

Health, Environment and Human Services Committee Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: February 28, 2005

Start Time: 10:43 a.m.

Adjournment: 11:38 a.m.

Committee Members Present:

Lois G. Finkelman, Chair
Leo V. Chaney, Jr., Vice-Chair
Veletta Forsythe-Lill
Dr. Elba Garcia
Absent: James L. Fantroy

City Staff Present:

Jill Jordan, Assistant City Manager
Karen D. Rayzer, EHS
Vickie Ruffin, EHS
Anedrya Price, EHS
Dave Hogan, EHS
Robert Johnson, DWU
Carol Davis, DWU

AGENDA:

1. **Approval of Minutes for February 14, 2005 Meeting**

Presenter: Lois G. Finkelman, Chair

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the February 14, 2005 meeting as submitted.

Motion made by: Dr. Garcia **Motion seconded by:** Ms. Lill **Passed Unanimously**

2. **Water Conservation Five Year Strategic Plan**

Presenters: Carol Davis, Water Conservation Group Manager for Dallas Water Utilities
Robert Johnson, Director for Dallas Water Utilities

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Motion was made to support staff's selection of Alan Plummer Associates, Inc. as the technical consultant for the first year of the Five Year Strategic Plan and to award contract for \$230,000 at the March 9, 2005 City Council meeting.

Motion made by: Dr. Garcia **Motion seconded by:** Ms. Lill **Passed Unanimously**

Follow-Up:

Staff will work with consultant in development of Ten Year Strategic Plan (to include targets and goals) and will present to the HEHS Committee in May 2005, before submission to State.

In regards to subsidized housing:

Committee Chair feels that the City of Dallas should be requiring energy efficient and water conserving appliances and landscaping.

Assistant City Manager Jill Jordan and Office of Environmental Quality staff are to coordinate appropriate directives and present to City Council.

Dr. Garcia's concern is the assurance that minority bilingual teams work in conjunction with some of the Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) and Faith-based Organizations, and the need to reach some of the Latino communities for the rebates.

For the record, Mr. Chaney does not want the requirements to impede possible developments and suggested that perhaps rather than making some of the requirements mandatory that people get bonus points instead.

3. **Vital Statistics Program Discussion**

Presenters: Anedrya Price, Vital Statistics Program Supervisor for Environmental and Health Services
Vickie Ruffin, Assistant Director for Environmental and Health Services

Information Only: X

Action Taken/Recommendation(s):

Motion was made to indicate support for staff to pursue getting a person, whether it be temporary or volunteer, to assist in the record scanning process (birth certificates), which would be both enhancements and cost savings to the City of Dallas.

Motion made by: Ms. Lill **Seconded by:** Dr. Garcia **Passed Unanimously**

Follow-Up:

In putting together the briefing, it wasn't clear that the recommendations had come from the Productivity and Innovation Committee and that EHS for the reasons as outlined in the briefing were recommending against it. It should have been made clearer because there were questions as to why it was there if all the indicators were negative, where did it come from, and why it was even included.

Check with City's Volunteer Coordinator to see whether a volunteer can be used in the record scanning process and the credibility requirements before proceeding to hire temporary staff.

Requested accountability of progress being made in record scanning process by individual (either volunteer or temporary staff).

4. **Environmental Assessment Program Discussion**

Information Only: X

5. **Crisis Intervention Program Discussion**

Presenter: Dave Hogan, Crisis Intervention Manager, Environmental and Health Services

Information Only: X

Follow-Up:

Boarding homes issue needs to be added to future Legislative agenda.

Forward and present to the Family Violence Taskforce (at their next meeting) information on domestic violence in zip code 75216 (such as what is being done, how it's being done, what resources were allocated in that area, and how the City is working with other entities such as DISD).

Provide information on the Vickery Meadows Initiative (such as what it was, what resources have gone into it, and what the numbers are now). Staff needs to think about additional resources for other areas rather than reducing the initiative in Vickery Meadows at this point and time.