

Quality of Life & Government Services Committee Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: August 14, 2012

Convened: 9:45 a.m.

Adjourned: 10:50 a.m.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Briefing Presenters

Theresa O'Donnell
*Director of Sustainable Development
& Construction*

Jimmy Martin
Director of Code Compliance

Staff Present:

Joey Zapata, Jimmy Martin, Theresa O'Donnell, James Childers, David Cossum, LaToya Jackson, Clifton Gillespie

AGENDA:

1. **Approval of June 25, 2012 minutes**

Presenter(s):

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Motion made to approve June 25, 2012 minutes as amended.

Motion made by: Carolyn Davis

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. **Proposed Development Code Amendment To Window Sign Regulations**

Presenter(s): Theresa O'Donnell

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

The committee was briefed on a proposal to amend Article VII, "Sign Regulations," of Chapter 51A, the Dallas Development Code, to give the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals the authority to consider exceptions to current provisions governing window signs subject to certain conditions being met.

On April 4, 2011, an application was made to the Department of Sustainable Development and Construction by Ross Stores, Inc. to amend the sign regulations to give the board of adjustment authority to grant special exceptions to allow translucent graphics to cover the upper two thirds of windows and exceed the 15 percent coverage limitation. CPC considered the proposed amendments on August 18, 2011 and recommended approval. Quality of Life considered the proposed amendments on June 11, 2012 and deferred action until a future date.

Sustainable Development and Construction department will provide a draft memorandum for the Chair's signature to the City Plan Commission Chair requesting a rules change on the composition of the Special Sign District Advisory Committee.

A motion was made to forward the proposed amendment to full Council for consideration.

Motion made by: Carolyn Davis

Motion seconded by: Dwaine Caraway

Item passed unanimously:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed unanimously:

Item failed on a divided vote:

3. **Fall Citywide Cleanup Event**

Presenter(s): Jimmy Martin

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

The committee was briefed the results of the first city-wide cleanup event held on May 19, 2012. Twenty-four groups across Dallas identified and organized projects in their immediate neighborhoods. Out-of-schedule trash collection for participating groups was provided, resulting in over 9.7 tons of trash bags, brush, and bulky trash. A fall cleanup event is scheduled for November 10, 2012. The goal is to coordinate as many neighborhood-led cleanup projects on November 10 as possible, with an emphasis on finding projects that are viable for each participating neighborhood.

The Chair expressed appreciation for staff's efforts on the spring cleanup event, and indicated that efforts for the fall event seem to be off to a great start.

Councilmember Sandy Greyson
Chair