

Quality of Life & Government Services Committee Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: April 8, 2013

Convened: 9:48 a.m.

Adjourned: 10:56 a.m.

Members Present:

Angela Hunt, Chair
Sandy Greyson, Vice Chair
Mónica R. Alonzo
Dwayne Caraway
Carolyn R. Davis

Members Absent:

Briefing Presenters

Willis Winters
Park and Recreation Director

Frank Camp, Ph.D.
Interim Managing Director, Office of
Environmental Quality

Staff Present:

Joey Zapata, Willis Winters, Frank Camp, John Jenkins, Jennifer McRorey, Barbara Kindig, Daniel Huerta, Sally Rodriguez, Kevin Lefebvre, Rozalind Dickerson, Clifton Gillespie

AGENDA:

1. **Approval of March 25, 2013 Minutes**

Presenter(s):

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

A motion was made to approve the minutes of March 25, 2013.

Motion made by: Sandy Greyson

Motion seconded by: Mónica R. Alonzo

Item passed unanimously:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed unanimously:

Item failed on a divided vote:

2. **Park and Recreation Department: Park Maintenance Services and Recreation Services**

Presenter(s): Willis Winters, Jennifer McRorey, John Jenkins

This briefing presented a current overview of the Park and Recreation Department, and highlighted the park maintenance services and recreation services divisions. Routine maintenance of trails, athletic fields, playgrounds, forestry, major lakes, picnic pavilions and off-leash parks was discussed. The following recreation services were highlighted: after-school programs, summer camps, fitness classes, active older adult programs, sports leagues, special events, and community partnerships.

Ms. Davis requested a list of locations being considered for aquatics centers, and a list of activities offered at recreation centers in Council District 7. Ms. Davis also requested staff consider advertising recreation centers in water utility bills.

Ms. Greyson requested a map of the locations of all recreation centers. She also requested staff follow-up with her on why the City is responsible for maintenance of shore lines in front of private residences that are in another city.

The Chair expressed concern about closing pools that are highly successful in certain communities.

The Chair thanked Mr. Winters for the presentation.

3. Earth Day 2013

Presenter(s): Frank Camp

This briefing provided history of Earth Day events in Dallas, and an overview of 2013 events, including Earth Day Dallas at Fair Park and Oak Cliff Earth Day. Due to time limitations, the briefing was abbreviated.

The committee members expressed support for Earth Day, and all the events taking place in Dallas.

4. Other Business Before The Committee

The Chair requested that the committee be updated on the following matters at the next meeting:

- a. Garage Sales
- b. Home Solicitation
- c. Streetscape Licenses
- d. Downtown Vending

The Chair announced that the Dr Pepper Dallas Cup soccer event that was recently held at the Cotton Bowl was tremendously successful. She looks forward to the City highlighting the event further next year.

Councilmember Angela Hunt
Chair