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Public Safety Committee Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: August 4, 2008

Convened: 12:11 p.m.

Adjourned: 1:55 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Mayor Pro Tem, Dr. Elba Garcia, **Chair**
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine Caraway, **Vice-Chair**
Jerry R. Allen
Tennell Atkins
Sheffie Kadane
Ron Natinsky
David Neumann
Mitchell Rasansky

City Staff Present:

Ryan S. Evans, First Assistant City Manager
Teresa O'Donnell, Director, Dev. Services
Michael Pumphrey, Dev. Services
Assistant Chief Thomas Tanksley, DFR
Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal Debra Carlin, DFR
Deputy Chief Joe Pierce, DFR
Chris Bowers, CAO
Jennifer Richie, CAO
Janet Spugnardi, CAO
Jackie Middlebrooks, CAO

Committee Members Absent:

None

Other Council Members Present:

None

AGENDA:

1. **Call to Order**

Presenter: Mayor Pro Tem, Dr. Elba Garcia, Chair

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Mayor Pro Tem, Dr. Elba Garcia called an Open Session of the Public Safety Committee Meeting to order at 12:11 p.m., Monday, August 4, 2008 at City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. **Approval of Meeting Record for June 16, 2008 Public Safety Committee Meeting**

Presenter: Mayor Pro Tem, Dr. Elba Garcia, Chair

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

Motion made by: **Ron Natinsky**

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. **Certificates for Demolition or Removal in Historic Districts**

Presenter(s): Teresa O'Donnell, Director, Development Services
Michael Pumphrey, Development Services

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Ms. O'Donnell provided the committee with the proposed changes to Article 51A-4.501 of the Dallas Development Code related to Certificates of Demolition or Removal of buildings in historic districts. Topics of discussion were as follows: (1) findings & purpose (2) certificate of demolition (3) threat to Public Health or Safety (4) current process and (5) proposed change to the standard for approval.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) expedite process (2) consent docket (3) number of properties scheduled to be demolished (4) Land Mark Commission involvement (5) community involvement (6) process to locate homeowner and (7) timeline to change policy.

Follow up: The chair requested that the Certificates for Demolition or Removal in Historic Districts briefing return to the Public Safety Committee Meeting for additional discussion regarding expediting the process.

4. **Citizens Fire Academy**

Presenter(s): Deputy Chief Daniel Salazar, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Deputy Chief Salazar Kunkle provided the committee with an update to the Citizens Fire Academy. Highlights of the presentation were as follows: (1) mission (2) objective (3) benefits (4) customer service focus (5) training topics and (6) public relations and enrollment.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) criteria to participate in program (2) cost (3) number of citizens in program (4) pamphlets provided at town hall meetings with Police and Fire programs and (5) volunteer opportunities for graduates.

Follow up: The chair requested a future briefing on the Explorer Program.

5. **Wellness-Fitness Program**

Presenter(s): Section Chief Norman Seals, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Section Chief Seals provided the committee with the Wellness-Fitness Program. The importance of the program is as follows: (1) to protect DFR's #1 asset: Firefighters (2) improve the physical fitness of Firefighters and (3) identify and treat the medical hazards of the profession. On October 1, 2007 DFR received funding from the City Council for the Wellness-Fitness Program. Highlights of the presentation were as follows: (1) MedProvider (2) physical exams (3) fitness assessment (4) success stories (5) aggregate data (6) firefighters at high risk (7) peer fitness trainers and (8) future 2009-2010 program cycle.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) City of Dallas insurance plan (2) resistance from firefighters (3) timeline that all firefighters will be completed with program (4) confidentiality and (5) limit of liability.

Follow up: The chair requested that the Wellness-Fitness Program briefing return to the Public Safety Committee Meeting for an update in 6 months.

6. **Adopt-A-Fire-Station**

Presenter(s): Executive Officer Leanne Sire, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Executive Officer Sire provided the committee with an update to the Adopt-A-Fire-Station Program. Characteristics of the Adopt-A-Station Program are as follows: (1) encourage sense of community involvement (2) improve station morale and (3) improve facility conditions.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) need for more volunteers and (2) supply requests.

7. **Upcoming City Council Agenda Item for August 2008**

- a. Continuing Education Contract (August 13, 2008 – Agenda Item #51)
- b. Amending Chapter 16 Section 311 of the Dallas Fire Code (August 13, 2008 – Agenda Item #52)

A motion was made by Mr. Natinsky to approve the upcoming city council agenda items and to recommend them to the full Dallas City Council for approval on August 13, 2008 council agenda. Mr. Kadane seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

8. **Administrative Reports**

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

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): none

9. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments made.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

Mayor Pro Tem, Dr. Elba Garcia, Chair
Public Safety Committee

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Public Safety Committee