

NORTH FORT WORTH ALLIANCE
Minutes of Meeting, 9:00 a.m., June 21, 2014
Villages of Woodland Springs Amenity Center

President Rusty Fuller called the meeting to order at 9:11 am. A quorum for the meeting was not met. A total of 16 people were in attendance.

President Fuller reported that at the last election concerning the Fort Worth Bond issue and the Keller ISD School Board Trustees, our area had only a 2.7 percent voter turnout. For the next election, we must improve this percentage. He asked each person to start now in reaching out to their neighbors and friends to get them to the polls next November. The politicians pay attention to the areas that vote.

President Fuller announced that there is a meeting scheduled for next Wednesday, June 25, concerning the City of Fort Worth proposed income restricted apartment complex (Enclave at Westport) to go in at Westport Parkway and Alta Vista. There have been numerous comments concerning this project it is felt that the traffic in this area is already too congested. Contact Rusty for more details.

President Fuller then introduced Mandy Forbus from Texas Health Alliance Public Relations and Ms. Winjie Miao, President of Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Alliance. Ms. Forbus spoke first and presented a summary of the numerous free programs and classes that THR Alliance now offers to residents. Some of these programs are as follows: (A complete list or link will be posted by Jerry Betts on the NFWA website.)

Controlling Blood Pressure and related issues
Child Seat Safety Checks either at the hospital or, upon scheduling, at your home.
Balance and Fall Prevention Classes
"Smash" parties (with refreshments) for groups having mammograms done.
Cancer Support Groups
Medical and Culinary Job Shadowing
Volunteer Programs for both adults and teens (contact Tina Bell for more information)

Ms. Winjie Miao started her presentation with some interesting facts. She said in the first 18 months of operation, there had been almost 1,000 babies born there (about double of what was projected) and almost 23,000 emergency room visits. Of these 23,000 emergency room visits, approximately 1,500 to 2,000 arrived by ambulance. It appears that all of the statistics projected for the use of this hospital were very understated. Previously, studies had shown that there would not be enough volume to justify facilities for handling heart attack patients. These data proved to be wrong as in reality there is a huge need for cardiac services. Therefore, the hospital has taken steps to remedy this situation as quickly as they can. In October, a new area to deal with cardiac emergencies will open.

Ms. Miao said that THR Alliance is a not-for-profit hospital with 58 beds currently and master-planned for 350 beds. It appears that sometime next year, a project will be started to increase the number of beds.

The medical building is full and includes many different fields including neurology, orthopedics, high-risk pregnancy, and fertility specialists.

The hospital also has an ambulatory surgery center where many procedures can be performed on an out-patient basis at a much lower cost than being admitted as a regular hospital patient. The hospital also offers “after hours” procedures for those with scheduling conflicts.

All in all, Ms. Miao said that the hospital was successful way beyond what was originally projected and continues to exceed everyone’s expectations.

President Fuller thanked Ms. Miao and Ms. Forbus and said that he encouraged anyone who wanted a good place for lunch to visit the hospital’s cafeteria. Great chef, great food!

President Fuller recognized and welcomed Councilman Danny Scarth to the meeting. Councilman Scarth gave a brief update on city projects as well as those projects being started from the recently approved bond issue. He said that the main objective of the Fort Worth City Council is the quality of life of its residents along with its desire to develop and keep the communities safe. He also again stressed the importance of increasing voter turnout.

President Fuller announced that at the next Alliance meeting on July 19, representatives from both Hillwood Properties and the I-35 Coalition will be here to give us an update on what is happening up here in far north Fort Worth. This should be a very interesting meeting, and everyone should plan to attend. As an additional incentive for everyone to attend, FirstService Residential has volunteered to provide the refreshments for this meeting, so “Save This Date” now!

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

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Gansser, Secretary