Community Services Committee
Minutes of the January 30, 2012 Meeting

Members Present: Council Member Laura Perkins Cox, Chairperson
Council Member Lori Barnett Dodson
Council Member John Willis

Staff Present: Neil Montgomery, Senior Managing Director of Development Services
John Baker, Managing Director
Felisa Conner

Chairperson Laura Perkins Cox called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

The minutes of the December 6, 2011 meeting were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Council Member John Willis and a second by Council Member Lori Dodson.

Review Neighborhood Vitality Applications
Staff presented the applications which had been submitted for consideration. There were six applications with the project costs totaling $311,526 and requested funding of $239,659 with the remainder being the match provided by the neighborhood. Because all but one project contained a substantial landscaping component, there was discussion regarding the water restrictions currently in place. John Baker briefed the committee, reiterating that the City is currently in Stage 3 which, among other things, discourages new planting. The North Texas Municipal Water District had recently met and indicated they would stay in Stage 3 and re-evaluate the situation in April. After some discussion among the members, it was a consensus of the Committee to bring the applications forward to the full Council and to recommend for those applications which contain landscaping that funding be approved but withheld until such time that the Water District moves the restrictions to Stage 2 or better.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

Submitted by: Neil Montgomery

Approved by Committee: February 16, 2012

Approved by: Council Member Laura Perkins Cox, Chairperson