

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE STAFFORD CENTRE COMMITTEE OF STAFFORD, TEXAS
HELD AT THE STAFFORD CENTRE IN SAID CITY
ON MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021

On the 11th day of January 2021, at 12:00 p.m., the Stafford Centre Committee of Stafford, Texas met in regular session at the Stafford Centre in said City. Chairperson Wen Guerra called the meeting to order. The following members of the Committee were present: Chairperson Wen Guerra and Committee member Cecil Willis. Absent:None. The following City staff were present: Susan Ricks (Director of Recreation), Rebecca Hathorn (Assistant General Manager); Bryan Blaum (FMsquared); and Nicola Browe (Assistant City Secretary).

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. Approval of the following meeting minutes:

(a) Committee member Willis made a motion to approve the November 9, 2020 Committee meeting minutes. Committee member Guerra duly seconded the motion. Chairperson Guerra called the roll for a vote. Chairperson Guerra and Committee member Willis voted "yes"; none against. Chairperson Guerra announced the result of the vote (2-0) and declared the motion approve.

Committee member Guerra made a motion to move to item # 4 to allow the presenter for item #3 to arrive into the meeting. Committee member Willis duly seconded the motion. Chairperson Guerra called the roll for a vote. Chairperson Guerra and Committee member Willis voted "yes"; none against. Chairperson Guerra announced the result of the vote (2-0) and declared the motion approve.

4. Discussion regarding guidelines from the Governor or Fort Bend County Judge for public health and safety during the current increase in positive cases of COVID-19.

Committee member Willis stated that he had been contacted by the County Commissioner regarding using the Stafford Centre facilities for the COVID-19 vaccination program. Committee member Willis informed those present that he had suggested the Civic Center and/or the SMSD Old Administration building. This was not well received. He went on to state he had also been contacted by Fort Bend County Judge who suggested it is to be a drive through event, again he offered up alternative locations due to the need to keep the Centre open and generate revenue.

Neither party has provided a start date or hours per day or an end date or indeed any additional information, so making any kind of decision is not an option.

Mr. Bryan Blaum informed the committee that currently the Stafford Centre has over 16 paid event bookings, and logistically he could maybe have patrons enter in a different location, section off facilities but if the County wants to use the entire Centre, then the implications for the City could be rather negative, having to cancel contracted events.

Committee member Willis stated he had also recommended using HCC as they are virtual during the Pandemic.

The committee agreed to wait on additional information from the Commissioner and Judge regarding logistics and if there would be any compensation for loss of revenue, then it can be placed on the agenda for further discussion.

No action was taken on this item.

5. Mr. Bryan Blaum provided the Committee with a report that the Centre and staff are about to busy with the National Dance Competitions being held at the Centre. It is hoped this will also generate hotel stays for the hotels within Stafford.

Ms. Ricks, Recreational Director informed the Committee that all painting of the Centre is complete and the painting of the offices are now in progress. This has not been contracted out, but kept in house to save on expenditures. She went on to state that the Carpet upstairs in the theater balcony is yet to be replaced, as the vendor had to order some more product.

No action was taken on this item.

3. Chairperson Guerra informed the Committee that Mr. Samuel Pink was to be present via conference today, however, he is having technical difficulty, but he himself would explain the item. He stated that Mr. Pink would like to bring a Jazz festival to the Centre, and the possible date for this would be Mothers Day. He has personally attended the event at the Moody Gardens and is highly recommended.

Chairperson Guerra suggested that if it is carefully coordinated the event could encompass Food Trucks as well make it full event for all people to enjoy.

