Quality of Life Council Committee  
Meeting Record  
(DRAFT)

Meeting Date: 4-13-2009  Convened: 12:03 p.m.  Adjourned: 1:00 p.m.

Pauline Medrano, Chair  
Vonciel Jones Hill, Vice Chair  
Sheffie Kadane  
David A. Neumann  
Steve Salazar  
Angela Hunt

Briefing Presenters:  
-Jimmy Martin & James Childers, Code Compliance Department  
-Dr. Paul E. Pepe, Medical Emergency Services

Staff Present:  
Forest Turner, Sherri Steele, Sharon Benham, Lynetta Kidd, Rick Galeceran, Maria Munoz-Blanco

AGENDA:

1. Approval of March 23, 2009 minutes
   Presenter(s):  
   Information Only: _____  
   Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Motion to approve the March 23, 2009 minutes.

   Motion made by: Vonciel Jones Hill
   Item passed unanimously: ___X___
   Item failed unanimously: _____
   Motion seconded by: Sheffie Kadane
   Item passed on a divided vote: _____
   Item failed on a divided vote: _____

2. Trash Attack / Graffiti Wipeout Update
   Presenter(s): Jimmy Martin & James Childers
   Information Only: ___X___
   Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

   The purpose of the briefing was to give an overview of recent and upcoming Trash Attack/Graffiti Wipeout events conducted in partnership with community organizations throughout the City.

   Encouraging spring clean-up efforts within the neighborhoods and establishing relationships with the Neighborhood Code Reps, was the approach used to rid graffiti, litter/high weeds, and alley overgrowth. Community organizations and Strategic Customer Service Coordinators partnered together and planned the events. These coordinated efforts and resources minimized City costs and ensured successful outcomes within the neighborhoods.

   Recent spring cleaning events included South Central Dallas, South Dallas, and severalcrime watch community association events such as Glen Oaks, Walnut Hill Crime Watch, and Twin Oaks HOA. A community Trash Attack event is also planned for April 18, 2009 in the Pleasant Grove and Oak Cliff neighborhoods. These events include Animal Services rapid response trucks monitoring areas for loose and aggressive dogs. Graffiti wipeout projects are developed from a list of locations with reoccurring violations. The committee requested an update on these
events that occurred throughout the month of April which include trash attack / graffiti abatement.

At Interstate 30 and Sylvan a mural of conceptual artwork was created by local artist Molly Devoss to address graffiti issues at the location. Staff is currently awaiting permit approval from Building Inspections to begin work.

Motion made by: ________  Motion seconded by: ________
Item passed unanimously: ___  Item passed on a divided vote: ___
Item failed unanimously: ___  Item failed on a divided vote: ___

3. Making Dallas the Safest Place to Have a Heart Attack...

Presenter(s): Dr. Paul E. Pepe, M.D
Information Only: __x__
Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

One in every five people will die from sudden death syndrome due to professional responders not being able to arrive to the site within the critical four to five minutes. Survival rates with someone at the scene that knows CPR jump dramatically to 40% survival.

In Dallas County six to seven lives are lost each day, including children, young athletes and women due to bystanders not able to perform CPR.

When City Manager Mary Suhr began in 2005 she wanted to advance EMS and public safety in the City of Dallas. Only problems were the cost of manikins, finding certified instructors and using a whole afternoon to train. Then there was a breakthrough, CPR, choking and AEDs could be taught in 30 minutes and was proven to be just as good, if not better. The Mayor and City Council were trained and then they thought, “lets train City employees”. Now 13,000 Dallas City employees are trained and not only does this make life better but also improves future generations.

Ms. Hill requested a refresher course on CPR, if possible. Dr. Pepe informed the committee that as soon as the new council members are sworn in, another course will be scheduled.

Motion made by: ________  Motion seconded by: ________
Item passed unanimously: ___  Item passed on a divided vote: ___
Item failed unanimously: ___  Item failed on a divided vote: ___
4. A motion was made to approve and move the upcoming agenda items.

Motion made by: Voncie Jones Hill
Item passed unanimously: X
Item failed unanimously: 

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

Pauline Medrano
Chair