

**North Fort Worth Aalliance**  
**Minutes**  
**June 15, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by President Rusty Fuller at 9:05. We have 3 things to present today: FW Library, Doug Wierzig regarding road construction, and Councilman Dennis Shingleton.

First speaker was Eyrana from FW Library Speaker's Bureau (Unity One Credit Union). As an advocate of reading & libraries, she reminded us that sometimes it's hard to think of things to do – but consider the library! There are things to do, for both adults and children, it's air conditioned(!), and your tax dollars are already paying for it. The FW library has really upped their programming this year, and have expanded advertising.

Mary Sikes, with the Ft Worth Public Library, spoke about using the library system. She has been a Librarian for 19-1/2 years. She is collecting emails for once a week blast about events. Contact Mary to get on list.

With your FW library card – you have access to Overdrive (down load books, videos, etc on various devices, plus music). There is a new mobile app from the App Store. You can use your FW card in the Keller library system.

Rusty – for those who have not seen the releases put out by the library, they are running a Jazz series on Thursdays (meters are free after 6:30) There are a lot of businesses supporting programs available through the library.

Doug Wierzig, FW Public Works updated the road construction projects:

Reconstruction of Beach from No Tarrant to Alta Vista has started. There are many community issues involved in this construction including various ways to close or not close the road during construction to achieve different overall time lines.

We keep hearing from everyone that they want everything done quickly, and want the least amount of disruption. The options offer different levels of pain for different durations. The Beach project includes the big hill which presents new problems. So they looked at options:

1 – close the whole thing for 6 months. Emergency personnel were opposed to this. They have to maintain access for emergency vehicles.

2 – build a temporary road in the middle of the new road (median) where emergency vehicles can go back and forth. Has to meet minimum standards for the vehicles, but would work. Could close the road 14 days, tear down the hill, build the emergency temp road way, then open the emergency road leaving the rest closed for 4 months. And would finish entire project in 12 months with this scenario (instead of 24)

Penalties are associated if contractor does not keep the commitment. There are also incentives for early completion built in with the 12 month scenario. There are several cost savings involved, but there are also increased costs involved in temporary measures.

Mr. Wiersig took several questions from the group.

Pastor Doug Walker, with Fellowship of The Parks church asked to address the group regarding the Beach Street Construction project:

FOP bought their property in 1999 and have been involved with City since 2000, and have paid their engineers, architects, etc to work with the city. Their building is already set to work with this project.

The hill has been there forever. Originally project was bid with keeping one lane open. Community at large does not know about the 2 proposals. What the city says they will do does not always happen, and things always take longer than planned.

Pastor Walker's understanding is that NFWA represents the HOAs in what's best for the community. But many communities are opposed. He asked that we please consider what we are doing which will potentially damage a lot of people who have invested in churches and businesses. He said that the Church feels dis-regarded – City staff has said that this decision is because NFWA supported it.

Vice President Jerry Betts expressed appreciation to the church for allowing us to meet in their facility for several years. We understand your responsibilities as pastor and what you're trying to accomplish. Most of us are reps of our communities/neighborhoods. Our responsibilities are to represent the people who live here and help calculate the best solution for our neighborhoods. Our interests at some point may diverge.

Rusty stated that we do not really have a position yet. We have only heard officially from 2 HOA's about the 4 month proposal. We will be talking to each neighborhood, and then will formulate a response. We had a vote on a 6 month proposal, but not the 4 month proposal.

Councilman Scarth said, "It would be great if we had direct communication with the 15000 households in the area. We don't. Appreciate folks in leadership like Rusty, who will donate their time to help facilitate the communication and the feedback. We do want to do it the way folks want to have it done. But we'll never see a project that everyone is happy with. Things are never as good as people think, or as bad as people think."

Other city contractors have not had incentives or penalties. So this project will be a testing ground for it and we'll see if it works.

Rusty urged everyone to contact their HOA's and let them know how you feel. Rusty will contact the HOA boards and get a consensus. He will also stay in touch with both pastors on progress.

Councilman Dennis Shingleton, District 7 was the featured speaker.

NFWA overlaps two areas, District 4 and District 7. Councilman Shingleton introduced Sami Rupe, his assistant, and gave the office phone # 817-392-8804. During non business hours, or for emergencies, we can dial 817-236-7969 (his home phone)

Danny Scarth's office # 817-392-8804, 817-925-1120 (cell)

Re-districting: Federal mandates about numbers of people per district, minority percentages, etc. Dist 7 Southern border is University/Camp Bowie, Northern is beyond Highway 114. (26 miles). Dist 4 north boundary is Golden Triangle and south is I 30 east of 35.

Dennis lives in lake country and is in the north 2 or 3 days a week. He will meet with any HOA if requested. If HOA is registered with the city, they get communications and official notices, from the City.

Bond package – dist 7 has a 3 tier geographic area, so they have had meetings in the 3 different areas. A significant portion of proposals are in the northern areas. But you have to send reps to the public meetings, and say “this is what we want...” And then get your people out to vote for the bond. There is no tax increase tied into the bond package, it is based on the current tax structure.

There will be 22 public meetings in Aug. Aug 17 at Heritage Church (in place of NFWA meeting) Staff people will be here to answer questions about the details. On 6/17, council will be presented with outline for the bond. We will get that and discuss with the HOAs. If you have issues – get input to Rusty. So important! If we don't ask for the money, it will go to another area who does ask for it.

As a result of the bond, another district will be created for the police, and a new headquarters (division), possibly a joint municipal complex.

The July meeting will be in conjunction with the City as a public meeting for the Bond Election. It will be at Heritage Church of Christ.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55.

Respectfully submitted,  
Fran Rhodes, Secretary