

# Quality of Life, Arts & Culture Committee Meeting Record

**Meeting Date:** September 24, 2018      **Convened:** 9:13 AM      **Adjourned:** 10:53 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:**

Kevin Felder

**Briefing Presenters**

Frances Verhalen, P.E.,  
*Chief Air Monitoring Section, U.S. EPA*

Kathy Jack, PhD  
*The Nature Conservancy*

Haneen Khreis, Ph.D., M.Sc. (Eng)  
*Texas A&M Transportation Institute*

Dr. David Lary  
*Associate Professor – Physics, UTD*

Jim Schermbeck  
*Downwinders at Risk*

**Staff Present:**

Susan Alvarez; Art Bashor; Casey Burgess; Peer Chacko; David Coatney; Juan Garcia; Adelia Gonzalez; James McGuire; Joey Zapata

**Guests:**

**AGENDA:**

**1. Approval of the June 25, 2018 and August 27, 2018 Minutes**

**Information Only:**     

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):**      A motion was made to approve the minutes of June 25, 2018 and August 27, 2018.

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

**Motion seconded by:** Mark Clayton

**Item passed unanimously:**     

**Item passed on a divided vote:**     

**Item failed unanimously:**     

**Item failed on a divided vote:**     

**2. Overview of Air Quality Monitoring**

**Presenter(s):**      Frances Verhalen, P.E., Chief Air Monitoring Section, U.S. EPA

**Information Only:**     

This briefing did not occur because the presenter was absent due to illness.

**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. Project Highlight: Breathe Easy Dallas**

**Presenter(s):** Kathy Jack, PhD, The Nature Conservancy; Haneen Khreis, Ph.D., M.Sc., Texas A&M Transportation Institute

**Information Only:**

The Committee was briefed on the Project Highlight: Breathe Easy Dallas.

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

- The location of the twelve air monitors
- The amount of funds DISD is losing due to asthma related absences
- The timeline for completion of the pilot study, policy outcomes and actions, and how other ISD's can benefit
- Vegetation/tree planting and case management intervention strategies

**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. The North Texas Clean Air Network**

**Presenter(s):** Dr. David Lary, Associate Professor – Physics, UTD; Jim Schermbeck, Downwinders at Risk

**Information Only:**

The Committee was briefed on the North Texas Clean Air Network.

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

- The purpose of an LGC and the function/role of it
- Status of other government entities that would join the LGC
- Motion was made to move item to a full Council briefing by December

**Motion made by:** Scott Griggs

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

Item passed unanimously:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed unanimously:

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):** Upcoming Agenda 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