



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Future Item for the City Council Meeting of September 25, 2012

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of October 9, 2012

DATE: September 5, 2012

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Replacing/revising ordinance creating the Corpus Christi Museum Advisory Board

CAPTION:

Ordinance repealing and reenacting section 2-90 “created; membership; terms; filling vacancies” dissolving the Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History Advisory Board and creating a new Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History Advisory Board and amending section 2-92 “Meetings; function” of the code of ordinances by modifying the meeting from monthly to quarterly; providing an effective date; providing for severance; and providing for publication.

PURPOSE:

The Museum is operating under a management agreement with CCMJV. The Museum Advisory Board Ordinance is being changed to fit the requirements of the new operating plan.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Museum Advisory Board has an important role under the Management Agreement with Corpus Christi Museum Joint Venture (CCMJV). The City Council remains the governing authority for the Museum and ownership of the facility and collections is retained by the City. A pivotal measure of the Museum’s success will continue to be American Association of Museums (AAM) Accreditation and Texas Historical Commission (THC) Certification. The City retains policy making responsibility and the Advisory Board will continue to provide important guidance and input to the City on those policy decisions. However, the Committee’s role in operational issues has changed over time.

The Museum Advisory Committee Ordinance was last revised 25 years ago. That revision did not envision the much greater role that the Friends of the Museum and the Museum Auxiliary have assumed in funding the Museum. Component expenses that were funded by the Museum at that time are now funded by the Friends or the Auxiliary including exhibits, education programs, collections care, staff travel, subscriptions, and many minor capital expenditures for equipment and improvements. The migration of funding decisions to the Boards of Directors of the Friends and Auxiliary made much of the work of the Advisory Board redundant. The Friends will continue their current role in collaboration with CCMJV. However, under the Management Agreement operational decisions are much more structured.

As a result of these changes the number serving on the Advisory Board has been reduced from 12 to 6 while allowing for the expansion of this number through advisory appointees. The frequency of meetings has been reduced from monthly to quarterly although more frequent meetings can be called by the Board chair.

ALTERNATIVES:

It is possible to continue with the current number of appointees and the current frequency of meetings, but it is not thought necessary.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Not Applicable

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

Not applicable

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

This is a routine, non-controversial item.

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

The Museum Advisory Board reviewed and approved this proposal on August 2, 2012.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Operating Revenue Capital Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2011-2012	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item				
BALANCE				

Fund(s):

Comments: Not applicable

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends adoption of this ordinance.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance – Revising CC Museum Advisory Board