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Public Safety Committee Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: October 5, 2009

Convened: 12:04 p.m.

Adjourned: 1:39 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Mayor Pro Tem, Dwaine Caraway, **Chair**
Delia Jasso, **Vice-Chair**
Jerry R. Allen
Tennell Atkins
Sheffie Kadane
Linda Koop
Ann Margolin
Ron Natinsky
David Neumann

City Staff Present:

Ryan Evans, First Assistant City Manager
Fire Chief Eddie Burns, Sr., DFR
Deputy Chief Joe Pierce, DFR
Pavala Armstrong, CAO
Shun Session, CMO

Committee Members Absent:

Other Council Members Present:

AGENDA:

1. **Call to Order**

Presenter: Mayor Pro Tem, Dwaine Caraway, Chair

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Mayor Pro Tem Caraway called an Open Session of the Public Safety Committee Meeting to order at 12:04 p.m., Monday, October 5, 2009 at City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. **Approval of Meeting Record for September 24, 2009 Public Safety Committee Meeting**

Presenter: Mayor Pro Tem, Dwaine Caraway, Chair

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

Motion made by: Delia Jasso

Item passed unanimously: X

Item failed unanimously: _____

Motion seconded by: David Neumann

Item passed on a divided vote: _____

Item failed on a divided vote: _____

3. **Tour of the Dallas Fire-Rescue Fire Prevention and Safety – 5000 Dolphin Rd. Inspection and Life Safety Education Presentation *Transportation and lunch provided***

Presenter(s): Deputy Chief Kevin Sipes, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

The Public Safety Committee members departed for a tour of Dallas Fire-Rescue Fire Prevention and Safety located at 5000 Dolphin Road. Deputy Chief Kevin Sipes gave an overview of the Inspection and Life Safety Education Division. Topics of discussion were as follows: (1) organization (2) resources (3) inspection activities (4) education activities and (5) accomplishments.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) smoke alarms for the hearing impaired (2) field inspections (3) permits for hot work and (4) high rise task force.

The Dallas Fire-Rescue Fire Prevention and Safety tour was lead by Deputy Chief Kevin Sipes. The Fire Safety House, Sparky and Sparky's Hazard House were onsite. In the Fire Safety House children are taught to crawl low under smoke, have two ways out from their bedroom, meet their family at their special meeting place and to call 9-1-1. The Sparky Puppet Show is an interactive program used to teach the young child about the dangers of fire. Sparky teaches children about 9-1-1 and reminds them not to play with matches or lighters. "All Hazards Approach" was a recently added lesson to teach children about life safety. Sparky's Hazard House is a new addition. This interactive tool addresses multiple household hazards including: (1) electrical hazards (2) flammable & combustible storage (3) carbon monoxide (4) smoke/fire hazards (5) choking/strangulation and (6) firearms.

October 4-10, 2009 is Fire Prevention Week. National Fire Protection Association has named "Stay Fire Smart, don't Get Burned" as the theme for this year's Fire Prevention Month. October's water bill will include a special fire safety message: "Stay Fire Smart, Don't Get Burned! Be a Good Example. Practice Fire Safety With Your Children."

New "Smoke Signals" A Life Safety Newsletter is free and mailed electronically in PDF form in both English and Spanish each quarter. By updating newsletter each quarter, the changing fire and life safety hazards can be addressed with each season. The tour concluded at 1:20 p.m. After the tour the committee reconvened in 6ES to adjourn.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

Mayor Pro Tem, Dwaine Caraway, Chair
Public Safety Committee

Shun Session, Coordinator
Public Safety Committee