

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2024

24-0010

QUALITY OF LIFE, ARTS, AND CULTURE  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL/VIDEO CONFERENCE  
COUNCILMEMBER PAUL E. RIDLEY, PRESIDING

PRESENT: [7] Ridley, Resendez, Gracey (\*\*9:20 a.m.), Bazaldua (\*\*9:37 a.m.),  
Blackmon (\*\*9:39 a.m.), Schultz, Willis

ABSENT: [0]

The meeting was called to order at 9:09 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 10:46 a.m.

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Chair

ATTEST:

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City Secretary Staff

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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 for this meeting are filed with the City Secretary's Office as EXHIBIT C.

**\*\* Note: Indicates arrival time after meeting called to order/reconvened.**

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EXHIBIT A

**RECEIVED**

**City of Dallas**

**Public Notice**

**2024 NOV 27 AM 10:21**

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Council Chambers, 6th Floor  
Dallas, Texas 75201*

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DALLAS, TEXAS**

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

**December 3, 2024**

**9:00 AM**

## 2023 CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

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

(C) – Chair, (VC) – Vice Chair

\* Updated:6/28/24

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

## General Information

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## Call to Order

### MINUTES

1. [24-3712](#) Approval of the November 12, 2024, Quality of Life, Arts, and Culture Committee Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [Minutes](#)

### BRIEFING ITEMS

- A. [24-3699](#) National Trends in Multi-Use Library Facilities  
[Heather Lowe, Interim Director, Dallas Public Library]

**Attachments:** [Presentation](#)

- B. [24-3706](#) Briefing on City-owned non-commercial Radio Station: WRR Radio/KERA  
[Martine Elyse Philippe, Director, Office of Arts and Culture; Glenn Ayars, Assistant Director, Office of Arts and Culture; Christopher Wagley, Chief Operating Officer of KERA]

**Attachments:** [Presentation](#)

### BRIEFING MEMOS

- C. [24-3709](#) Office of Arts and Culture Agenda Item # 24-3064 on December 11, 2024: Dallas Black Dance Theatre Updated Funding Allocation for the FY 2024-25 Cultural Organizations Program  
[Martine Elyse Philippe, Director, Office of Arts and Culture; Glenn Ayars, Assistant Director, Office of Arts and Culture]

**Attachments:** [Memorandum](#)

- D. [24-3711](#) City Facilities Partners Update - Kalita Humphreys Theater  
[Martine Elyse Philippe, Director, Office of Arts and Culture; Glenn Ayars, Assistant Director, Office of Arts and Culture]

**Attachments:** [Memorandum](#)

**FORECAST**

E. [24-3713](#) Quality of Life, Arts, and Culture Committee Forecast

**Attachments:** [Forecast](#)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION NOTICE**

A closed executive session may be held if the discussion of any of the above agenda items concerns one of the following:

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]
4. deliberating the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee unless the officer or employee who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public hearing. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.074]
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

DECEMBER 3, 2024

Item 1: Approval of the November 12, 2024, Quality of Life, Arts, and Culture  
Committee Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Willis moved to adopt the minutes as presented.

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

OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 3, 2024

BRIEFING ITEMS

Item A: National Trends in Multi-Use Library Facilities

The following individual briefed the committee on the item:

- Heather Lowe, Interim Director, Dallas Public Library

OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 3, 2024

BRIEFING ITEMS

Item B: Briefing on City-owned non-commercial Radio Station: WRR Radio/KERA

The following individuals briefed the committee on the item:

- Martine Elyse Philippe, Director, Office of Arts and Culture;
- Glenn Ayars, Assistant Director, Office of Arts and Culture; and
- Christopher Wagley, Chief Operating Officer of KERA

OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 3, 2024

BRIEFING MEMOS

Item C: Office of Arts and Culture Agenda Item # 24-3064 on December 11, 2024: Dallas Black Dance Theatre Updated Funding Allocation for the FY 2024-25 Cultural Organizations Program

Item D: City Facilities Partners Update - Kalita Humphreys Theater

The committee discussed the items.

OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 3, 2024

FORECAST

Item E: Quality of Life, Arts, and Culture Committee Forecast

The committee discussed the item.

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EXHIBIT C



**City of Dallas**

# **National Trends in Multi-Use Library Facilities**

**Quality of Life, Arts, and  
Culture Committee  
December 3, 2024**

Heather Lowe, Interim Director  
Dallas Public Library

# Broad use types



- Municipal buildings – Providing residents with easy access to essential city services, public meetings, and civic spaces
- Culture & Recreation – Hosting performance spaces, or recreational spaces
- Health – Promoting health education and offering preventative care services
- Housing/Retail - Integrating and creating spaces for housing units and retail spaces



# Municipal – Many examples



- In smaller cities, libraries are often embedded in city halls or other municipal sites
- Common with County systems
- City services grouped together



Burien Branch, King County Public Library



# Municipal – Dallas Public Library



Dallas West Branch

- Built in 1975
- Multipurpose Center built in 1988



Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

- Added to community center in 1974



# Culture & Recreation – North Bergen, NJ



## North Bergen downtown recreation center and library

- Included for uniqueness of design
- First floor library
- Rooftop field and fitness equipment
- Basketball court
- Kitchen space



Rooftop Field



Library space



Kitchen



# Culture & Recreation – Denver Public Library



**RiNo Art Park** partners

Library opened 2022

- 7,000 sq ft space
- \$1.3 Million from City funds
- Focus on art, education, innovation, and community empowerment
- Gallery + Satellite Studios
- Food Incubator
- Community Performing Arts Venue



# Culture & Recreation – Brooklyn Public Library



## L10 Arts and Culture Center

- 60,000 sq ft development bought by NYC in 2013, opens late 2024
- Partners:
  - Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM)
  - Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts (MoCADA)
  - 651 ARTSLibrary
  - Brooklyn Public Library
    - 2,700 sq ft boutique focused on the arts



# Health – Free Library of Philadelphia



## South Philadelphia Community Health and Literacy Center

- Partnership with Philadelphia Children's Hospital
- City Health Center, Primary Care, Recreation Center, Park and Library
- Joint wellness programs
- Total build 96,429 sf (12,000 sq ft Library)
- \$45.2 M, largely, operating Budget of hospital
- \$9.8 Million in tax credits
- \$1.3 Million from Free Library
- \$2.2 Million from the City



# Retail – Chicago Public Library



## Woodlawn Branch

- Located in corridor of the new Obama Presidential Library
- Focus on incubating small business



- Project aimed at restoring historic Washington Bank
- \$18 Million in capital bonds for three mixed-use projects
- Retail space planned to bolster redevelopment of local economy
- Replacement branch development



# Housing – Chicago PL & Housing Authority



## Independence Library and Apartments

- \$33.4 Million
- Mixed-use project began in 2016
- Completed 2019
- 16,000 sq ft Library space
- 44 housing units for tenants 62+
- Library supports residents
  - Embedded social workers in the building
  - Social activities through programs



# Housing – Chicago PL & Housing Authority



## Little Italy Branch

- Mixed-use project began in 2017
- Completed 2019



- 73 apartment units
  - 37 for CHA
  - 29 affordable units
  - 7 market rate
- 14,000 sq ft Library
- Project preserved community gardens on the site.
- Library programs reflect residents needs



# Housing – DC Public Library



## West End Branch

- Funded partially with millage (percentage of property tax)
- Utilized government property
- Started 2010, Opened 2017
- 20,000 sq ft library
- 93 apartment units
- 71 condominiums
- 7,200 sq ft of retail with coffee shop and restaurant
- Residential portion sold by developer for \$79.2M this year



# Housing – Santa Cruz Downtown Library



- Mixed-use project began in 2018
- 35,000-38,000 sq ft Library space
- 124 very low-income housing units
- Childcare facility
- Projected March 2026 completion date
- Faced unsuccessful community ballot initiative to end the project in 2022



# Housing – Santa Cruz Downtown Library



## PROJECT FUNDING

- Secured funding:
  - \$2M Federal Earmark
  - \$3.6M LHTF (Local Housing Trust Fund)
  - \$1.55M PLHA (Permanent Local Housing Allocation)
  - \$25.5M voter-approved Measure S
- Anticipated future funding sources:
  - State Grants
  - Tax Credits
  - Parking District Secured Financing
  - Conventional Housing Financing
  - Friends of the Santa Cruz Libraries Capital campaign



# Funding Support Models



## General Funding/Incentive Models

- Bond packages
- Redevelopment funds
- Grants
- Federal housing funds
- Tax Credits
- Additional properties or assets



# Appendix – More Information



General background articles:

- [\*Neighbors Fight Affordable Housing, but Need Libraries. Can't We Make a Deal?\*](#) *New York Times*, June 21, 2024.
- [\*A New Chapter: Cities Are Tackling the Housing Crunch—by Building Above the Library\*](#), Lincoln Institute of Land Policy
- [\*New Health Literacy Center Opens in South Philly\*](#), Philadelphia Tribune, May 17, 2016.
- [\*Santa Cruz Downtown Library & Affordable Housing\*](#)





**City of Dallas**

# **National Trends in Multi-Use Library Facilities**

**Quality of Life, Arts, and  
Culture Committee  
December 3, 2024**

Heather Lowe, Interim Director  
Dallas Public Library

# WRRR

## **Briefing on City-owned non-commercial Radio Station: WRRR Radio/KERA**

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

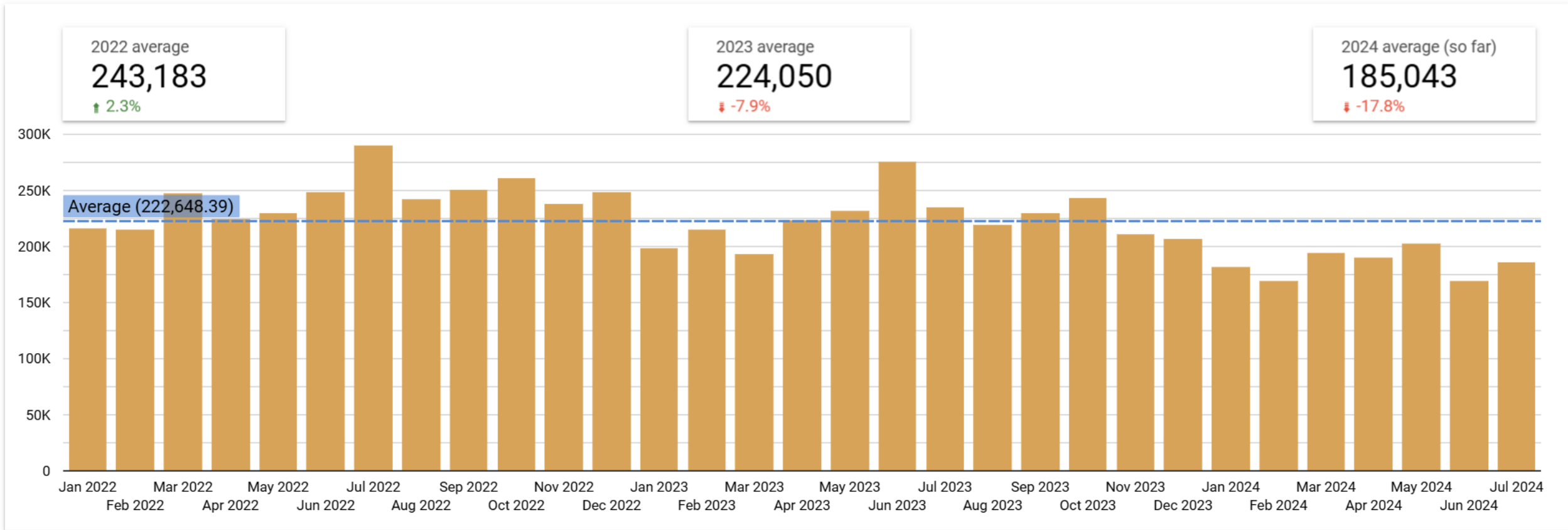
**December 3, 2024**

**Christopher Wagley, Chief Operating Officer of KERA**

# Metrics & Trends

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## WRR Weekly Cume Persons



# Metrics & Trends

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- Across the country, classical music saw a surge of listening during the pandemic. That surge has ended.
- With more breaking news and the election season, people are tuning in more to news.
- WRR is affected by Nielsen Ratings panel selection and a lack of incoming panelists listening to WRR.
- WRR has seen a 9,700 Weekly Cume drop from Nielsen Audience panels alone. WRR has no control over the panelists chosen by Nielsen.

To combat the recent ratings dip and to continue to build WRR into a best-in-class classical station that feels more local than ever, KERA is doing the following:



**Growing the station's  
revenue model as a  
nonprofit station.**

# With KERA, WRR is:

- All classical, all the time.
- Raising funds through a member-based, nonprofit model.
  - 2,350 new members
  - 42 at the Producer's Circle level (\$1500+/year)
  - **WRR has met or exceeded our fundraising goal every member campaign, including this last one!**



**Sharpening its focus on local music and representation.**

# Programming—Diversifying & localizing

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**766 pieces** from heritage months are now in WRR's permanent rotation.

# Programming—Diversifying & localizing

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## Pride Month 2024:

- Identified or added 2,000 pieces into our digital library with an LGBTQIA+ composer, conductor, or soloist.
- Programming supported by Resource Center



# Programming—Diversifying & localizing

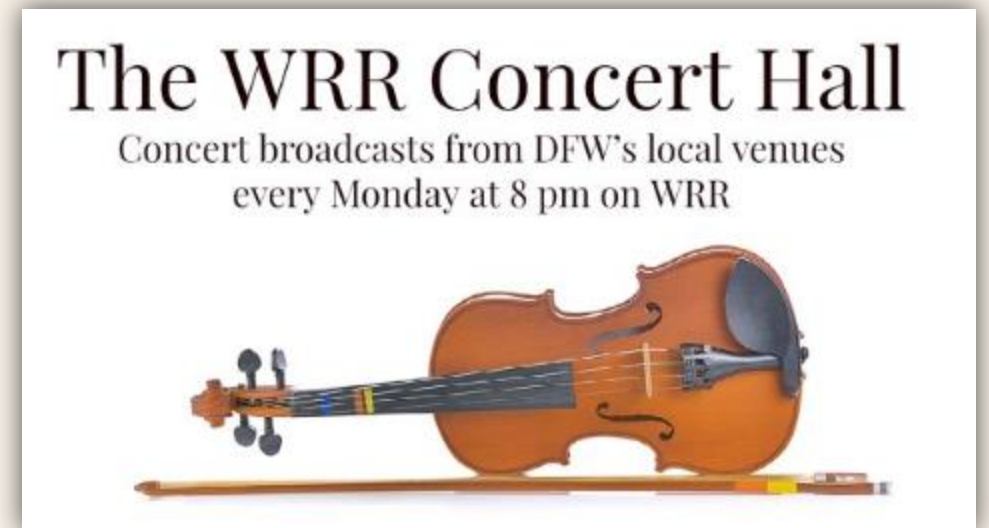
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**566 pieces featuring local artists**  
or arts groups are now in WRR's  
permanent rotation.

# Programming—Diversifying our playlists

## WRR Concert Hall

- Dedicated hour every week to spotlighting a concert broadcast from North Texas
- Upcoming:
  - Irving Symphony Orchestra
  - Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra
  - Dallas Winds
  - Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra






# **City-sponsored Radio Announcements on WRR**

# Sponsorship:

- Each fiscal year, WRR and the City of Dallas, Office of Arts and Culture will sponsor underwriting for **first-time WRR clients**.\*
- These are similar to public support announcements and are free to selected groups (Dallas-based non-profit cultural organizations and City of Dallas departments).

\*Sponsorship is limited by announcements within a given year.



# Application:



- In August, we opened a two-week application period. Applicants were asked to provide a brief overview of their mission, history, and audience demographics, along with their marketing goals and a 15-second sample script.
- Promoted Platforms:
  - OAC Newsletter
  - Nextdoor
  - COD Employee Announcement Email
  - Facebook
  - Instagram
  - Twitter
  - Citywide Department Huddle

# Selection:



- During this time, we received **36 applications**.
- After the submission window closed, staff reviewed and scored each application for eligibility. Priority was given to small and midsize Dallas-based organizations that showcase the diversity and vibrancy of our community:
  - Kitchen Dog Theater
  - South Dallas Concert Choir
  - Arts Mission Oak Cliff
  - The City of Dallas Office of Equity & Inclusion – Fair Housing Division



**Finding new opportunities  
to connect with new  
audiences.**

# Events—Amplifying Young Musicians

## Back in the Subways

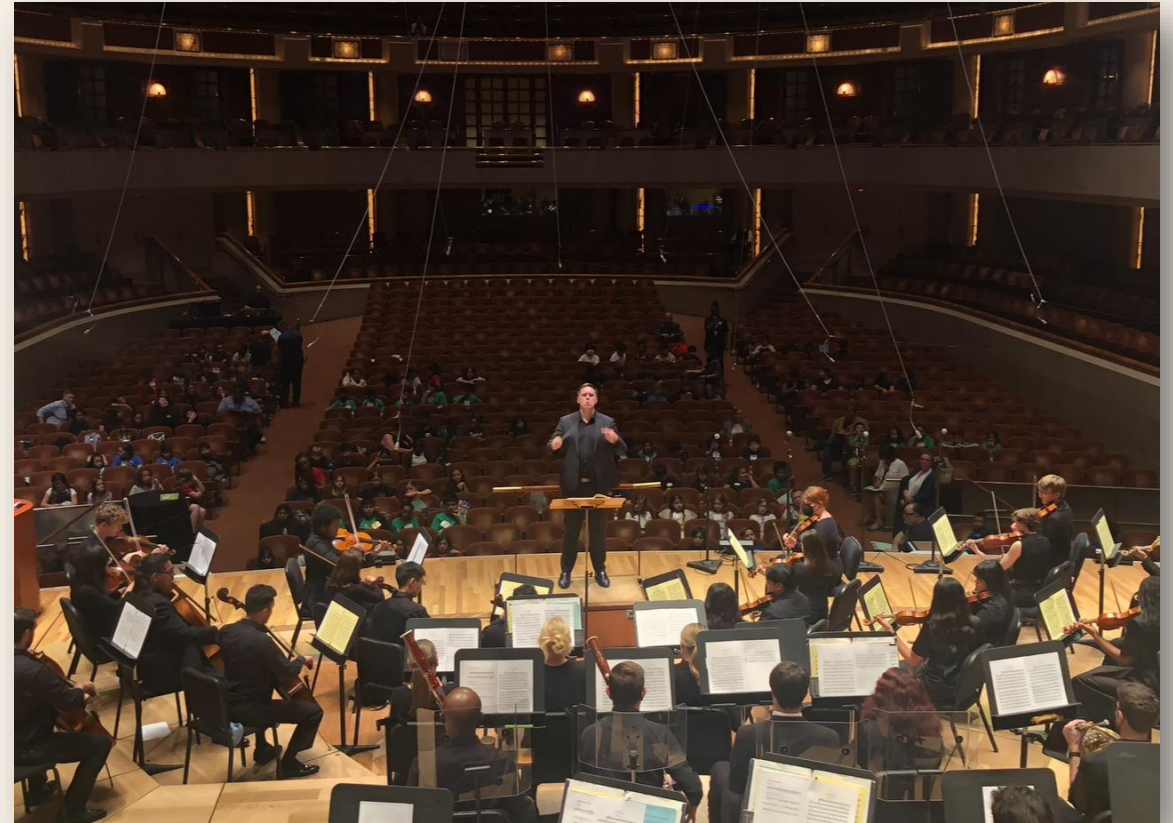
- A global initiative to celebrate J.S. Bach's birthday
- Free performance in Mockingbird Station
- Featured young musicians from Booker T. Washington High School and the Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra



# Events—Amplifying Young Musicians

## Music Memory Project

- Student competition in partnership with DISD and the DSO
- Amy Bishop served as a judge, held at the Meyerson Symphony Center
- Included a performance by musicians of the DSO and Booker T. Washington High School orchestra.



# Events—Accessible

## Summer Classical Series

- Five free classical music concerts, open to the public at Mockingbird Station
- Featured local musicians and composers
- Partnered with City of Dallas

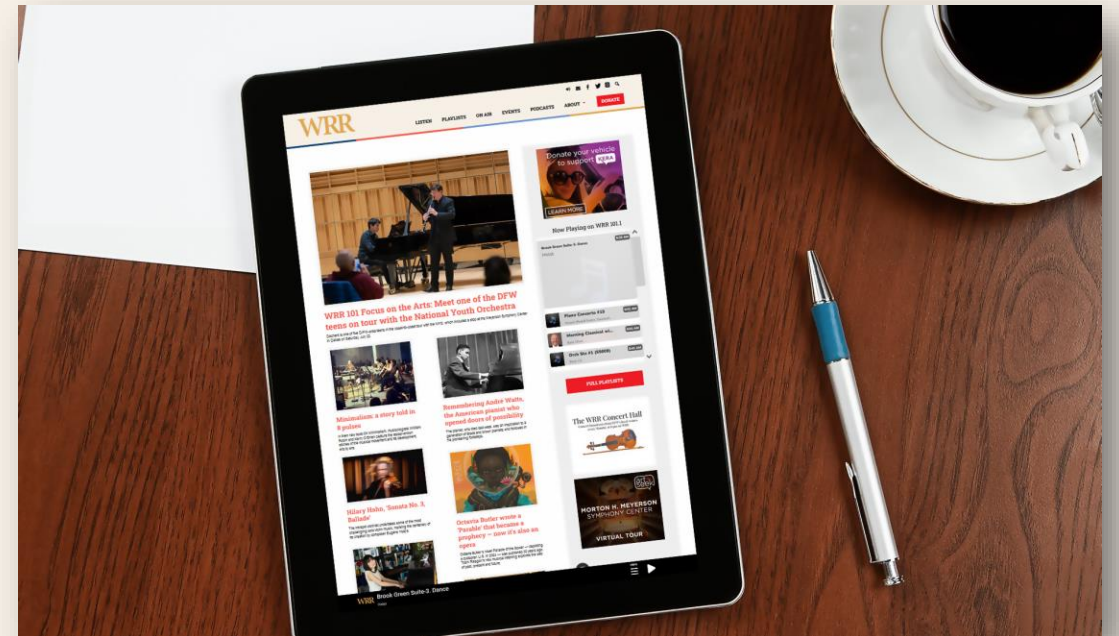




**Offering an improved  
digital experience.**

# Digital

- New website
  - User-friendly navigation
  - Specially-curated feed of stories from WRR, KERA and NPR music
- Updated app
- Conducting a digital audit of its social and digital platforms to further engage new and existing audiences.



# New Tagline



**Classical.  
For everyone.**

# WRRR

**Thank you!**

# WRRR

## **Briefing on City-owned non-commercial Radio Station: WRRR Radio/KERA**

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

**December 3, 2024**

**Christopher Wagley, Chief Operating Officer of KERA**

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE November 27, 2024

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

SUBJECT **Office of Arts and Culture Agenda Item # 24-3064 on December 11, 2024: Dallas Black Dance Theatre Updated Funding Allocation for the FY 2024-25 Cultural Organizations Program**

On December 11, 2024, City Council will consider the updated funding allocation recommendation for Dallas Black Dance Theatre, Incorporated (DBDT) for the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Cultural Organizations Program (COP) contract in an amount not to exceed \$248,435.00. The Cultural Organizations Program contracts with cultural organizations with budgets ranging from \$100,000 to over \$10 million to provide an annual season of programming for residents and visitors of Dallas.

On October 21, 2024, the Quality of Life, Arts & Culture Committee (QOLAC) of City Council considered the funding allocation recommendation for Dallas Black Dance Theatre along with 55 other Dallas-based nonprofit arts and cultural organizations through the FY 2024-25 Cultural Organizations Program.

QOLAC took into consideration the allegations of unfair labor practices levied against DBDT by the American Guild of Musical Artists (AGMA), the labor union which represents the dancers who were recently terminated by DBDT in August. As a result, QOLAC recommended to City Council that the proposed funding allocations for consideration be recommended with the amendment, "to remand the funding allocation for Dallas Black Dance Theatre to the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission's Allocations Committee for reconsideration and referral back to the Quality of Life Committee for further consideration." On October 23, 2024, City Council approved the FY 2024-25 Cultural Organizations Program funding allocations as amended.

As the Allocations Committee of the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission met on November 7, 2024 to reconsider the funding allocation for Dallas Black Dance Theatre (DBDT). Acknowledging the importance of Dallas Black Dance Theater to the City of Dallas and to the communities that it serves, the Allocations Committee recommended that City Council preserve the initial funding recommendation of \$248,435 for Dallas Black Dance Theatre pending one of the following outcomes:

- If a ruling is made in DBDT's favor by the National Labor Review Board (NLRB) on or before April 15, 2025, the full \$248,435 funding recommendation for DBDT be immediately approved.

DATE November 27, 2024

SUBJECT **Office of Arts and Culture Agenda Item # 24-3064 on December 11, 2024: Dallas Black Dance Theatre Updated Funding Allocation for the FY 2024-25 Cultural Organizations Program**

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- If an agreement or settlement is reached between DBDT and the NLRB on or before April 15, 2025, the full \$248,435 funding recommendation for DBDT be immediately approved.
- Alternatively, If DBDT is found to be at fault in the proceedings conducted by the NLRB on or before April 15, 2025, the full \$248,435 funding recommendation will be reallocated to other Office of Arts and Culture programs for the 2025 fiscal year including but not limited to: Community Arts, Community Artist Program (CAP), Culture of Value, or ArtsActivate with the direct instruction that consideration be given to funding ALAANA programming.
- If no ruling, decision, or resolution has been made on or before April 15th, 2025, the full \$248,435 funding recommendation will be reallocated to other Office of Arts and Culture programs for the 2025 fiscal year including but not limited to: Community Arts, Community Artist Program (CAP), Culture of Value, or ArtsActivate with the direct instruction that consideration be given to funding ALANNA programming.

On November 21, 2024, the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission recommended to the Quality of Life, Arts and Culture Committee the funding allocation reconsideration as recommended by the Allocations Committee.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Martine Philippe, Director of the Office of Arts and Culture at [martine.philippe@dallas.gov](mailto:martine.philippe@dallas.gov) .



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# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE November 27, 2024

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

SUBJECT **City Facilities Partners Update – Dallas Theater Center re: Kalita Humphreys Theater**

On September 16, 2024, the Office of Arts and Culture (OAC) provided to the Quality of Life, Arts and Culture Committee (QOLAC) the memo, “City Facilities Partners Update – Dallas Theater Center,” in which OAC provided historical context and other information relevant to the partnership between the Dallas Theater Center (DTC) and the City. Much of this information was related to the lease and management agreement the City has with DTC to manage operations of the Kalita Humphreys Theater.

OAC informed QOLAC that the current fifth amendment to the agreement is set to expire June 1, 2025. Understanding the needs of the Kalita, both in operation and facility upkeep, the Committee provided guidance that OAC needs to take a primary and intentional role in addressing facility related operation, maintenance, and capital projects. As such, OAC is leading the process with DTC as a meaningful partner and collaborator to navigate the complex process of creating a successful and sustainable solution to the management of the Kalita.

OAC held meetings with DTC through November to discuss the current usage of the Kalita by DTC and other users of the facility. A significant takeaway from our meetings was the issue of booking schedules for DTC and all other users of the facility. Theater companies request dates in advance of up to a year to secure the space for a production. From these meetings and understanding of the needs of the tenants at the Kalita, OAC and DTC have collaborated on a plan of action that will allow the proper consideration for the future of the Kalita’s operation and management as well as provide DTC and other users of the facility with sufficient time to plan for future seasons.

OAC recommends the execution of a sixth amendment to the current agreement to extend the expiration date through September 30, 2028. This extension will provide a timeline of three standard performance seasons which typically run from September 1 of a given year to the following August 31. Two of these years will allow for OAC to engage with DTC and other partners to address the complexities of the current agreement and determine the best solution for a successful, safe, accessible, and sustainable future operation of the Kalita.

After the initial two-year period, the third year will allow for the proper communication and planning for any given outcome to ensure that theater groups do not experience an interruption in their season planning processes.

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OAC also took into account the timeline for the 2024 Bond Program. Currently, the 2024 Bond Program addressing repairs and upgrades to the Kalita is scheduled to begin FY 2027-28 for planning with construction beginning FY 2028-29. At the beginning of the third year of the proposed extension, which would take place at the beginning of FY 2027-28, OAC will have a clear understanding of the future operation and management of the Kalita allowing for the most efficient and relevant repairs and upgrades to be made to the facility.

OAC is currently drafting the sixth amendment to be reviewed by DTC and subsequently the City Attorney's Office.

Please contact me or the Director of Arts and Culture, Martine Elyse Philippe, with any questions.

Sincerely,



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# QUALITY OF LIFE, ARTS, AND CULTURE COMMITTEE 2 MONTH FORECAST

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<b>Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 9:00 A.M.</b>		
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	Public Art Update	Office of Arts and Culture
	QOLAC 2 Month Committee Forecast	City Manager’s Office
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<b>BRIEFING ITEMS</b>		
<b>BRIEFINGS BY MEMORANDUM</b>	City Facilities Partners Update - Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center	Office of Arts and Culture
	QOLAC 2 Month Committee Forecast	City Manager’s Office