

Quality of Life Council Committee

Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: 10-13-2008

Convened: 12:06 p.m.

Adjourned: 1:58 p.m.

Pauline Medrano, Chair
Sheffie Kadane
David A. Neumann
Carolyn Davis
Steve Salazar
Elba Garcia (non-member)
Dwaine Caraway (non-member)

Briefing Presenters:

-Mary Nix & Cheritta Johnson, Sanitation
Department
-Forest Turner & Joey Zapata, Code
Compliance

Vonciel Jones Hill &
Angela Hunt were away on City business

Staff Present:

Jimmy Martin, Jennifer Richie, James
Childers, Rosalind Jeffers, Kathleen
Cervenka, Shanika Brooks, LaSonnuia Sloan,
Paul Ramon, Bob Curry, Kathy Hernandez,
Macklin Wright, Rick Galceran

Special Guests:

Fran Phillips and the Keep Dallas
Beautiful board members

AGENDA:

1. **Approval of September 22, 2008 minutes**

Presenter(s):

Information Only: _____

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Motion to approve the
September 22, 2008 minutes.

Motion made by: Steve Salazar

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. **Pride in Your Neighborhood Program**

Presenter(s): Mary Nix & Cheritta Johnson

Information Only: X

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

The briefing covered the program goals of re-establishing and nurturing community pride in seven neighborhoods as well as reducing litter, wiping out graffiti, eliminating common dump sites, attracting new stakeholders and increasing property values over time. Each neighborhood is slated for the following activities: 2 clean up events, 2 beautification events, 1 leadership workshop, home improvement incentive opportunities, joint Environmental program for youth and 1 neighborhood website. Three neighborhoods (Arcadia Park, Beverly Hills & Cedar Oaks) have already begun.

Next steps include continuing to roll out the remaining four neighborhoods, conduct program activities in all neighborhoods, identify and rank "Pride" neighborhoods to initiate in FY09 and provide a status update to the Quality of Life Committee in Spring 2009.

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Motion made by:

Item passed unanimously: _____

Item failed unanimously: _____

Motion seconded by:

Item passed on a divided vote: _____

Item failed on a divided vote: _____

3. Code Compliance Department Operations Update

Presenter(s): Forest Turner & Joey Zapata

Information Only: __X__

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

The briefing recapped Code decentralization, reorganization, ordinance amendments, additional resources and focus on the community.

An accountability report card was created to track trends in key customer service requests in the seven service areas. The report card will be issued monthly to Council.

For FY07-08 the following results have been performed: neighborhood based operations, neighborhood Code representatives were assigned and work directly with community groups, individuals and police, and significant reductions in key customer requests from FY06-07 through community-focused approach.

Community Code transitioned to seven code district operations and increased contact and communication through new educational materials. Continuing the holistic, multi-departmental approach is an initiative as well as providing the required training for new employees and continuing education for current employees. Code is also working closely with DPD on the Quality of Life Initiative to ensure that any code-related issues are addressed.

Animal Services has had a significant reduction in key customer requests and continue to implement the June 2008 amendments to the animal control ordinances. The Nuisance Abatement team takes action to bring property into compliance and then places liens for costs of services. The Rapid Intensified Inspection Program focuses on sweeps for immediate impact on the community through the Nuisance Abatement team. Code inspectors in this area are solely dedicated to support the City Attorney's office, including the Community Prosecutor program.

Code is also initiating a process improvement project to better coordinate enforcement of substandard housing cases between departments. This initiative will provide monthly case progress reports to Council.

Next steps include coming updates and briefings to the Quality of Life Committee on the consolidation of inspectors from the City Attorney's office to Code Compliance. Implementation and results update on amendments to multi-tenant, sign and animal ordinances, and Community Code area profiles and Code accountability report card results.

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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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pauline Medrano". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Pauline Medrano
Chair