

Quality of Life & Environment Committee Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: February 9, 2015

Convened: 9:15 a.m.

Adjourned: 10:55 a.m.

Members Present:

Dwaine R. Caraway, Chair
Adam Medrano
Rick Callahan
Carolyn R. Davis
Sandy Greyson, Vice Chair
Lee M. Kleinman

Members Absent:

Briefing Presenters

Mary Spencer
Chair, Dallas Animal Shelter
Commission

Kris Sweckard
Director, Code Compliance

Jody Puckett
Director, Dallas Water Utilities

Staff Present:

Joey Zapata, Tammy Palomino, Kris Sweckard, David Cossum, Terry Lowery, Mark McDaniel, Jody Puckett, Esmeralda Martinez, Eric Izuora, Chris Soto

Special Guests:

AGENDA:

1. **Approval of January 26, 2015 Minutes**

Presenter(s):

A motion was made by the Vice Chair approve the minutes of January 26, 2015 with the following amendments:

1. List Zac Trahan of Texas Campaign for the Environment under special guests
2. In Item 4, show that the name of the approved ordinance be shown as Workers Defense Project's Rest Break Ordinance instead of the Austin Rest Break Ordinance.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Motion made by: Sandy Greyson

Motion seconded by: Adam Medrano

Item passed unanimously:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed unanimously:

Item failed on a divided vote:

2. Dallas Animal Shelter Commission’s FY2013- 14 Annual Report

Presenter(s): Mary Spencer

Information Only

Mr. Callahan requested a count of animal surgical alterations and immunizations by council district.

Ms. Davis requested a meeting with Duck Team 6, and wants to know what other outreach partners exist in South Dallas.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Motion made by: **Motion seconded by:**

Item passed unanimously: **Item passed on a divided vote:**

Item failed unanimously: **Item failed on a divided vote:**

3. Proposed Amendments to Animal Noise Ordinance

Presenter(s): Kris Sweckard

Information Only

This briefing provided the committee a review of requested changes to ordinances regulating noise disturbances by animals.

The Committee requested for staff to return to the committee in March with alternative options to strengthen enforcement.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Motion made by: **Motion seconded by:**

Item passed unanimously: **Item passed on a divided vote:**

Item failed unanimously: **Item failed on a divided vote:**

4. Water Conservation Program Update

Presenter(s): Jody Puckett

Information Only

This briefing provided the committee an overview and update on the status of current water conservation programs and topics under review for the 2015 Water Conservation Five-Year Strategic Plan Update.

Ms. Greyson requested to be advised of DWU’s recommendations on low water use landscaping as they begin the ZOAC process.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Motion made by:

Motion seconded by:

Item passed unanimously:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed unanimously:

Item failed on a divided vote:

Councilmember Dwaine R. Caraway

Chair