

North Fort Worth Alliance
Minutes, Jan 18 2013

Rusty opens meeting 9:00.

Feb – Mayor Price will be speaker

Today's speaker is Steve Summers, CEO of Wise Regional Health Systems

- Building a new hospital in our area – No Tarrant Parkway at Monterra
- WiseRegional.com parkwaysurgicalhospital.com
- Wise Regional Health Systems headquartered in Decatur
- 501C4 organization, since 1967
- Just finished expansion in Decatur (replacement for building built in 1971 – expanded and improved)
- Wise is one of the top facilities for bariatric surgeries in state
- Wise has 3 Imaging centers (separate)
- Total patient charges - ½ billion dollars in 2012
- Predominantly do out patient services (about 2 to 1)
- 400,000 sq ft of space in the area – 1000 employees
- 18 locations in 4 counties
- Why did they choose to build in this area? It is the 2nd fastest growing area in nation; they found a perfect location; and there is a demand for the services. Wise is basically staking out the 287 corridor for its area of focus.

The facility:

- 29000 sq ft
- 4 surgical suites
- Advanced cath lab – in time may expand to open heart surgery
- They will place 1 or 2 invasive cardiologists here
- 12 patient beds – expansion capacity to double
- Plans for 3 bldg medical office complex
- Minimum invasive spine group will be located there
- Fully licensed in patient hospital w/ER (although ER will be minimal, and they will work with the HCA ER across the road)
- It will be more of a concierge facility that caters to the patient and the physician.

Dates – bldg complete Nov 2013 – open 1st qrtr 2014

- Physicians will already be in place for the medical office buildings on day 1, as well as hospital staff.
- Employment – about 25 full time health care personnel starting out, and some administrative employees. Most of these will be new hires, and some will transfer from other facilities.

Announcements:

On Jan 29, 6:30 – public hearing about construction of Beach from Alta Vista to No Tarrant. At Fellowship of the parks.

Work on AV in front of Eagle Ridge Elem is progressing to take place during school summer break.

Last Tuesday – City Council held public hearing on transportation impact fees (TIF). Staff recommend moving fees up from \$2000 to \$3600 per unit. Then move again in 2 years to \$5000. Builders are against the increase. They presented only one argument – the price of houses will have to go up. But economic conditions tell us that housing prices will not go up. On Feb 5, Council will vote on whether or not to raise the fees. Need people to write to Council Member and Mayor to support NFWA in approving the increase. Without the impact fees, there is no money to build roads as development occurs. We will send out information – please write or call, and tell friends. Our reps – currently Sal Espino, but in May when re-districting takes effect it will be Danny Scarth, and Dennis Shingleton.

Golden Triangle still not done, although TxDOT said it would be done by end of 2012. They are now saying March, 2013. Rusty has sent emails to State Reps. Krause and Capriglione asking them to try to intervene with TxDOT. There is utility work, traffic light work, and more. If we can write to Reps Krause & Capriglione, and to County Commissioner Fickes it might help.

There is a neighborhoods awards dinner on Jan 31 at Arlington Heights Church on Camp Bowie. Check City Website for details or contact Rusty.

NFWA leaders have met with some developers, city officials, and railroad people, regarding a proposed development of 200+ houses at corner of Katy and Keller Hicks. Traffic at this intersection is already bad and always backed up. There will be 2 entrances to the development – one on Keller Hicks and one on Katy, which are already blocked most of the time. Initial reaction was to oppose the development. It had passed zoning commission, but not council. Currently zoned light industrial. Council requested input from NFWA before vote. They stopped the vote so that we could provide input. We have learned that Union Pacific is going to add another track parallel to the existing one. We need members to talk to HOA's about the situation, and write to Council members – ask them to hold approval of the development of the project until the transportation plan is completely done, and the impact understood.

Traffic will move to the other new side of Alta Vista/Beach soon. Monday/Tuesday AV will be closed at Keller Hicks.

Future Speakers:

Person who sells Solar Panels interested in talking to us about solar energy. If you're interested in that, let us know. Mayor Price will be the speaker next month. We'll have

Hillwood again soon. Trying to organize a group to study water issues – contact Rusty if you're interested. Any other topics you'd like to see covered, contact one of the officers.

Speaker Suggestions: the new KISD superintendant; City Candidate Forum before May elections; towards end of school have police people talk about summer activities, crime, etc; start looking at and collecting input for the new bond issue.

Respectfully submitted,
Fran Rhodes
Secretary