

# Quality of Life, Arts & Culture Committee Meeting Record

**Meeting Date:** April 8, 2019

**Convened:** 9:14 AM

**Adjourned:** 10:14 AM

**Members Present:**

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

**Members Absent:**

Jennifer S. Gates

**Council Members Present:**

**Briefing Presenters**

Kris Sweckard  
*Director, Sustainable Development & Construction*

Neva Dean  
*Asst. Director, Sustainable Development & Construction*

Jo Giudice  
*Director, Dallas Public Library*

**Staff Present:**

Casey Burgess; Gabriela Castillo; David Fisher; Rosa Fleming; Juan Garcia; Anna Gonzalez; Kelly High; Clinton Lawrence; James McGuire; Laura Morrison; Jason Pool; Emily Worland, Joey Zapata

**Guests:**

**AGENDA:**

1. **Approval of the March 25, 2019 Minutes**

**Information Only:**

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** A motion was made to approve the minutes of March 25, 2019

**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. **Supergraphic Signs in the Downtown Special Provision Sign District**

**Presenter(s):** Kris Sweckard, Director, Sustainable Development & Construction; Neva Dean; Asst. Director, Sustainable Development & Construction

**Information Only:**

The Committee was briefed on the Supergraphic Signs in the Downtown Special Provision Sign District.

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):**

The Committee discussed:

- The rationale for only allowing 9 signs for the maximum 22 to be held by one owner
- The content review of the messages
- The lighting allowances and backlighting of signs
- CM Callahan made a motion to approve with an increase of the maximum signs to 28 – motion was not seconded
- A motion was made to approve as presented
- CM Greyson presented a friendly amendment to disallow backlighting of supergraphic signs; CM McGough accepted

**Motion made by:** B. Adam McGough

**Motion seconded by:** Mark Clayton

**Item passed**   
**unanimously:**

**Item passed on a divided vote:**

**Item failed**

**Item failed on a divided vote:**

**Motion opposed by:** Rickey D. Callahan

**3. Library Without Fines: An Equitable Approach to Removing Barriers**

**Presenter(s):** Jo Giudice, Director, Dallas Public Libraries

**Information Only:**

The Committee was briefed on the Library Without Fines: An Equitable Approach to Removing Barriers.

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):**

The Committee discussed:

- Support of the proposal as an equity issue
- Concern that the plan did not help to foster personal responsibility
- The need for a more concrete plan of how the system would have patrons work off past fines
- A motion was made to move forward to full Council
- CM Callahan presented a friendly amendment to attempt the proposal as a pilot program; amendment was not accepted

**Motion made by:** Omar Narvaez

**Motion seconded by:** Scott Griggs

**Item passed**   
**unanimously:**

**Item passed on a divided vote:**

**Item failed**

**Item failed on a divided vote:**

**Motion opposed by:** Rickey D. Callahan

**4. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: Recommended Resolution for Green Energy Policy**

**Presenter(s):**

**Information Only:**

The Committee was briefed via memorandum on the recommended resolution for a Green Energy Policy.

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

- The competitive reverse auction process
- A motion was made to move forward for Council consideration

**Motion made by:** Omar Narvaez

**Motion seconded by:** Rickey D. Callahan

**Item passed**

**Item passed on a divided vote:**

**unanimously:**

**Item failed**

**Item failed on a divided vote:**

**Motion opposed by:**

**5. Upcoming Agenda Items**

**Presenter(s):**

**Information Only:**

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

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** Committee inquired about matching funds for Item C (The acceptance of four grants from the Texas Commission on the Arts)

Items were moved forward to full Council.

**Motion made by:**

**Motion seconded by:**

**Item passed unanimously:**

**Item passed on a divided vote:**

**Item failed unanimously:**

**Item failed on a divided vote:**

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**Councilmember Sandy Greyson**  
Chair