

# Quality of Life, Arts & Culture Committee Meeting Record

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**Meeting Date:** August 16, 2021

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

**Adjourned:** 10:43 a.m.

**Committee Members Present:**

Adam Bazaldua, Chair  
Chad West, Vice Chair  
Carolyn Arnold  
Paula Blackmon  
Omar Narvaez  
Paul E. Ridley  
Casey Thomas, II

**Committee Members Absent:**

**Other Council Members Present:**

**Presenters:**

Ryan O'Connor, Assistant Director, Dallas Park and Recreation  
April Allen, President & COO, Southern Gateway Public Green Foundation  
Jo Giudice, Director, Dallas Public Library

## AGENDA

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

**A. Approval of the May 17, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

**Presenter(s):** Adam Bazaldua, Chair

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** A motion was made to approve the minutes for the May 17, 2021 Quality of Life, Arts & Culture Committee meeting.

Motion made by: Paula Blackmon  
Item passed unanimously: X  
Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by: Chad West  
Item passed on a divided vote:  
Item failed on a divided vote:

**B. Southern Gateway Park: A park with a purpose**

**Presenter(s):** Ryan O'Connor, Assistant Director, Dallas Park and Recreation

April Allen, President & COO, Southern Gateway Public Green Foundation

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** The Committee discussed: Listening sessions feedback. Contributions to economic development of Southern Dallas. Timeline on the development agreement and plan for sidewalks connecting the community to the park and connectivity to the east and west side of the surrounding neighborhood. Housing units determination through the UNT Dallas study.

Motion made by:  
Item passed unanimously:  
Item failed unanimously:

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

**C. Dallas Public Library Services Update**

**Presenter(s):** Jo Giudice, Director, Dallas Public Library

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** The Committee discussed: Library locations being used as registration hubs for COVID-19 vaccines. Workforce development and continuing online opportunities for the community. Staff's work with DISD and programs that follow the schools' curriculum. Ordinance change to allow non-residents who attend a public school in the City of Dallas to have access to library services. Collections of library fines and similar services provided in surrounding cities. A motion was made to move forward the staff recommended update.

Motion made by: Paula Blackmon  
Item passed unanimously: X  
Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by: Casey Thomas, II  
Item passed on a divided vote:  
Item failed on a divided vote:

Adjourn (10:43 a.m.)

**APPROVED BY:**

**ATTESTED BY:**

**Adam Bazaldua, Chair**  
**Quality of Life, Arts & Culture Committee**

**Juan Garcia, Coordinator**  
**Quality of Life, Arts & Culture Committee**