



MINUTES
ARTS AND CULTURE SUBCOMMITTEE
Farmers Branch Manske Library Conference Room
13613 Webb Chapel
Farmers Branch, Texas 75234
Wednesday, April 20, 2016, 7:00 pm

Members Present: Martina De Los Santos, Elizabeth "Lib" Grimmett, John Speed, Timothy Yarbrough, Louise Henning, John Jakob

Members Absent: Linda Bertl, Jorge Gonzalez, Vincent Montenegro

Staff Present: John Land

1. CALL TO ORDER

John Speed called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 13 MINUTES

Tim Yarbrough moved and Louise Henning seconded the motion to adopt the minutes with minor revisions. Motion carried.

3. MANSKE LIBRARY PRESENTATION

The Library was represented by Library Director Denise Wallace, City Management Analyst Shawna Eikenberry, Board Chair Charles Sullivan, and Board Member Andy Olivo. Ms. Wallace provided a presentation (attached to this report) which described the Library's functions and current offerings, and gave an overview of the levels of service and trends. After the presentation, the attendees took a tour of the facility.

On this topic, Subcommittee members requested information and opinions from the Library representatives and City staff on:

- Facility condition and functionality for its current uses;
- Possible need for capital improvements to change the way the facility is used;
- Possible need for capital improvements to expand at the existing site using City-owned property across the street from the main entrance;
- Adequacy of facility for providing a place for people to connect, participating in library programs, and serving as a civic and literary resource;
- About trends in integration of technology and potential requirements for multiuse rooms in the future.

No action was taken on these topics. The Library staff were asked to continue investigating and evaluating needs.

4. ANIMAL ADOPTION CENTER PRESENTATION

No action was taken on these topics. The Library staff will continue to investigate and evaluate needs.

Animal Shelter Manager David Cotten gave a presentation on the Animal Adoption Center (attached to this report), which focused on its current use and capacity issues relating to its unique purpose as an animal adoption facility – not as an animal *control* facility, which is the more common role in a municipal setting. Capital improvements are needed to increase dog holding capacity to 45 and cat holding capacity to 70, roughly doubling current capacities. Four additional get-to-know courtyards and an additional get-to-know courtyard are also needed.

Subcommittee members asked about:

- Whether the current proposal is viable for up to 30 years;

- Whether the City needed to continue offering current services, including adoption; and
- What the potential benefits and liabilities of transferring animals to other no-kill facilities or partnerships with other communities to manage capacity.

No action was taken on these issues, and the Animal Adoption staff were asked to continue investigating and evaluating needs.

5. REVIEW PROJECT EVALUATION MATRIX

This topic was not considered because of time constraints.

6. CONSIDER AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

This topic was not considered because of time constraints.

7. DISCUSS FUTURE MEETING DATES / TIMES / LOCATIONS

Next meeting will be scheduled for May 11 at the Farmers Branch Library.

8. ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 8:58 PM.



Chair

Attest:


Secretary