

Arts, Culture & Libraries Committee Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: March 4, 2013

Convened: 3:01 p.m.

Adjourned: 4:02 p.m.

Members Present:

Ann Margolin, Chair
Delia Jasso, Vice Chair
Jerry R. Allen
Tennell Atkins
Vonciel Jones Hill

Members Absent:

Briefing Presenters

Arlington Jones
Artistic Director
Sammons Center for the Arts

Nicole Small
Chief Executive Officer
Perot Museum of Nature and Science

Jo Giudice
Director of Libraries

Staff Present:

Joey Zapata, Mary Jo Giudice, Kraig Willis, Ronnie Jessie, Clifton Gillespie

AGENDA:

1. Approval of January 7, 2013 Minutes

Presenter(s):

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

A motion was made to approve the minutes of January 7, 2013.

Motion made by: Vonciel Jones Hill

Motion seconded by: Tennell Atkins

Item passed unanimously:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed unanimously:

Item failed on a divided vote:

2. Dallas Jazz Appreciation Month

Presenter(s): Arlington Jones, Bart Marantz

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

This briefing provided history on Jazz Appreciation Month, and highlighted jazz related events that will occur in Dallas this April in celebration. The purpose of Jazz Appreciation Month is to draw greater public attention to the extraordinary heritage and history of jazz and its importance as an American cultural heritage.

The committee expressed their support for Jazz Month in Dallas, and thanked the presenters for their hard work.

3. **Perot Museum of Nature and Science Overview**

Presenter(s): Nicole Small

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

This briefing provided an overview of the Perot Museum of Nature and Science that opened at its new location on December 1, 2012. The museum has already welcomed more than 350,000 visitors from 31 states. The briefing reviewed the construction project timeline, visitor statistics, and the numerous exhibits, programs and features of the museum.

Committee members requested City staff work with the Museum to address crosswalk concerns in the area between the Museum and Klyde Warren Park.

The Chair thanked Ms. Small for the update.

3. **International Book Fair Programming Update**

Presenter(s): Jo Giudice

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

This briefing provided an update on the International Book Fair, an annual literary event hosted by the Dallas Public Library, which takes place on April 27, 2013. The event showcases works by award winning international, national and local authors. The family fun event offers artistic and cultural performances, film and book presentations, educational workshops and children’s activities. The goal is to promote a love for books, reading and literacy through multilingual and multicultural activities.

The Chair thanked Ms. Giudice for briefing the committee on the book fair.

Councilmember Ann Margolin
Chair