

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

23-0010

QUALITY OF LIFE, ARTS, AND CULTURE
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL/VIDEO CONFERENCE
COUNCILMEMBER ADAM BAZALDUA, PRESIDING

PRESENT: [7] Bazaldua, Resendez, Gracey (**9:46 a.m.), *Blackmon, Schultz, Willis,
Ridley (**9:02 a.m.)

ABSENT: [0]

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. with a quorum of the committee present.

The meeting agenda, posted in accordance with Chapter 551, "OPEN MEETINGS," of the Texas Government Code, was presented.

After all business properly brought before the committee had been considered, the meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Chair

ATTEST:

City Secretary Staff

Date Approved

The agenda is attached to the minutes of this meeting as EXHIBIT A.

The actions taken on each matter considered by the committee are attached to the minutes of this meeting as EXHIBIT B.

The briefing materials are attached to the minutes of this meeting as EXHIBIT C.

***Note: Members of the Committee participated in this meeting by video conference.**

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EXHIBIT A

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Quality of Life, Arts, and Culture Committee

September 18, 2023

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2023 CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

COUNCIL COMMITTEE	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Atkins (C), Narvaez (VC), Arnold, Bazaldua, Ridley, Stewart, West	GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT West (C), Blackmon (VC), Mendelsohn, Moreno, Resendez
HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS SOLUTIONS Moreno (C), Mendelsohn (VC), Gracey, West, Willis	PARKS, TRAILS, AND THE ENVIRONMENT Stewart (C), Moreno (VC), Arnold, Bazaldua, Blackmon, Narvaez, West
PUBLIC SAFETY Mendelsohn (C), Stewart (VC), Atkins, Moreno, Willis	QUALITY OF LIFE, ARTS, AND CULTURE Bazaldua (C), Resendez (VC), Blackmon, Gracey, Ridley, Schultz, Willis
TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE Narvaez (C), Gracey (VC), Atkins, Mendelsohn, Resendez, Schultz, Stewart	WORKFORCE, EDUCATION, AND EQUITY Schultz (C), Arnold (VC), Bazaldua, Blackmon, Resendez, Ridley, Willis
AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS Atkins (C), Mendelsohn, Moreno,	AD HOC COMMITTEE ON GENERAL INVESTIGATING AND ETHICS Mendelsohn (C), Gracey, Johnson, Schultz, Stewart
AD HOC COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS Ridley (C), Resendez, West	AD HOC COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS Mendelsohn (C), Atkins, Gracey, Narvaez, Stewart
AD HOC COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS Atkins (C), Blackmon, Mendelsohn, Moreno, Resendez, Stewart, West, Willis	AD HOC COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL SPORTS RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION Gracey (C), Blackmon, Johnson, Moreno, Narvaez, Resendez, Schultz

(C) – Chair, (VC) – Vice Chair

Note: A quorum of the Dallas City Council may attend this Council Committee meeting.

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Call to Order

MINUTES

1. 23-2456 Approval of the June 12, 2023 Quality of Life, Arts, and Culture Committee Minutes

Attachments: Minutes

BRIEFING ITEMS

- A. 23-2457 Kalita Humphreys Theater Update
[Martine Philippe, Director, Office of Arts & Culture; Benjamin Espino, Assistant Director, Office of Arts & Culture]

Attachments: Presentation

- B. 23-2458 Senior Services Programs Update
[Jessica Galleshaw, Director, Office of Community Care; Brita Andercheck, Chief Data Officer, Data Analytics and Business Intelligence; Crystal Ross, Deputy Director, Park & Recreation; Carl Simpson, Assistant City Manager]

Attachments: Presentation

- C. 23-2459 Consideration of 2025 Legislative Priorities
[Carrie Rogers, Director, Office of Government Affairs; Lillian Mauldin, Senior Government Affairs Coordinator]

Attachments: Presentation

BRIEFING MEMOS

- D. 23-2460 "The Big Read Down" Fee Amnesty Program
[M. Elizabeth (Liz) Cedillo-Pereira, Assistant City Manager]

Attachments: Memorandum

UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

- E. 23-2461 September 27, 2023 City Council Agenda Item #6; 23-2220 An ordinance amending Chapter 7A, "Anti-Litter Regulations," of the Dallas City Code by adding Section 7A-4.1; **(1)** requiring an application process for unattended drop box (UDB) permits; **(2)** providing regulations for unattended drop boxes; **(3)** providing a penalty not to exceed \$2,000.00; **(4)** providing a saving clause; **(5)** providing a severability clause; and **(6)** providing an effective date - Estimated Revenue: General Fund \$99,349.00

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1. seeking the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, or any matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.071]
2. deliberating the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the city in negotiations with a third person. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.072]
3. deliberating a negotiated contract for a prospective gift or donation to the city if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the city in negotiations with a third person. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.073]
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5. deliberating the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.076]
6. discussing or deliberating commercial or financial information that the city has received from a business prospect that the city seeks to have locate, stay or expand in or near the city and with which the city is conducting economic development negotiations; or deliberating the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect. [Tex Govt. Code §551.087]
7. deliberating security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology, network security information, or the deployment or specific occasions for implementations of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices. [Tex Govt. Code §551.089]

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EXHIBIT B

OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

Item 1: Approval of the June 12, 2023 Quality of Life, Arts, and Culture Committee Minutes

Councilmember Schultz moved to adopt the minutes as presented.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Resendez and unanimously adopted. (Gracey, Ridley absent when vote taken)

OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

BRIEFING ITEMS

Item A: Kalita Humphreys Theater Update

The following individuals briefed the committee on the item:

- Benjamin Espino, Assistant Director, Office of Arts & Culture;
- M. Elizabeth (Liz) Cedillo-Pereira, Assistant City Manager; City Manager's Office; and
- Kevin Moriarty, Executive Director, Dallas Theater Center

OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

BRIEFING ITEMS

Item B: Senior Services Programs Update

The following individuals briefed the committee on the item:

- Jessica Galleshaw, Director, Office of Community Care;
- Brita Andercheck, Chief Data Officer, Data Analytics and Business Intelligence;
- Crystal Ross, Deputy Director, Park & Recreation;
- Carl Simpson, Assistant City Manager, City Manager's Office; and
- Ali Hatefi, Director, Public Works Department

OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE

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BRIEFING ITEMS

Item C: Consideration of 2025 Legislative Priorities

The following individuals briefed the committee on the item:

- Carrie Rogers, Director, Office of Government Affairs; and
- Lillian Mauldin, Senior Government Affairs Coordinator, Office of Government Affairs

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BRIEFING MEMOS

Item D: “The Big Read Down” Fee Amnesty Program

The committee did not discuss the item.

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Item E: September 27, 2023 City Council Agenda Item #6; 23-2220 An ordinance amending Chapter 7A, “Anti-Litter Regulations,” of the Dallas City Code by adding Section 7A-4.1; **(1)** requiring an application process for unattended drop box (UDB) permits; **(2)** providing regulations for unattended drop boxes; **(3)** providing a penalty not to exceed \$2,000.00; **(4)** providing a saving clause; **(5)** providing a severability clause; and **(6)** providing an effective date - Estimated Revenue: General Fund \$99,349.00

The committee did not discuss the item.

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City of Dallas

Kalita Humphreys Theater Update

**Quality of Life, Arts &
Culture Committee
September 18, 2023**

Martine Philippe, Director
Benjamin Espino, Assistant Director
Office of Arts and Culture
City of Dallas



Purpose

- Purpose of briefing is to provide an update regarding the state of the Kalita Humphreys Theater, and receive feedback from Quality of Life, Arts & Culture Committee on recommended next steps

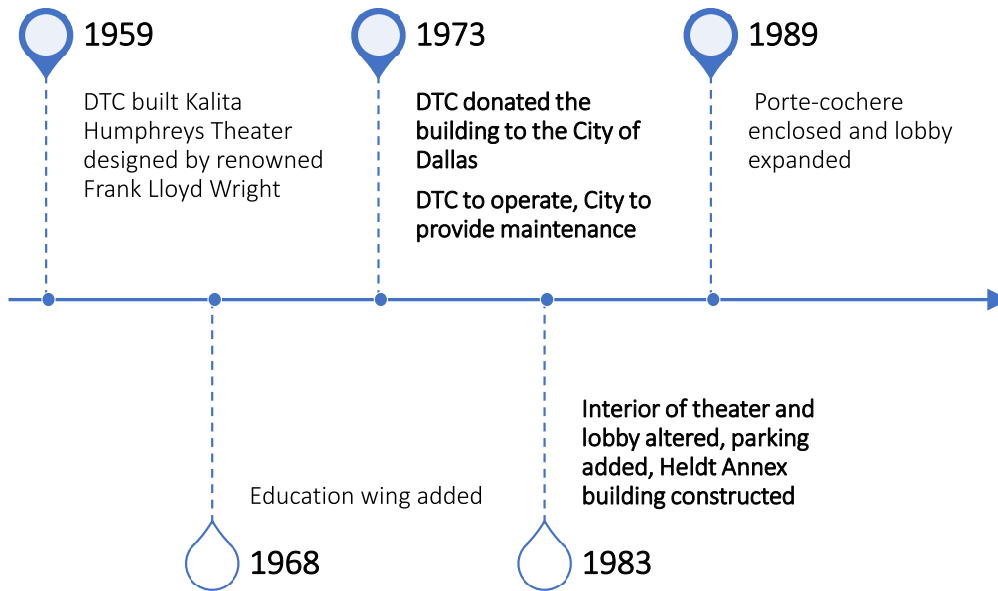
Presentation Overview



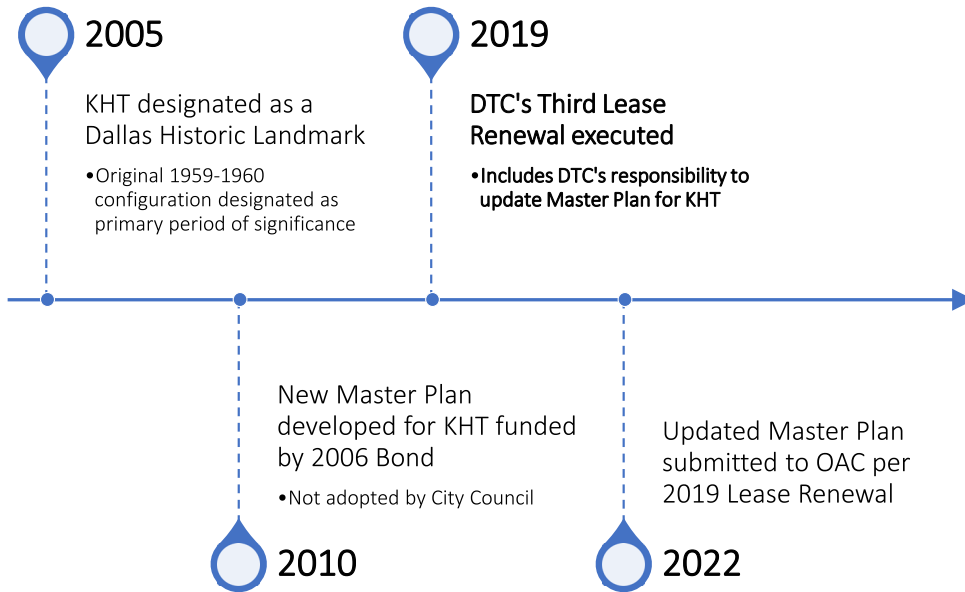
- Purpose
- Kalita Humphreys Theater (KHT) History and Background
- Current Status and Needs
 - Dallas Theater Center Stewardship
 - 2024 Bond Program
- Future Plans
 - Completion of current management agreement
 - Mayor Johnson's QoLAC policy priority
 - Timeline
 - Potential Next Steps



History/Background



History/Background



Current Status and Needs



Dallas Theater Center Stewardship:

- DTC leadership has expressed interest in partnering with the City regarding future plans for the KHT
- 2019 lease renewal updated 1973 DTC's operating model to include Equitable Access Plan to reflect Dallas Cultural Plan's priorities of Equity and Space
 - Three-year Equitable Access Plan began FY 23 and ends in FY 25
 - Includes anchor tenants Uptown Players (Kalita) and Second Thought Theater (Heldt Annex Building)
- 2019 lease renewal updated original maintenance clause for DTC to maintain the Kalita and Heldt in a clean, safe condition and in good order and repair while using the premises
 - City is responsible for capital repairs and improvements
 - 1973 management agreement stated that City was responsible for all maintenance



Current Status and Needs



KHT is an important cultural asset with critical investment needs and repairs

- **DTC presented Updated Master Plan to QoLAC on January 17, 2023**
 - DTC funded \$2M updated Master Plan by Diller, Scofidio + Renfro
 - Updated DTC Master Plan cost estimate: \$305 million
 - 2024 Bond Program budget for Critical Facilities totals between ~\$224M (low scenario) and ~\$267M (high scenario)
- In April 2023, DTC informed OAC that they would not seek funding for updated Master Plan from 2024 Bond Program in lieu of private fundraising campaign
- In August 2023, the Community Bond Task Force (CBTF) Critical Facilities Sub-Committee recommends \$5.9M* in major maintenance for KHT including:
 - HVAC repair/replacement
 - Fire alarm replacement
 - Public safety upgrades
 - Security upgrades
 - Elevator upgrades
 - Interior/exterior ADA accessibility enhancements/upgrades
 - Exterior repairs including water infiltration mitigation
- Cultural Facilities requested \$50M for deferred maintenance to Critical Facilities Sub-Committee for 12 OAC facilities, including KHT



*2024 Bond Program estimate with cost escalation is \$7.7M. Please reference Appendix A

Future Plans



- Fifth Amendment from 2021 will extend DTC's lease until June 1, 2025
 - No renewal option unless expressly granted by the City in writing
- Mayor Johnson's QoLAC policy priority regarding KHT:
 - **Examine the possibility of establishing an independent, non-profit entity that can take the lead in restoring the Kalita Humphreys Theater and manage the site**



Potential Next Steps



- Enhance continued partnership with Park and Recreation Department to improve Kalita Campus
 - PKR and OAC have proven success on past joint ventures
- Establish a community task force to evaluate current status and needs
 - Report back to QoLAC by Q2 of FY 24
- Identify potential private/public partnership entity that can raise and leverage funds to restore and manage KHT
 - Brief QoLAC again by Q3 of FY 24
- Receive feedback from QoLAC Committee





QUESTIONS?





City of Dallas

Office of
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Appendix A: 2024 Bond Program



Recommended allocation for Cultural Facilities from the Critical Facilities Sub-Committee to the Community Bond Task Force

Rank	Needs Inventory #	Project Name	Project Category	Council District / Citywide	Bond Cost Estimate	Other Funding Sources	% from Other Sources
1	51134	Dallas Museum	Critical Facilities	CW	\$15,014,619.00	N/A	40%
2	44537	Latino Cultural	Critical Facilities	CW	\$1,703,000.00	N/A	N/A
3	44526	Kalita Humphreys	Critical Facilities	CW	\$7,729,000.00	N/A	N/A
4	51163	South Dallas Cultural	Critical Facilities	CW	\$1,536,078.00	N/A	N/A
5	51160	Dallas Black Dance	Critical Facilities	CW	\$2,927,850.00	N/A	N/A
6	44540	Moody Performance	Critical Facilities	CW	\$2,308,978.00	N/A	N/A
7	44602	Majestic Theater	Critical Facilities	CW	\$6,356,878.00	N/A	N/A
8	51164	Winspear Opera	Critical Facilities	CW	\$6,614,190.00	N/A	N/A
9	51165	Wyly Theater	Critical Facilities	CW	\$4,357,584.00	N/A	N/A
10	51159	Bath House	Critical Facilities	CW	\$1,019,180.00	N/A	N/A
11	51162	Sammons Center	Critical Facilities	CW	\$3,489,492.00	N/A	N/A
12	51158	AT&T Performing	Critical Facilities	CW	\$481,032.00	N/A	N/A



Appendix B: Bond Program



KHT Bond Program Funding History: 2006-2024*

Year	Amount	Project
2006	\$50,000.00	Funding for 2010 Master Plan
2017	\$525,000.00	Exterior waterproofing and HVAC Upgrades
2024	\$7,729,000	HVAC and fire alarm replacement; public safety, security, and elevator upgrades; interior/exterior ADA enhancements and upgrades; exterior repairs including water infiltration mitigation
TOTAL	\$8.3M	



*2024 Bond Program allocation is a potential scenario

Senior Services Programs Updates

Quality of Life, Arts, & Culture Committee

Jessica Galleshaw
Director, Office of Community Care

Dr. Brita Andercheck
Chief Data Officer, Data Analytics and Business Intelligence

Crystal R. Ross
Deputy Director, Park and Recreation

Carl Simpson
Assistant City Manager



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Age Friendly Dallas Overview

Overview of Data on Senior Population

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Senior-Focused Programs and Initiatives

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Seniors-Focused Programs at COD



Departments with exclusive Senior Programming:

- Office of Community Care
 - Senior Affairs Commission
 - Senior Dental Program
 - Senior Employment Program
 - Senior Transportation Program
 - Senior Ombudsman Program
- Parks and Recreation Department
 - ASAP Program
- Dallas Public Libraries
 - Adult Programs
- Department of Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization
 - Senior Home Repair
- Office of Arts and Culture
- Public Works

Departments with significant engagement with Seniors:

- Code Compliance
- Dallas Police Department
- Dallas Water Utilities
- Dallas Fire Department
- Sanitation Services



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Background on Age Friendly Communities



- The World Health Organization (WHO) developed a framework that defines the features of an age-friendly city
- AARP, United States affiliate of the WHO global network, developed a similar framework for the U.S. that involves:
 - Joining the global network of age friendly communities;
 - Assessing the needs of a given community's older residents;
 - Planning and implementing actions that will address those needs; and
 - Evaluating the success of the plan.
- The Age-Friendly Dallas plan is arranged around 7 domains that capture the WHO's 8 domain-structure and with insight from the Livability Index



Age Friendly Dallas Plan Background



- Based on a framework created by the World Health Organization that defines the features of an age-friendly City
- Adopted in 2019 after 2 years engagement and discussions with community groups and partners
- Led by Senior Affairs Commission and Office of Community Care in partnership with AARP
- Set forth 23 goals for the City to be addressed through a combination of City implementation, community organizations and partnerships



Age Friendly Dallas Domains



1. **Outdoor Spaces & Buildings** – Availability of safe and accessible recreation facilities
2. **Transportation** – Safe and affordable modes of private and public transportation
3. **Housing** - Availability of home modification programs for aging in place as well as a range of age-friendly housing options
4. **Social Participation & Inclusion** – Access to leisure and cultural activities, including opportunities for older residents to socialize and engage with their peers as well as with younger people.
5. **Civic Participation & Employment** – Paid work and volunteer activities for older residents and opportunities to engage in the formulation of policies relevant to their lives
6. **Communication & Information** – Access to communication technology and other resources so older residents can connect with their community, friends and family
7. **Community Support & Health Services** – Access to home-based care services, health clinics and programs that promote wellness and active aging.



Updating Age-Friendly Dallas Plan



- Progress has been made against most of the established goals since 2019, both through City programs and external programs
- OCC has been in conversation with AARP and Office of Equity and Inclusion to develop a strategy to update the Age Friendly Dallas Plan during FY24, supported by the Age Friendly Officer



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Data Analytics and Business Intelligence



Senior Demographic Data



- DBI conducted a data analysis on Senior Demographic Data in 2021 in collaboration with the Office of Community Care and the Senior Affairs Commission.
- The objective of the analysis was to gain insights into the needs of Dallas' senior population.
- The analysis was conducted both at overall City and Council District levels.



Data Sources



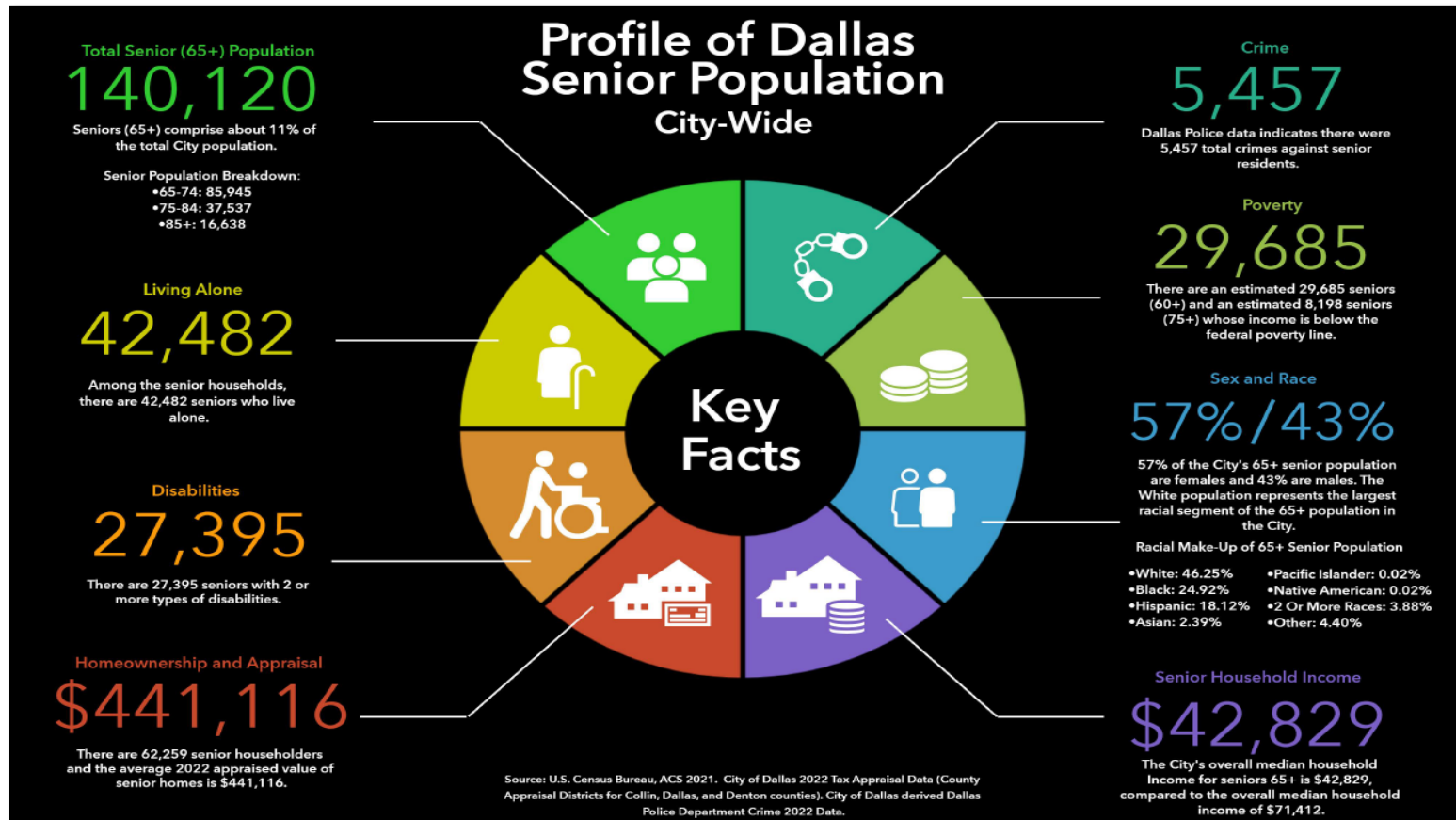
- The data sources incorporated includes:
 - U.S. American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year data for years 2014, 2019, and 2021
 - U.S. Census Bureau 2020 Decennial Survey,
 - County tax appraisal districts for years 2019 and 2021, and
 - City of Dallas crime data from Dallas Police Department for years 2019 and 2021



Data Products



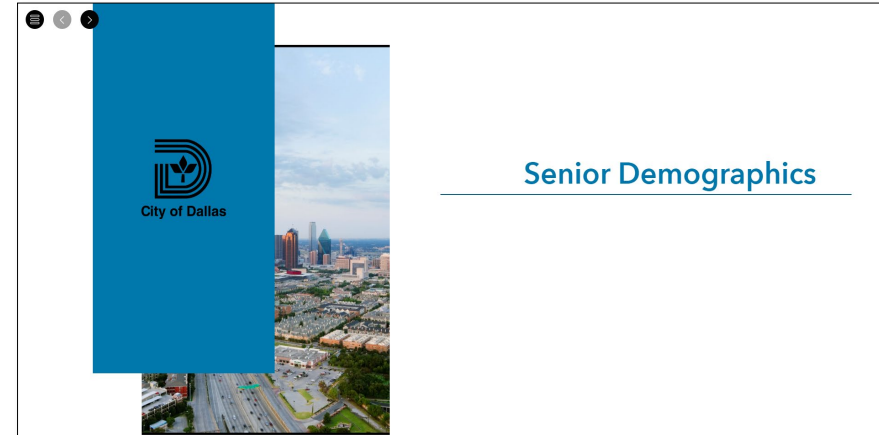
- DBI created infographics summarizing demographic statistics for senior residents by Council District and City-wide.



Data Products



- DBI also developed a publicly available application related to [Senior Demographics](#) for an in-depth, and interactive exploration of 2014 and 2019 demographic data.



Findings



- The analysis highlighted key findings about the City's senior population.

Findings

- Senior residents are the fastest growing group, growing at least 2x faster than other age groups from 2014 to 2019.
- Senior residents at or below the poverty level increased by 10.7%, while non-senior residents decreased by 16.9% from 2014 to 2019.
- Approximately 13.9% of the City's seniors have an income at or below the poverty level.
- An estimated 10% (21,276) of seniors reside in census tracts with a high poverty rate and high senior homeownership.



Presentation to Senior Affairs Commission



- DBI presented the interactive application to the Senior Affairs Commission on June 27, 2022.
- The product was very well received and positively noted as the first analytic tool designed to help shed light on senior residents.



Moving Forward



- On August 30, 2022, DBI hosted a meeting with senior-serving organizations in collaboration with the Office of Community Care and the Senior Affairs Commission.
- City staff are working with senior-serving organizations to bring their data onto the City's GIS platform to further enhance collaborations and data analysis.



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Office of Community Care



Office of Community Care



- Senior Affairs Commission
- OCC Senior Services
- Senior Dental Program
- Senior Employment Program
- Senior Transportation Program
- Senior Ombudsman Program



Senior Affairs Commission



- 15 member body appointed by Mayor and City Council (Chapter 8)
- Mission: To bring attention to senior affairs in the Dallas Community
- Purpose: The commission shall act as an advisory body to the city manager and the city council to assist with senior services and assist in identifying needed senior programming
- Duties:
 - Recommend the role of the City and Commission in ensuring the provision of services to the elderly;
 - Advise City Council as requested on elderly issues;
 - Provide access for citizen comment on elderly issues;
 - Assist the City in the identification of programs for the elderly that are needed in the community; and
 - Perform other duties as assigned by the City Council



Senior Services



- Provides information and referral services for older adult Dallas residents, linking them to nonprofits, City services, and other assistance
 - Senior Services Help Line: 214-670-5227
- Conducts outreach and awareness activities to promote City programs and connect seniors with services
- Oversight of programs, including dental, transportation, ombudsman and employment
- Liaison to Senior Affairs Commission



Senior Services – Information and Referrals



		August		
		FY21-22	FY22-23	
Total unduplicated Information and Referral Clients Served		161	151	
Most Common Referrals by Type:				
	Housing	26	54	
	Home Repair (eg roof, plumbing, etc)	63	84	
	Home Modifications (eg grab bars, ramps)	16	13	
	Financial Assistance (eg utility assistance, rental assistance, etc)	70	104	
	Transportation	10	14	
	Total Points of Contact / Communications	712	603	
	FY21-22 Goals	Aug. 2022 YTD	FY22-23 Goals	Aug 2023 YTD
Unduplicated Clients (I&R)	500	1034	600	1461
Outreach Events	35	33	35	55



Senior Services - Dental



- **Contractor:** Texas A&M School of Dentistry
- **Description:** Texas A&M University Health Science Center, d/b/a, Texas A&M School of Dentistry, will provide basic dental health services to seniors aged 60 and older residing within the City of Dallas. All dental services will be provided at North Dallas Shared Ministries in Northwest Dallas and M.C. Cooper Dental Clinic in South Dallas. Services covered include exams, cleanings, fluoride treatments, sealants, oral health education, fillings, extractions, root canals, crowns, extractions, partial and full dentures, treatment for infections, oral biopsies, and tobacco cessation counseling and treatment.

Metric	FY22 Target	Aug 2022	FY22 Aug YTD	FY23 Target	Aug 2023	FY23 Aug YTD*
Unduplicated Seniors	1,000	168	1370	1,000	158	848
Patient Visits	2,000	232	1,816	2,000	162	1,022
Procedures Provided	5,000	727	4,987	5,000	463	2,690

- Comparison between FY22 and FY23 YTD are not direct comparisons due to a slight delay renewal causing a 2-month gap in contract



Senior Services - Employment



- **Contractor:** U&I
- **Description:** The Program provides assistance, training, and advocacy to enable low to moderate income senior individuals with disabilities, age 60 and older, to successfully obtain and maintain employment. Through hands-on job preparation and job search assistance, trusted partnerships with area employers, and employer education and advocacy, U&I's Senior Services Employment Program facilitates access to well-suited jobs for this vulnerable population to ensure placement and increase the likelihood of long-term success and job security.

Metric	FY22 Goal	Aug 2022	Aug YTD FY22	FY23 Goal	Aug2023	Aug YTD FY23
Number of seniors served	140	28	154	140	6	183
Number of seniors who complete a forklift certification class	14	3	26	14	0	22
Number receiving job placement assistance	130	28	154	130	6	183



Senior Services - Transportation



- **Contractor:** DART (funding from NCTCOG)
- **Description:** The Program is administered through the Riders Assistance Program, providing on call transportation for seniors 65 and older as well as individuals with qualifying disabilities. The program provides a 3:1 match for participants to use for transportation services, which they schedule according to their needs.

	April 2023	May 2023	June 2023	July 2023	August 2023
Registered Users	493	502	510	537	562
New Registrants	21	25	14	27	27
Unique Riders/Customers Served	90	97	95	191	119
Total One-Way Trips	641	653	701	794	806



Senior Services - Ombudsman



- **Contractor:** The Senior Source
- **Description:** Provides ombudsman services for selected nursing homes and assisted living facilities in Dallas. The ombudsmen visit all homes at least monthly, investigating complaints from residents, families and their own observations. The ombudsmen consult with facility staff to resolve these complaints as well as provide consultation sessions with residents, families and facility staff regarding residents' rights and quality of care issues and attend State survey inspections as they are scheduled.



Senior Services – Ombudsman



May 2023	Annual Target	YTD Aug 2022	YTD Aug 2023
# nursing home and assisted living visits by certified staff and volunteer ombudsman	725	609	633
# unduplicated nursing home and assisted living residents visited	4,000	3,699	3,450
Recruit and place volunteers within 34 nursing homes and assisted living facilities	500	203	1,208
Assist low-income residents in obtaining goods or services	400	2,166	737
Improve the quality of life and care for residents by resolving complaints	70%	88%	85%
Percentage of complaints resolved by ombudsman staff within 90 days	85%	95%	94%



Agenda for Today



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Park and Recreation



Park and Recreation – Program Overview




- Dallas Park and Recreation Department is committed to enhancing the quality of lives of active seniors and adults by providing recreation and leisure activities to compliment a full and rewarding life
- The Active Senior Adult Program (ASAP) is designed to address five core program areas:
 - Health and Wellness
 - Socialization
 - Competition Play
 - Special Interest Programs
 - Events
- FY2022-23 YTD: Over 63K program hours were offered to Dallas area seniors through Dallas Park and Recreation
- Currently serving 7,005 registered senior participants



Park and Recreation – A.S.A.P. (Active Senior and Adult Program)



- Programs offered under the Senior Program Division are categorized as the **A**ctive **S**enior and **A**dult Program (ASAP). ASAP is offered at 43 recreation facilities and is designed for participants age 60+. Programs are offered Monday – Friday between 9am and 2pm.
- Dedicated Senior Centers: Marcus Annex, Singing Hills, Willie B. Johnson, Umphress and WellMed Charitable Foundation Senior Activity Senior



The flyer is a vertical graphic with a blue and green color scheme. It features three photographs: two women smiling at the top, a woman in a pool with blue and white inflatable rings in the middle, and two women standing together at the bottom. The text is arranged in a structured layout on the right side of the graphic.

DALLAS PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
A.S.A.P.
ACTIVE SENIOR ADULT PROGRAM
MONDAY– THURSDAY
9AM-2PM
FREE
FOR DALLAS RESIDENTS 60 AND OLDER
COURTESY OF
WELLMED CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
\$5 PER MONTH FOR NON- RESDIENTS AND AGES 55-59

EXAMPLES OF ASAP ACTIVITIES:
AEROBICS, WALKING CLUBS, BRIDGE, DOMINOES,
ARTS & CRAFTS, BOOK CLUBS, DAY TRIPS, THEATRE ARTS,
FITNESS & NUTRITION CLASSES!

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Dallas Park & Recreation

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Dallas Park and Recreation – Registration Numbers and Trends



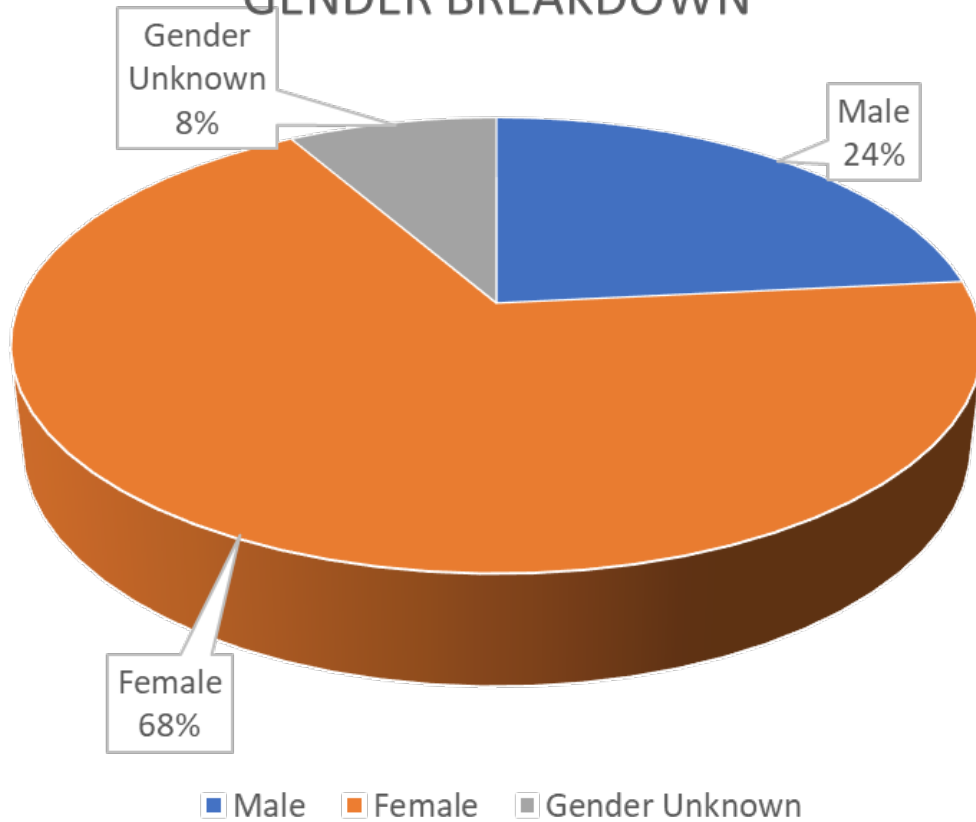
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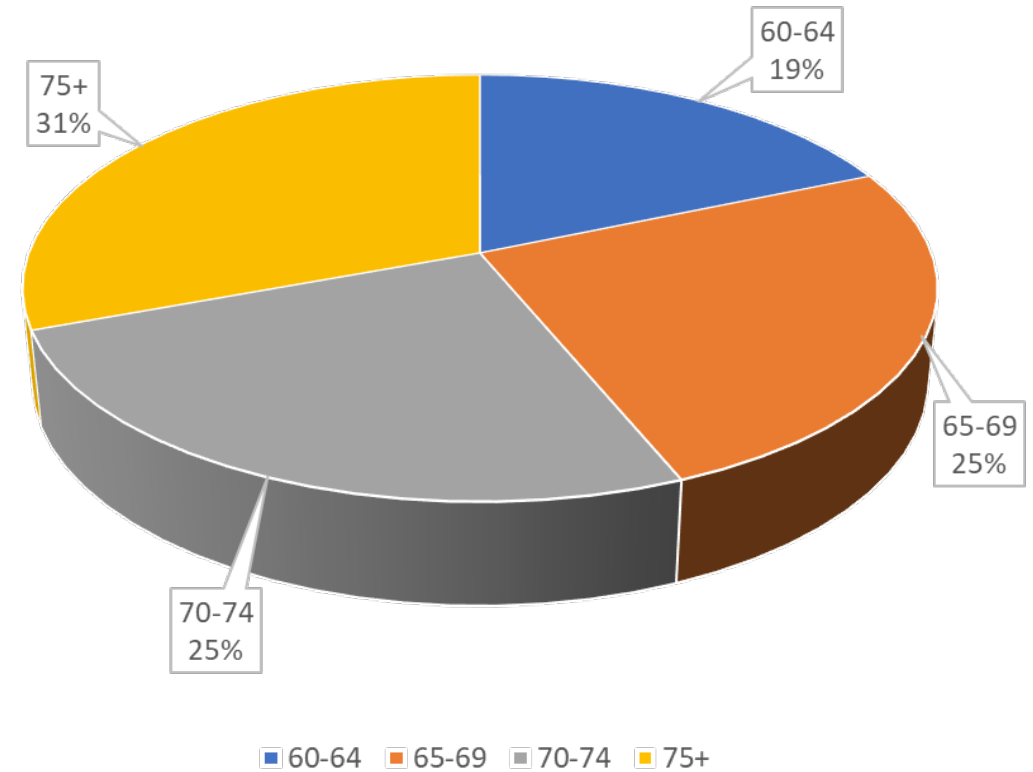
Dallas Park and Recreation – Program Participant Overview



GENDER BREAKDOWN



AGE GROUPS



Park and Recreation – Current Program Partners



• External Program Partners

- AARP
- Baylor Scott & White
- Care N Care
- CenterWell
- Dallas County Department of Health
- Dallas County Peace Officers
- North Texas Food Bank
- The Senior Source
- United Health Care
- WellCare
- WellMed

• Internal Program Partners

- Dallas Public Library
- Office of Arts and Culture
- Office of Community Care



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Park and Recreation – Signature Events



- Signature events are an added enhancement to the daily programming offered in ASAP. Event attendees are afforded an opportunity to socialize with peers from across the city. Signature Events are often co-sponsored and funded by local and national senior organizations
 - Father's Day Luncheon
 - Golden Games
 - Grandparents Day
 - Health and Wellness Expo
 - Mother's Day Luncheon
 - Summer Camp



Park and Recreation – Challenges and Successes



- **Challenges**
 - Transportation
 - Dedicated Facilities / Shared Program Space
- **Successes**
 - Program Growth and Expansion
 - Strong Partnerships
 - Retaining Dedicated Staff
- **Next Steps**
 - Training and Certification
 - ASAP redesign
 - Partnership recruitment
 - Increase program visibility and enrollment





Dallas Public Libraries





- Purpose of Senior Services in Libraries
 - Engagement through social, emotional, educational and physical activities
 - Support older adults and caregivers
 - Connect older adults to services and resources





- Medicare Assistance
 - Workshops
 - One-on-one informational sessions
- Healthcare navigators
- Wellness
 - Healing Yoga and Meditation
- Weather and Emergency Disaster Preparedness
- Tech for Seniors – learn to use Smart device and more
- Volunteer opportunities



Dallas Public Libraries – Current Programs



- Social Programs
 - Coffee Club
 - Crochet & knitting
 - Chess Club
 - American Mahjong
- Curbside service (by request) for seniors and disabled patrons
- Library Materials
 - Large print books
 - Digital audiobooks
- Library programs – informational, entertaining, cultural, arts





- In Circulation

- Favorite Things Memory Kits (available at 3 branch locations)
- CD players (available at 1 branch location)





- Inspired Age Residencies
 - Inspired and Creative Aging – Professionally conducted arts programs for older adults, including:
 - Painting
 - Singing and dancing
 - Music
 - Theater and writing
- Senior-focused programming at all branch locations
- Additional volunteer opportunities for seniors





Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization



Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Department



- The Department of Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization has a Senior Home Rehabilitation Program. This program offers grants of up to \$10,000 to Senior Homeowners 65 age and older for minor home repair needs. It was funded with \$100k from the FY 22-23 budget. 10 Seniors are currently being served by this program. The FY 23-24 has \$1.5M allocated to expand the program.
- All other home repair programs also serve seniors but not exclusively.





Office of Arts and Culture





- South Dallas Cultural Center: Senior Programming via a partnership with Park South YMCA to provide space for their seniors
 - Tuesdays through Fridays beginning September 12
 - Includes line dancing, bungo, low-impact dance, Crime Watch, Chair Fit, Birthday Celebrations and Movie Days
- Bath House Cultural Center: Sing! Act! Dance! Seniors Theater with Michael Childs coming up in September
 - Other current programs popular with seniors include weekday daytime art workshops, Saturday matinee performances, Echo Theatre in co-production with Soul Rep Theatre Co, and Cadillac Crew by Tori Sampson





- Latino Cultural Center: LCC hallmark *Cine de Oro*, *Loteria*, and *LCC Line Dancing*
 - *Cine de Oro* provides socialization over pan dulce and screenings of classic and contemporary Spanish-language films
 - Seasonal *Loteria* program offers chances to win prizes and bring loved ones
 - Outreach partnerships with nonprofits, such as AARP
 - Regular visitors from nearby recreation centers' ASAP services





- The Collection oral history program captures knowledge and lived experiences of seniors
- For the remainder of the fiscal year, 62 planned Community Arts Program events that target seniors and/or intergenerational populations, including multiple dance, musical and theater performances





Public Works



Public Works – Sidewalk Replacement



- **Introduction:** Pursuant Chapter 43 Article III. Sec 43-63 (A) when a sidewalk, driveway, or any appurtenance to a sidewalk or driveway becomes defective, unsafe, or hazardous, the abutting property owner shall reconstruct or repair the sidewalk, driveway, or appurtenance, and the expense of such work must be borne by the abutting property owner.
- **Program and purpose:** The Sidewalk Replacement Program was implemented by City Council in 1985 to help address pedestrian safety needs within residential communities. The City partners with residential property owners to share the cost for existing sidewalk removal and replacement.



Public Works – Sidewalk Replacement



- **Senior Citizens or Disable Person Assistance**: Eligible applicants must be 65 years of age and older or disabled person who's primary residence is homestead exempt within the City of Dallas. Additional requirements maybe be subject to funding eligibility requirements.
- **Process for Senior Citizens or Disable Person Assistance**: Once funding is obtained, eligible recipients will be notified. The City of Dallas will fund 100% of the sidewalk replacement adjacent to the property. Due to program popularity, recipient selection is based on funding availability and first come first serve basis.



Public Works – Sidewalk Replacement



- **Participant Eligibility:** Property owners in the City of Dallas who own single family residences, condominiums, and townhomes.
- **Cost shared summary:** The participant cost by the property owner will be $\frac{1}{2}$ cost for front sidewalk replacement , $\frac{1}{4}$ cost of sidewalk located on the side of the property and the property will pay for the entire cost of drive approach replace.
- **Process and timeline:** Upon initial inquiry it may take 3-9 weeks for a free assessment, sidewalk improvements may be completed within 3-9 months of payment and one-year warrantee on workmanship.
- **How to sign-up:** 311 Service requests, department referral or phone inquiry at (214) 948-4127





Code Compliance



Code Compliance



- Community Clean Trash-Off Program
 - This program is an interdepartmental collaboration between the Department of Code Compliance and Sanitation. Trash Off is an excellent opportunity for City of Dallas residents to clear out their garages and yards of bulk trash, brush, batteries, motor/cooking oil, and water based paint.
- Keep Dallas Beautiful
 - Keep Dallas Beautiful provides additional resources and programs for City of Dallas Residents that address community needs such as litter, beautification, and recycling.





Sanitation Services



Sanitation Services



- Many Seniors take advantage of Sanitation's Helping Hands Program. Helping Hands is a special service for recycle and garbage collection that is available for physically impaired persons residing without an able-bodied person in the household.





Other Departments



Other Departments



- **Dallas Water Utilities:** Established in HB 670 from 1993, DWU customers over 60 do not pay a late payment charge.
- **Dallas Fire Rescue:** Fire prevention division offers education programs related to fire prevention practices and fire safety for the senior population.
- **Office of Integrated Public Safety Solutions:** Routinely responds to the needs of Dallas' senior community through its Crisis Intervention Team and the RIGHT Care Units.
- **Sanitation:** Many Seniors take advantage of Sanitation's Helping Hands Program. Helping Hands is a special service for recycle and garbage collection that is available for physically impaired persons residing without an able-bodied person in the household.



Items of Interest



- Age 65/Disabled Exemption – increased from \$115,500 to \$139,400 (approved by City Council on June 14, 2023)
- OCC – Age Friendly Officer and strategic plan for senior services planned for FY24
- Housing – Expanded home repair programs planned for FY24
- Libraries – additional senior programs and expansion of facility hours to 6 days/week at remaining 15 locations that are still open 5 days/week
- Public Works – investments in Sidewalk Master Plan for sidewalk improvements plus added funding to improve sidewalks near DART facilities; seniors eligible for 100% coverage in sidewalks assistance



Next Steps



- Over the next 12-18 months, complete a strategic planning process to help align senior services and policies citywide and provide a tool to help direct City services and resources
- Office of Community Care work with Senior Affairs Commission and AARP to review progress towards Age Friendly Dallas goals and develop a plan to update/refresh AFD Plan
- Continue and build on existing cross-departmental seniors program staff meetings to strengthen partnerships and programmatic alignment



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Senior Services Programs Updates

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City of Dallas

Consideration of 2025 Legislative Priorities

**Quality of Life, Arts, and Culture
Committee**

September 18, 2023

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Overview



- Review current program priorities
- Discuss priorities to update the City's proposed legislative program for the 89th Texas Legislative Session and the 119th Congress
- Next steps



City of Dallas Legislative Process



- Prior to each legislative session, the City Council adopts a federal legislative agenda outlining official City of Dallas positions on various legislative issues.
- Input is sought from the Mayor and City Council, City executive leadership, City departments, and external organizations.
- The program serves as guiding principles for City elected officials, City staff, and the legislative team engaged in outreach and policy discussions
- The agenda is communicated to elected offices upon adoption.



118th Congress City Federal Legislative Priorities



2023 CITY OF DALLAS FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

PUBLIC SAFETY IS THE TOP PRIORITY FOR DALLAS.

Support legislation that provides additional resources for local governmental law enforcement agencies for public safety.



- Increase existing and create new grant programs to support a new policy training facility, body-worn cameras, and additional public safety equipment.
- Prioritize emergency vehicle production for first responders.
- Pursue revenue streams which could support public safety and re-entry services.

ECONOMIC VIBRANCY AND WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE FUTURE OF DALLAS.



Support legislation that promotes job creation and private investment to grow the tax base and create economic opportunities for all members of our community.

- Strengthen Dallas' workforce development pipeline through investments in reskilling programs in high-demand fields and improved coordination between agencies.

EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT GOVERNANCE IS AT THE HEART OF PUBLIC SERVICE.

Support legislation that allows the City to deliver effective and efficient government services, while being fiscally responsible.



- Ensure privacy and security of resident and commercial data.
- Maintain the tax exemption for municipal bonds, including private activity bonds, and reinstate advance refunding for municipal bonds.



HOUSING STABILITY AND AFFORDABILITY MUST BE WITHIN REACH FOR ALL RESIDENTS OF DALLAS.

Support legislation that ensures tenant protections for residents at greatest risk of displacement.

- Expand the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program to include blight remediation.
- Continue and expanding funding for the Community Development Block Grant Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program.
- Increase funding for homelessness services.



SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE DRIVES ECONOMIC GROWTH IN DALLAS.

Support legislation that protects and enhances the City's infrastructure network while continuing to deliver innovative, safe, and equitable solutions.

- Enhance and fund mobility infrastructure, including but not limited to bike and pedestrian improvements.
- Improve water, stormwater, and wastewater infrastructure through dredging and other sustainable practices.

2023 CITY OF DALLAS FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM



NATURAL RESOURCES MUST BE SUSTAINED FOR THE RESIDENTS OF DALLAS.

Support legislation that focuses on resource sustainability, conservation, climate change, and environmental equity to build a more resilient city.

- Mitigate the impact of climate change through adaptation actions.
- Advance the deployment of – and infrastructure for – solar power and electric vehicles.



A THRIVING COMMUNITY ENHANCES THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS.

Support legislation that fosters clean and appealing neighborhoods while offering recreational, educational, and cultural activities.

- Increase funding for Dallas parks, trails, and playgrounds.
- Decriminalize fentanyl testing strips.



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Support legislation that ensures Dallas is a welcoming community for all residents and visitors.

- Protect the rights of all vulnerable communities, including LGBTQIA+ individuals, seniors, and refugees.
- Increase funding for the Department of Family and Adult Protective Services.
- Expand Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Women, Infant and Children Program benefits to include diapers and period products and improve digital access for applicants.
- Ensure proper healthcare for all residents of Dallas.
- Support funding and resources for local government and non-profit services for immigrants and humanitarian responses.



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88th Texas Legislature Priorities



2023 CITY OF DALLAS STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

PUBLIC SAFETY IS THE TOP PRIORITY FOR DALLAS.

Support legislation that provides additional resources for local governmental law enforcement agencies for public safety.



- Address unauthorized production and distribution of temporary tags.
- Fund a new Dallas police training facility, body-worn cameras, and additional public safety equipment.
- Prioritize emergency vehicle production for first responders.
- Address responsibility of school crossing guards and related equipment for large cities.
- Expand Monica's Law, a statewide protective order database, to include family violence convictions.
- Implement a statewide 9-1-1 fee to reinvest in emergency response systems.
- Amend the definition of reflexology businesses as massage parlors.
- Continue funding for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice re-entry services program.
- Pursue revenue streams that could support future public safety pension obligations.

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Support legislation that allows the City to deliver effective and efficient government services, while being fiscally responsible.

- Ensure privacy and security of resident and commercial data.
- Require mandatory disclosure of residential and commercial real estate prices.
- Establish a database of homestead exemptions.
- Preserve local authority to collect franchise fee revenues.
- Expand options for publication of legal notices.
- Amend Government Code Chapter 2274 regarding prohibition from service contracts with institutions that have policies that may restrict gun or ammunition sales and fossil fuels investments.

HOUSING STABILITY AND AFFORDABILITY MUST BE WITHIN REACH FOR ALL RESIDENTS OF DALLAS.



Support legislation that ensures tenant protections for residents at greatest risk of displacement.

- Advance income-based property tax abatements for homeowners in neighborhoods experiencing rapidly rising property values.
- Prevent Housing Finance Corporations and Public Facility Corporations from providing property tax exemptions outside their jurisdictions.
- Require transportation entities to harden underpasses and fund the engagement and cleaning of areas affected by those who are unsheltered.
- Establish a "Know Your Rights" document that all landlords must include in eviction notices.

2023 CITY OF DALLAS STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM



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- Enhance and fund mobility infrastructure, including but not limited to bike and pedestrian improvements.
- Improve water, stormwater, and wastewater infrastructure through dredging and other sustainable practices.
- Allow municipalities to lower the *prima facie* speed limit in residential areas from 30 to 25 miles per hour.
- Elevate broadband service as a critical utility.
- Strengthen the state's electric grid.



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- Require local approval of standard permits for polluting industries and impose minimum distances from schools, hospitals, and residences.
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Key Dates and Next Steps



- Receive Committee legislative priorities by November 30, 2023
- Possible action and advance to the full City Council for consideration
- Communications and outreach to key stakeholders





City of Dallas

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**Quality of Life, Arts, and Culture
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September 18, 2023

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Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE September 18, 2023

TO Honorable Chair and Members of the Quality of Life, Arts, & Culture Committee

SUBJECT **“The Big Read Down” Fee Amnesty Program**

To create more equitable access to library materials and services, the City Council adopted Resolution 19-0772 on May 22, 2019 to amend Chapter 24 of the Dallas City Code to eliminate library fines for late items. Additionally, to limit further access to materials pending their return, the City maintained fees for the replacement and cataloging of lost or damaged items, but the resolution allows for fee amnesty events to defray or eliminate those fees.

Dallas Public Library will conduct its semiannual fee amnesty program called “The Big Read Down” from October 1 – 30, 2023. During this period, library customers may log minutes read as well as other activities, such as signing up for library e-materials or participating in a library program, to earn amnesty for accrued fees. The Library has set the value of minutes read and activities completed in alignment with other large urban libraries with similar programs and will utilize our summer reading platform to track success.

The schedule for the fee amnesty program will be as follows:

- 15 minutes read = \$1.00 toward fee amnesty
- Activities completed = \$17.00

Library card holders can read to reduce their own fees or donate toward the fees of others. Minutes read that are not applied to the user will be banked for use toward fee amnesty at the discretion of Library managers. Banked minutes will be distributed to each branch library based upon the poverty rate in that area. This will make it possible to forgive library fees in cases involving lower income families and individuals, and therefore making access to library services more equitable to all.

After updating our system, the Dallas Public Library has over 641,000 active library card users. More than 16% of our library card holders are currently blocked from checking out materials due to fees. During the March challenge 456 people signed up and 381 actively participated reading a total of 188,261 minutes. From this group 50 people read to work off their own fees while the remaining 331 read for others. This is 161 more participants than last year’s fall challenge.

All together these readers earned \$39,819.36 toward fee forgiveness, which is more than double the amount earned last year’s Read Down. The Library will continue to follow in the footsteps of library industry pioneers such as the Los Angeles County Public Library that allows patrons to participate in a reading challenge to lower or eliminate fees on their accounts. By offering an opportunity to pay off these fines non-

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monetarily, the Library has the potential to welcome back library card holders that are blocked from borrowing materials.

Please contact me or Jo Giudice, Director of the Dallas Public Library, for further information.



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