

# Quality of Life Council Committee

## Meeting Record

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**Meeting Date:** 6-09-2008

**Convened:** 2:07 p.m.

**Adjourned:** 3:54 p.m.

Pauline Medrano, Chair  
Vonciel Jones Hill, Vice Chair  
Carolyn R. Davis  
Sheffie Kadane  
David A. Neumann  
Steve Salazar  
Angela Hunt  
Ron Natinsky (non-member)  
Elba Garcia (non-member)

### **Briefing Presenters:**

- Maria Munoz-Blanco, Director Office of Cultural Affairs
- Gigi Antoni, President of Big Thought
- Elizabeth Ramirez, Assistant Director of Public Works & Transportation

### **Staff Present:**

David Brown, Shanika Brooks, Sheila Delgado, Ryan Rogers, Jorge Sintes

## **AGENDA:**

### **1. Approval of May 27, 2008 minutes**

**Presenter(s):**

**Information Only:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** Motion to approve the May 27, 2008 minutes.

Motion made by: Vonciel 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: \_\_\_\_\_

### **2. Dallas Arts Learning Initiative (DALI) Project**

**Presenter(s):** Maria Munoz-Blanco & Gigi Antoni

**Information Only:**   X  

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

Ms. Munoz-Blanco and Ms. Antoni presented an overview of the Dallas Arts Learning Initiative Project. They gave a historical review of the organization as well as a current summary of the organization as it is today. The presentation detailed funding sources, goals, and strategies of art implementation. Credit was given to the city departments of GIS, Cultural Affairs, Parks and Recreation, Information Technology, and Communications for their support of DALI in various ways.

The goal of the organizations was to demonstrate how important youth arts are in the Dallas community. In doing so they informed the committee that they plan on asking for \$780,000 from the City of Dallas to apply towards continual operations.

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

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

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### 3. Street Lighting

**Presenter(s):** Elizabeth Ramirez

**Information Only:** X

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

The purpose of the briefing was to update the committee on what the Department of Public Works and Transportation has been doing in regards to improving the number of active street lights since the last presentation to committee.

The presenter started the presentation by summarizing topics discussed in the last briefing. These topics touched upon facts pertaining to the ownership and the number of Dallas streetlights. Ms. Ramirez then expanded upon her previous presentation by detailing current findings pertaining to possible improvements that could increase the number of active street lights and/or reducing costs to tax payers for lighting services. This overview included discussions on remote street light monitoring, contract (tariff) discussions with OnCor, bulb types, and the current maintenance and monitoring of streetlights.

After detailing the department's findings on each of those topics, the presenter then detailed the tactics the Department of Public Works and Transportation will be using to increase the number of active street lights in Dallas, specifically the tactics of patrolling for burnt out streetlights and an improved 311 service request process. Ms. Ramirez detailed that since her last report, the percentage of working streetlights on major thoroughfares have increased from 83% to 95%.

The Public Works and Transportation Department will return with an update within six months.

Motion made by:

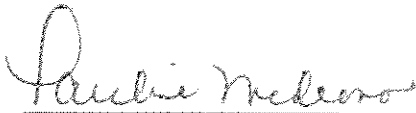
Item passed unanimously: \_\_\_\_\_

Item failed unanimously: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion seconded by:

Item passed on a divided vote: \_\_\_\_\_

Item failed on a divided vote: \_\_\_\_\_



Pauline Medrano

Chair