

Quality of Life, Arts & Culture Committee Meeting Record

Meeting Date: April 22, 2019

Convened: 9:09 AM

Adjourned: 11:00 AM

Members Present:

Sandy Greyson (Chair)
Mark Clayton (Vice-Chair)
Rickey D. Callahan
Jennifer S. Gates
Scott Griggs
B. Adam McGough
Omar Narvaez

Members Absent:

Council Members Present:

Briefing Presenters

Jennifer Scripps
Director, Office of Cultural Affairs

Nikki Christmas
Manager, Facilities & Capital Projects

Courtney Pogue
Director, Economic Development

Staff Present:

Casey Burgess; David Fisher; Juan Garcia; Adelia Gonzalez; Milton Henderson; Kelly High; Christine Lanners; Tamara Leak; Julianne Nguyen; Marichelle Samples; Jennifer Scripps; Emily Worland, Joey Zapata

Guests: Jeff Bragalone; Katherine Seale; Ann Abernathy

AGENDA:

1. Approval of the April 8, 2019 Minutes

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): A motion was made to approve the minutes of April 8, 2019
Minutes were approved but corrected to note that CM Gates was absent.

Motion made by: Mark Clayton

Motion seconded by: Rickey D. Callahan

Item passed unanimously:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed unanimously:

Item failed on a divided vote:

2. Proposed Lease with the Dallas Theater Center for the Kalita Humphreys Theater

Presenter(s): Jennifer Scripps, Director, Office of Cultural Affairs; Nikki Christmas, Manager, Facilities & Capital Projects

Information Only:

The Committee was briefed on the Proposed Lease with the Dallas Theater Center for the Kalita Humphreys Theater and heard speakers representing DTC and the conservancy. During speaker comments, Ann Abernathy clarified that she was employed by Booziotis & Company Architects at the time the company was the prime consultant for the Master Plan, but is no longer with the company as mentioned in the briefing information.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

The Committee discussed:

- The concern that DTC would hire the consultant to conduct the Master Plan updates
- The 2010 Master Plan and why it was never adopted by City Council
- Equitable access plans at other City art venues
- The need to balance the interest of the theater community and the architecture community in the updates to the Master Plan
- CM Gates made a motion to move the item forward for City Council consideration but also to direct staff to find a means by which there is more independence in the selection of the consultant
- CM Greyson offered a friendly amendment to also request interim reports throughout the process; CM Gates and CM McGough accepted

Motion made by: Jennifer S. Gates

Motion seconded by: B. Adam McGough

Item passed
unanimously:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed

Item failed on a divided vote:

Motion opposed by: Omar Narvaez

3. Proposed Neighborhood Empowerment Zone #9

Presenter(s): Courtney Pogue, Director, Economic Development

Information Only:

The Committee was briefed on the Proposed Neighborhood Empowerment Zone #9

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

The Committee discussed:

- Other parts of the city, like Pleasant Grove, not being considered for these type of programs
- What business owners would receive as part of this program
- The need for data on the history of NEZ's in the city and clarity on any limit to such NEZ areas like TIP areas are capped
- If the NEZ was contingent on the Salvation Army zoning case passing

Motion made by:

Motion seconded by:

Item passed
unanimously:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed

Item failed on a divided vote:

Motion opposed by:

4. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: Great Trinity Forest Resolution

Presenter(s):

Information Only:

The Committee was briefed via memorandum on the Great Trinity Forest Resolution.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): The Committee discussed:

- Who requested the drafting of the resolution
- That language be added to the resolution to indicate that the reference to the Balanced Vision Plan does not include the transportation element, which is no longer in effect due to the cancellation of the Trinity Toll Road. Also, remove the language “as much as possible” in section I.

Motion made by:

Item passed

unanimously:

Item failed

Motion opposed by:

Motion seconded by:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

5. Upcoming Agenda Items

Presenter(s):

Information Only:

Information about the upcoming items was included in the briefing materials.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): The Committee Chair requested members reach out to staff directly to ask questions.

Motion made by:

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

Councilmember Sandy Greyson
Chair