



INFORMAL STAFF REPORT

MEMORANDUM

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Date: July 20, 2017
Subject: Ordinance - Museum of Science and History Advisory Board

Issue/Problem

During the July 18, 2017 City Council meeting a question was raised regarding the inclusion of other Corpus Christi independent school district superintendents as ex officio members on the Museum of Science and History ("Museum") Advisory Board.

Background & Findings

Currently, the Advisory Board is comprised of six (6) voting members and two (2) non-voting members appointed by the Mayor, with consent of Council. The Advisory Board recently approved amendments to the Ordinance changing membership to nine (9) voting members and eliminating the non-voting members. Ex officio language in the Ordinance states:

Ex officio members shall include the city manager and the superintendent of the Corpus Christi Independent School District or their designated representative.

Council inquired why the other independent school districts were not represented and recommended including them. Museum staff actively engages in outreach and fosters positive working relationships with many public and private schools, both in Corpus Christi and beyond. In fiscal year 2016, 32,000 students visited the Museum. The Corpus Christi Independent School District ("CCISD") enters into an annual contract with the Museum for school programming and has done so since the 1960's. In 2013 the Museum's Education Program Coordinator started writing curriculum for the first grade classes and the associated school trip to the Museum supplemented the classroom studies. This year the curriculum will be for the fifth grade classes. CCISD's ex officio officer was added to the Advisory Board in 1986.

Conclusion

The Advisory Board has been contacted and made aware of Council's request and they concur with this change.

The Ordinance has been further revised to clarify ex officio members as non-voting and to include four (4) additional independent school districts as follows:

Ex officio members without vote shall include the city manager and the superintendent of the Corpus Christi Independent School District, Calallen Independent School District, Flour Bluff Independent School District, Tulo-so-Midway Independent School District, and West Oso Independent School District or their designated representative.