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## **Public Safety Committee Meeting Record**

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**Meeting Date:** Monday, April 19, 2010

**Convened:** 12:02 p.m.

**Adjourned:** 2:01 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:**

Mayor Pro Tem, Dwaine Caraway, **Chair**  
Delia Jasso, **Vice-Chair**  
Jerry R. Allen  
Tennell Atkins  
Sheffie Kadane  
Linda Koop  
Ann Margolin  
Ron Natinsky  
David Neumann

**City Executive Staff Present:**

Ryan Evans, First Assistant City Manager  
Chris Bowers, First Assistant City Attorney  
Mary Supino, City Attorney Office  
Fire-Rescue Chief Eddie Burns, Sr., DFR  
Deputy Chief Joe Pierce, DFR  
Section Chief Fernando Gray, DFR  
Sherry Durant, EEOC Compliance Mgr., DFR  
Sam Hawk, CAO  
Shun Session, CMO

**Committee Members Absent:**

**Other Council Members Present:**

**AGENDA:**

1. **Call to Order**

**Presenter:** Mayor Pro Tem, Dwaine Caraway, Chair

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):**

Mayor Pro Tem Caraway called an Open Session of the Public Safety Committee Meeting to order at 12:02 p.m., Monday, April 19, 2010 at City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. **Approval of Meeting Record for April 5, 2010 Public Safety Committee Meeting**

**Presenter:** Mayor Pro Tem, Dwaine Caraway, Chair

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** Motion made to approve the minutes.

Motion made by: Jerry Allen

Item passed unanimously:   X  

Item failed unanimously:       

Motion seconded by: Sheffie Kadane

Item passed on a divided vote:       

Item failed on a divided vote:

3. **Demolition Process for Urban Nuisances in Existing and Proposed Historic Districts**

**Presenter:** Chris Bowers, First Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney Office

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):**

Mr. Bowers provided the committee with a background and overview of what has been accomplished. The purpose of the briefing was to update the committee on proposed changes to procedures for demolishing urban nuisances in historic districts. Topics of discussion were as follows: (1) past demolitions of urban nuisances in historic districts (2) current ordinance (3) competing goals (4) proposed procedures (5) zoning process (6) outstanding issues and benefits of revised procedure.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) legislative changes (2) number of structures larger than 3000 sq. ft. (3) code violations (4) historic district safety issues (5) cost (6) fire marshal (7) development agreement (8) appeals to CPC (9) structures where City obtained demolition order (10) benchmark timeline and (11) engineering report.

**A motion was made by Ms. Koop to accept staff recommendations and eliminate the residential structures smaller than 3000 square foot limitation. Mr. Atkins seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Natinsky to adopt staff recommendations and recommend to the full council the following revised procedures: (1) speed up the process for eliminating burned out/collapsed structures (2) provide adequate review of the need to demolish historic properties and (3) improve the quality of life and public health and safety in our neighborhoods. And CPC give deference to the municipal court order. Ms. Jasso seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.**

4. **Equal Employment Opportunity Update**

**Presenter:** Sherry Durant, EEOC Compliance Manager, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

**Action Taken/ Committee Recommendation(s):** Ms. Durant gave an update to the Equal Employment Opportunity. The purpose of the briefing was to provide an update on Dallas Fire-Rescue Department's Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Program. The department is committed to carrying out the mission and achieving departmental goals and expectations. Topics of discussion were as follows: (1) compliance plan (2) EEO audit findings and (3) phase II training.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) GLBT community task force (2) status on female and minority recruitment (3) number of fire stations and (4) cost of consultant.

**Follow up:** The chair requested staff to provide the full council with a copy of the scope/deliverables.

5. **Wellness-Fitness Program Update**

**Presenter:** Section Chief Fernando Gray, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

**Action Taken/ Committee Recommendation(s):** Section Chief Gray gave an update to the Wellness-Fitness Program. The purpose of the briefing was to provide an update on Dallas Fire-Rescue Department's Wellness-Fitness Program. Topics of discussion were as follows: (1) history (2) phase I aggregate data (3) current process (4) exam components (5) current status (6) aggregate data results and (7) success stories.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) Baylor Medical Center (2) follow-up with diagnosed members and (3) 12 month extension.

6. **Administrative (Fire) Reports**

**Presenter:** Deputy Chief Joe Pierce, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) commercial buildings fire alarm and (2) smoke detector requirements.

**Follow up:** The chair requested a future briefing on sprinkler system's and smoke detectors.

7. **Public Comments**

**Presenter:** Mayor Pro Tem, Dwaine Caraway, Chair

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):**

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: There were no public comments.

**APPROVED BY:**

**ATTEST:**

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Mayor Pro Tem, Dwaine Caraway, Chair  
Public Safety Committee

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Shun Session, Coordinator  
Public Safety Committee