

NWFA Minutes
June 16, 2012

President Rusty Fuller opened the meeting at 9:00 am. The guest speakers for today are Curvie Hawkins & Phil Dupler with the Fort Worth Transportation Authority; and Mike Hessler, Project Manager for the City of Fort Worth to talk about the Alta Vista project and other proposed plans for road improvements.

Rusty reported that 2 public hearings had been held on re-districting. Despite the fact that NFWA had the most input, the council is not considering our plan, and not giving much feedback. Bill Lebo reported that one response was received detailing their objections to the plan, which are two neighborhoods split into two districts, and near downtown neighborhoods want to stay in district 2. It is unlikely we will see district 2 north of Basswood. Their letter will be posted on our Facebook page. NFWA will not be attending the next public hearing on Tuesday.

Rusty announced that there is a group of folks in the western area forming their own alliance. They are currently calling themselves North West Fort Worth Alliance. We will be working with them to change their name so that there is not confusion with us. This new group will not affect our current relationships with community groups. Their issues will be the same as ours was in the beginning of the Alliance, and Sendera Ranch will still be part of our group.

Mike Hessler is in charge of arterial route projects, including the Alta Vista Road project. He mentioned that roadway construction follows utility re-location, which makes it seem that construction is going on forever. Alta Vista was originally planned as a joint venture with the City of FW, KIDS, and Hillwood Development. There was an issue with Hillwood when the economy slowed, and the project died. It stayed on the thoroughfare plan, but not active. In the past year, it has re-surfaced as an active project. They have money from KISD, and the right of ways from the district, and the church's right of way, but plans are so old they have to be updated. They have a commitment from Hillwood, donating rights of way, but not construction costs.

The project is currently under design, plans being updated, and has about 6 month to finish. Current plan is to start during the winter holiday, then finish the following summer. The Alta Vista project was never listed in any bond program, so they are working on finding the money.

- Beach from Vista Meadows to Shiver is under design and \$7 mill has been allocated
- Beach from Golden Triangle to Keller Hicks is under construction now, close to being finished
- Gold Triangle is bid and managed by TXDOT. There is some funding from the City and County, but the State is in control. Everyone realized that it's taking way too long, but they are pushing to get it done as fast as possible.

Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Dupler gave a presentation on the Fort Worth T, TRE, TexRail, and park and ride services. Following the presentation, they took questions from the audience.

Rusty adjourned the meeting at 10:30.