

Human and Social Needs Committee Meeting Record

Meeting Date: Monday, October 16, 2017

Convened: 11:06 A.M. **Adjourned:** 12:48 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

Council Member Casey Thomas, II, Chair
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Adam Medrano, Vice Chair
Council Member Omar Narvaez
Council Member Mark Clayton
Council Member B. Adam McGough

Committee Members Absent:

Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine R. Caraway

Other Council Members Present:

Council Member Phillip T. Kingston

Staff Present:

Nadia Chandler Hardy
Cheritta Johnson
Heather Lepeska
Sheila Delgado

Ted Padgett Jr.
Charletra Sharp
Monique Ward
Venus Cobb

AGENDA:

Call to Order

1. Approval of Minutes from the October 2, 2017 Human and Social Needs Committee Meeting

Presenter(s): Council Member Casey Thomas, II, Chair

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

A motion was made to approve the October 2, 2017 minutes.

Motion made by: CM Mark Clayton

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by: CM Omar Narvaez

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

2. 100 Resilient Cities Update

Presenter(s): Theresa O'Donnell, Chief of Resilience

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

CM Thomas would like the briefing to be split into the 4 focus areas: inclusive economy, healthy communities, neighborhood infrastructure and transportation.

Inclusive Economy

CM Narvaez recommends working with DART as a real partner to make policy changes towards public safety, collaborating with DISD to educate students on alternative non-college options, strengthening ESL (English as a Second Language) & ELL (English Language Learner) programs, and senior support inclusion. CM McGough would like specifics on when workshops are being done in his district. CM Kingston questions the funding source for Resilience and changing the definition. He would like to see an emergency shock plan for the city. He wants budget items under the right topics and solutions that play to the city's strengths which are public safety services and durable infrastructure. CM Clayton suggests 5 issues that we can accomplish in the next year: more specific data, lower the teen pregnancy rate, ESL enhancement, DISD workforce readiness program and the delay of the consolidated plan for a year.

Healthy Communities

CM Narvaez would like for the city and county to align on healthcare issues by providing a mobile clinic for seniors and those inaccessible to the resources. CM McGough would like to expand the city's wrap services. He also would like a possible ID/drivers license program around youth that has graduated from high school and not ready for college. CM Thomas would like for partnership identification in neighborhoods for resources.

Neighborhood Infrastructure

CM Clayton wants public policy recommendations and a funding source that can fix it. CM Narvaez highlights there is racism when it comes to neighborhood infrastructure and questions the solutions to those problems. CM Thomas would like for the AECOM report be provided to all councilmembers.

Transportation

CM McGough enquires about the confidence in DART to address the issues that council put in over a year ago. He also questions Theresa about the policies she thinks can be passed that are not included in the resolution. CM Narvaez would like DART's public safety, DISD bus transportation and the Bike-Ride Share Program included in the recommendations.

Equity Indicators

CM Thomas states the city needs a Chief Equity Officer. His concerns are focused on fund matching for limited education attainment in the African American community as we did for ESL and identification of specific topics on how to address the disparity to provide equity to infrastructure. CM Narvaez emphasizes focus on ESL enhancement and partnerships, intersectionality when measuring equity indicators and more concentration on seniors.

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. Vital Statistics Departmental Transfer

Presenter(s): Cheritta Johnson, Interim Director of Office of Community Care

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Motion made by:

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

4. Upcoming City Council Action Items

Presenter(s): Cheritta Johnson, Interim Director of Office of Community Care

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

5. Attachments:

Presenter(s): Charletra Sharp, Interim Director of Office of Homeless Solutions/Nadia Chandler Hardy, Chief of Community Services

Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Motion made by:
Item passed unanimously:
Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by:
Item passed on a divided vote:
Item failed on a divided vote:

6. Committee Forecast

Presenter(s):
Information Only:

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Motion made by:
Item passed unanimously:
Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by:
Item passed on a divided vote:
Item failed on a divided vote:

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

Casey Thomas, II, Chair
Human and Social Needs Committee

Zenae Palmer, Coordinator
Human and Social Needs Committee