



Agenda

1. Call to Order – 3:07pm

2. Roll Call (see attachment)

A quorum was determined.

- Chair Webb congratulated former Commissioner Cara Mendelsohn on her election to City Council.
- The Salvation Army Zoning Request was approved by City Council on May 8, 2019. At that meeting, District Attorney John Cruzot announced \$100,000 of the District Attorney Office Funds will be allocated to work with the City and Salvation Army on a diversion program. This will allow the Dallas Police Department (DPD) to bring those who commit certain minor offenses to Salvation Army to obtain services.
- Salvation Army is going to spend more than \$90,000,000 on the development of its project at the approved site. Chair Webb said that this project, and AT&T's Believe Dallas initiative that will be discussed later in the meeting, are examples of the leadership from non-profit organizations and for-profit companies that is important to the success of the community's response to homelessness.

3. Approval of April 11, 2019 Minutes

- Commissioner McManemin wanted bullets 5 and 6 combined for clarification with regard to the requirement to notify the City in advance if the expectation is 75 or more individuals in a single location or to notify the City 48 hours after the event in other cases.
- Commissioner Headley requested more follow-up on the attendance requirements.
- Commissioner Ragan clarified the last bullet under the Short-Term Solutions Subcommittee regarding The Bridge Data.
- Commissioner Crews made a motion to approve the minutes of the April meeting as amended. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Comment

5. AT&T Believe Dallas

- Angela Ross, Vice President of External Affairs of AT&T, provided an overview of AT&T Believe Dallas.
- The purpose is to raise awareness about the homelessness crisis and to get other businesses and non-profits that are not involved engaged with the intention of generating a city-wide impact.
- The company has organized 6 pillars with the intention to leverage the resources they have whether it's employees, technology or other talents used to help with this crisis.
- A website was developed to work closely with City Square to facilitate soft skills training for people who are entering the work force.
- The idea of scattered free wi-fi sites within the city, (for example, at recreation centers and parks) is currently theoretical, but conversations are ongoing.
- A number of AT&T employees who are participating in the initiative have volunteered to be the liaisons between AT&T and homelessness service providers.
- AT&T's Thursday Believe Day is a weekly meeting at which AT&T personnel participating in the Believe Dallas initiative discuss work done over the last week.

6. Office of Homeless Solutions Report

- RFCSP Recommendations/Results
 - Monica Hardman, Director, publicly acknowledged her OHS team and the Office of Procurement for their work on the two RFCSPs, and the members of the homeless response system and service providers in the audience.
 - Recommendations will go before City Council in June and implemented in July.

- Approximately \$1,400,000 was set aside for strengthening the homeless response system, \$734,989 for ESG Emergency Shelter Services, \$250,000 for the System Enhancement Program, \$250,000 for Supportive Housing for Seniors and \$211,599 for the Workforce Sustainability Program.
- \$1,300,000 was allocated for the Landlord Subsidized Leasing Program solely through General Funds.
- ESG funds were distributed for projects providing emergency shelter services included inclement weather, shelter operations, essential services and minor shelter renovations.
- 4 out of 6 applicants were recommended for funding. \$2,400,000 was requested, but only \$734,000 was awarded to Family Gateway providing services for families with children; Family Place providing services for persons that are fleeing domestic violence; Legal Aid of Northwest Texas providing Criminal Justice and Legal Services; and Shelter Ministries of Dallas/Austin Street providing emergency shelter services for seniors.
- System Enhancement funding was used for collaboration of the partners. It includes, but is not limited to case management, transportation, behavioral health services, workforce solutions, diversion services and re-entry.
- There were 8 applicants but only 2 were funded. \$250,000 was awarded out of the \$2,400,000 request. \$187,500 went to City Square to fund 2 vans that will be used to establish a transportation loop to locations such as emergency shelters, day centers, workforce solutions, VA and social security offices.
- Family Place will receive the remaining \$62,500 for case management.
- Money from last year's budget allocated for supportive housing for seniors, in the amount of \$250,000, was awarded to Catholic Charities of Dallas, Inc. to serve 22 seniors by providing rental subsidies, utility assistance and supportive services for a 12-month period.
- The Workforce Sustainability (Pilot) Program's goal is for participants to positively exit the program with stable housing and fulltime employment while earning a certificate and completing a career-pathway workforce training program.
- The one vendor that applied, Community Council of Greater Dallas, was awarded \$211,599. It will serve 75 people experiencing homelessness by providing training in the health care industry.
- This is an opportunity to partner with another agency to receive a certificate that can lead to full-time employment.
- The Landlord Subsidized Leasing Program will fund financial assistance for security and utility deposits for up to 24 months at the cost of \$1,200,000. Additionally, \$100,000 Risk Mitigation Funds will cover fees for damages, claims and vacancy losses. The entirety of funds was awarded to one of the two service providers that applied, City Square.
- Staff recommends moving selected vendors forward for City Council consideration. If approved on June 26th, then implementation will begin on July 1st.
- Chair Webb suggested providing more details to the interested commissioners on the responses to the RFCSPs and the awards granted. He also suggested more discussion at the next commission meeting on Track 3.
- Regarding the award to City Square for the transportation loop, Commissioner McManemin proposed reviewing the costs associated with the acquisition of the vans (for example, purchase vs. leasing, maintenance, and ownership after the end of the contract term) so as to maximize the impact of a fixed budget.
- Commissioners expressed some concerns about the lack of information about the vendor selected for employment development and the efficiency of the transportation loop.
- The commissioners also suggested allocating funding to more than one entity to help evaluate performance and best practices.
- MDHA Contract
 - MDHA is doing an RFP for the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).
 - There is a proposal with MDHA for a \$50,000 contract authorized through Administrative Action.
 - This would provide system analysis and reporting for the Dallas Homeless Response System and assist new agencies with sharing data in the system.
 - \$24,000 ESG Funds and \$26,000 General Funds will be allocated starting June 1st and ending September 30th.
 - This aligns with the City Auditor recommendations in the 2017 Audit Report.
 - Reporting will be monthly, quarterly, and annually.

7. CHC Subcommittee Reports

- Coordination and Strategic Planning

- Alternatives to prosecution regarding criminal trespass for those experiencing homelessness were discussed at the monthly meeting.
- The next steps include working with Bridge Steps Security on an alternative for responding and reporting trespassing to police.
- City of Dallas' Department of Housing provided proposed clarifying language on the Subcommittee's proposal that landlords that receive HOME and CDBG funding under the City's HUD 5-year Consolidated Plan be required to participate in Track 3.
- Commissioner Garner suggested reviewing *Operation Rio Grande* which utilizes enforcement as a means of engagement.
- Short-Term Solutions: Inclement Weather Update
 - Description of the program was in the 1st bullet of the approved revised language from the special meeting on May 2nd.
- Housing
 - CHC Housing Subcommittee met on April 25th with OHS staff and a few invested members of the community regarding the protocol for evaluating of the supportive housing sites.
 - The previously recommended development location qualification points were reviewed.
 - Committee members suggested using the Market Value Analysis (MVA) versus Opportunity Dallas' site selection criteria to define how the points should be allocated.
 - It is recommended to eliminate the 8 points allocated for being in a high or moderate opportunity area and shift it to 2 other categories: 4 points for secured access and the other 4 for on-site security (human) and on-site security (technology).
 - Both Commissioner Crews and Commissioner Garner strongly encouraged keeping Opportunity Dallas' criteria because it provided a lot of things not found elsewhere in the site selection criteria.
 - The item will be revisited and both Commissioner Crews and Commissioner Garner will be invited to give more input.

8. Upcoming Events

- Chair Webb announced the Homeless Alliance Forum on May 10th was moved from the Central Library at 10:30am to OurCalling at 9am.
- He also reminded the commissioners to look at the upcoming events on the agenda.
- Director Monica Hardman will announce the next DAP meeting to the commissioners once scheduled.

9. Adjourn – 5:14pm