

Quality of Life Council Committee

Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: 10-12-2009

Convened: 12:00 p.m.

Adjourned: 1:58 p.m.

Pauline Medrano, Chair
Vonciel Jones Hill, Vice-chair
Sheffie Kadane
Steve Salazar
Carolyn R. Davis
David Neumann
Angela Hunt

Briefing Presenters:

-David Cossum, Department of Sustainable
Development & Construction
-Elizabeth Ramirez, Public Works &
Transportation

Non-Committee Members:

Dwaine Caraway
Tennell Atkins

Special Guests:

Deborah Dennis, Rex Dennison & Mike
Navarro with Oncor Electric

Staff Present:

Forest Turner, Kathleen Cervenka, Rick
Galceran, Vernon Young, Gary Titlow,
Patty Ramirez, Paul Currington, Chief
Golbeck, Laura Foland, Daniel Soliz,
Errick Thompson, Stephanie McHenry

AGENDA:

1. **Approval of September 29, 2009 minutes**

Presenter(s):

Information Only: _____

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Motion to approve the
September 29, 2009 minutes with the correction of council member Hunt absent on "official
City business".

Motion made by: Vonciel Jones Hill

Item passed unanimously: __X__

Item failed unanimously: _____

Motion seconded by: Steve Salazar

Item passed on a divided vote: _____

Item failed on a divided vote: _____

2. **Screening for Outdoor Storage**

Presenter(s): David Cossum

Information Only: __X__

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

The briefing discussed screening for outside storage and questions raised such as: are current screening requirements adequate, are current parking requirements appropriate, are all districts which currently allow an outside storage used appropriately, are metal fences appropriate to meet screening requirements.

The City Planning Commission (CPC) made several recommendations: strike outside storage as a permitted main use in the CA district, require outside storage to be screened in an IM district, limit maximum stacking height, add a landscape buffer requirement when screening fence is visible and within 200 feet of right-of-way, and reduce parking requirements to one space per 5,000 square feet of outside storage area.

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Next steps include having a City Council Public Hearing to consider the amendments on November 9, 2009 and provide the Quality of Life Committee with a follow-up briefing on alternatives.

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. Street Lighting – Process to Report & Repair Outages

Presenter(s): Elizabeth Ramirez, Deborah Dennis, Rex Dennison & Mike Navarro

Information Only: X

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

All lights are maintained by ONCOR, which creates a one stop shop. ONCOR maintains lights on public streets, repairs lights on failure, and keeps a database of outstanding and completed repairs. City Staff are responsible for resolving complaints on repeated calls or lack of service, enforces contract requirements, warrants and approves new installations, and patrols streets and freeways for outages. Property owners are responsible for lighting private properties for guard lights, alley lighting and security lighting.

When reporting a street light outage it can be done either by calling 311 or online at www.oncorstreetlight.com. The new online system was launched on August 1, 2009 and allows customers the option to enter contact information and receive automated notification when repairs are completed. The intake screens also allow for history maintenance with each street light to be used to identify repeat failures. Future enhancements to the system will be made such as adding City-owned street light locations on maps and adding Tx-DOT owned street lights.

Outage repairs are made by ONCOR contractors and are given required response times. Routine repairs are 5 days, circuit repairs are 15 days, and knockdowns are 30 days. ONCOR is not required to patrol for outages, yet the City of Dallas has signal maintenance technicians that are dedicated to patrolling during the night shifts. Only major streets and freeways are patrolled.

Future actions include returning to the Quality of Life Committee with patrolling results, enhancements to ONCOR's street light outage reporting system, and the status of new technologies related to energy savings and remote monitoring.

Motion made by:

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously: _____

Motion seconded by:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote: _____

Pauline Medrano
Chair

Witness