

# Quality of Life Council Committee

## Meeting Record

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DALLAS, TEXAS

**Meeting Date:** 9-22-2008

**Convened:** 12:06 p.m.

**Adjourned:** 1:56 p.m.

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

**Briefing Presenters:**

-Rosalind Jeffers & Tom Perkins, City Attorney's Office  
-Rick Galceran & Tom Wurtz, Public Works & Transportation  
-Frank Poe, Convention & Event Services  
-Forest Turner, Code Compliance

**Special Guests:**

Mike Riley, Tom Harris and  
Doug Curtis from the Performance Arts Foundation

**Staff Present:**

Chief Brown, Shanika Brooks, Willie Cothrum, Elizabeth Fernandez, Chris Bowers, Jennifer Richie, Adam McGough, Lynetta Moore, Joey Zapata

### AGENDA:

1. **Approval of September 8, 2008 minutes**

**Presenter(s):**

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

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** Motion to approve the September 8, 2008 minutes with a correction on number 4 "Public Awareness & Education Campaign" to state that the brochure from the website was removed.

Motion made by: Angela Hunt

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

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

Motion seconded by: David Neumann

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

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

2. **Community Prosecutor Program Update**

**Presenter(s):** Rosalind Jeffers & Tom Perkins

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

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

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The Code Department and City Attorney's Office will conduct a 45 day evaluation of this consolidation beginning on October 1, 2008 and will provide the committee with an update and plan by December 8, 2008.

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Motion seconded by:

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### 3. City Performance Hall Parking Garage Use and Development Terms

**Presenter(s):** Rick Galceran & Tom Wurtz

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

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

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Ms. Hunt moved the motion to seek council approval on October 8, 2008. Ms. Hill seconded the motion.

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Motion seconded by: Vonciel Jones Hill

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#### **4. Informational memo on Urban Rodeos**

Information Only: X

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Originally it was intended to provide a briefing memo to update the Committee on the status of urban rodeos within city limits. However, the initial review has led the department to widen the scope to include a more comprehensive briefing of Chapter 42A and its relationship to production of urban rodeos. Within the next 60 days the Office of Special Events will provide the Quality of Life Committee with a briefing and recommendations for revisions to Chapter 42A.

#### **5. Informational memo on Animal Services Education and Marketing Campaign**

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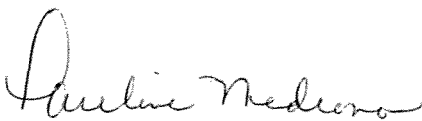
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