

NORTH FORT WORTH ALLIANCE
Minutes of Meeting, 9:00 a.m., May 17, 2014
Villages of Woodland Springs Amenity Center

Vice President Robert Rouse called the meeting to order at 9:08 am. It was reported that 12 homeowner associations were present which met the requirements for a quorum for the meeting. A total of 28 people were in attendance.

VP Rouse announced that effective May 12, the T is now offering six Monday through Friday bus service from the new station on the west service I-35W between Golden Triangle and Heritage Trace. VP Rouse also indicated the road closings schedule for the next month.

A copy of the revised NFWA bylaws had been sent out prior to the meeting. Additional copies were handed out. VP Rouse and Secretary Gansser stated that the reasons for these revisions were:

1. The Fort Worth City Council District boundaries had changed and the previous Bylaws described the boundaries as those being the same as District 2. This could no longer be the case.
2. Developers, builders, utilities, and other entities which need to reach the NFWA for various notifications use the bylaws filed with the city of Fort Worth's Neighborhood Office to determine the boundaries involved. These boundaries need to be corrected so that proper notification can happen.
3. There have been several inquiries made to the President from homeowner associations just outside of the NFWA's current boundaries which had similar needs and concerns as well as which were affected by issues considered by the NFWA. Provision in the revised bylaws allows for these communities to become members under a vetting process as described.

Richard Gatewood, Crawford Farms, motioned that the revised bylaws be ratified as presented. Jerry Betts, Sunset Hills seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, a vote was called for, and the motion passed unanimously. The Secretary was instructed to file the new bylaws with the city of Fort Worth's Neighborhood Office.

VP Rouse recognized and welcomed Councilman Danny Scarth to the meeting. Councilman Scarth spoke about the passage of the recent City of Fort Worth bond, and that Far North Fort Worth would see results from this bond. He stated his support of the NFWA bylaws just passed at this meeting as recognizing and being inclusive of the opinions of all of our membership. Councilman Scarth then discussed with the group the issue of increasing voter turnout here in far north Fort Worth and stressed the importance of personal contact during the voting period.

VP Rouse then introduced our speaker for the day, Wayne P. Owen, Jr., Planning Director for the Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD). Mr. Owen gave a summary of his background and experiences in government water management. He stated that the Tarrant County Water District serves 11 counties with a total of about 2 million people. The Eagle Mountain Lake Reservoir was built in 1929 through 1932 at a cost of \$16 million with the plan that it would serve the needs of the area into the far distance future. The TRWD supplies water for Fort

Worth, Arlington, Mansfield, and the Trinity River Authority as well as five to six cities in the metroplex.

Our current period is the fourth driest season on record. The current base period for calculating how much water is taken out of the reservoirs is the draught period in the mid 1950's. The TRWD is projected that the population in this area will double by 2035. Taking into consideration what is currently occurring, this base period may need to be re-calculated to determine the takeout point on our resources. The Eagle Mountain Lake Reservoir has never hit the 50 percent level of storage before.

Points west of the metroplex have levels that are spectacularly low. However, 80 percent of TRWD water to supply Fort Worth comes from East Texas, primarily from West Fork.

Mr. Owen concluded his presentation even with extensive planning in the past, the unfortunate news that water rates will continue to rise as an increasing population requires more improvements. Also, counter-intuitively, increased conservation measures cause less water being used with the result that the basic operating costs have to be spread over lower usage numbers. The bottom line appears to be that the cost of water for the individual homeowner water will continue to rise.

VP Rouse then introduced Charles Wray, FirstService Residential. Charles announced the Conference and Exposition sponsored by FirstService Residential and The Brickman Group on Thursday, June 5, at the Arlington Convention Center. Educational workshops covering an array of relevant topics will be offered and over 90 exhibitors will be present. Over \$20,000 in community prizes will be awarded. All homeowner associations are invited at no charge, but it is asked that registration be done ahead of time.

VP Rouse announced that coming up in NFWA meetings, we will have speakers from Hillwood and from Texas Health Resources Alliance. Email notices will be sent out for these events.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Gansser, Secretary