

North Fort Worth Alliance Meeting
Notes taken at the January 17, 2015
Villages of Woodland Springs Amenity Center

Mayor Price addressed the group.

- The biggest challenge to the City is managing growth.
 - In addition to the growth in the north Fort Worth area, Walsh Ranch on the far western side will be opening up to 35 to 40,000 people.
 - A French company is looking at space in the Alliance area
- David Cooke is the new City Manager
 - He is focused on making the City departments more horizontal in their operations rather than the silos of responsibility now in place
 - Working to implement a single number to call to then get to the right place to get your questions answered or concerns expressed
 - He is neighborhood-centric. He believes that cohesive and engaged neighborhoods provide for a vibrant city
- Police Department
 - David Cooke will be hiring the new Police Chief. He has done this before in his previous position.
 - He will be coming around to the neighborhoods, civic organizations and other community organizations to gather input into what they would like to see in a new police chief.
 - 6th Division realization is progressing
 - \$35 million to build and staff; the City is putting together the funds
 - Building to start in 12 to 18 months
 - Full staffing will take 4 years; partial staffing will take place upon completion of the facility
 - Hillwood is in discussions with the City on land to locate the facility
 - Crime Stats for this area look very good
 - Primary crime affecting homes is burglary from open garages and unlocked cars
 - Reminder: close your garage doors, even if you're coming right back to the garage; lock your vehicles – day or night – when parked on the street or in the driveway; hide or remove valuables, including your garage door opener
- Financial Items
 - The Pension Funds are stable; the changes made to the contracts will ensure the workers get their pensions and the City taxpayers can afford those payments
 - 2014 Bond Program – the goal is to begin all the projects within five years; start of individual projects will depend on how much can be financed at any particular time.
 - The Reserve Fund has been used in the past to balance the budget. This year that will not be necessary.

- Parks – the City received one grant for \$1 million for the NW Community Park and is in good position to obtain an additional \$1 million in grant money
- There will be a Transportation Workshop in February to discuss all facets of transportation
- The Blue Zone Initiative will be kicking off on February 24. This is a program to make healthy choices more readily available to the public and raise awareness of healthy lifestyles. Health of local workers is a prominent concern when talking to potential businesses and industries looking to locate in our area.
- I 35W both north and south of 820 are on time and on budget.

Alonzo Liñan – Assistant Director T/PW

- The Litsy Road east to 377 paving is finished
- Heard concerns from one resident requesting better signage on Keller-Haslet Road and met with her after the meeting
- Railroad Quiet Zones from Westport Parkway to Bear Creek are designed and will go to Council on January 27. The completion of the projects will depend on the Union Pacific project to build a second track along that route.
- Westport Parkway, north of 170, will be re-routed to further north on Alta Vista and a roundabout installed
- Heard complaints on N. Caylor and Caylor pavement conditions
- Park Vista from Golden Triangle to Ray White to be built by Walmart. Rights-of-way are being acquired. Construction is expected to start late spring or early summer with a 2016 completion date.
 - The design of Ray White from that point to Kroger is under design; there is no funding at this time.

Richard Zavala – Director of Parks and Community Services

- Park, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan – 2015
 - Purpose – Strategic guide for the planned provision of services and the proposed allocation of resources
 - Goals and Objectives
 - Restore and maintain and reinvest in existing facilities
 - Provide new parkland and facilities in developing and re-developing areas of the City
 - Improve the variety of park, recreation and open space opportunities available to the community
 - Expand recreational opportunities in the floodplains of the Trinity River and its tributaries
 - Build and enhance community partnerships to deliver quality services and facilities
 - Preserve and enhance the City's natural, historical and developed resources

- The incorporate guidelines for number of types of facilities based on population to determine need for things like baseball fields, hiking trails and the like.
- New park facilities in 2015 are Dog Parks, Universal Playgrounds and Regional Skate Parks
- Our area resides in Park Planning District 5
 - Top priority items
 - Hike/bike/walking trails
 - Playgrounds
 - Athletic Fields
 - Dog Parks
 - Multi-use Courts
- Park Projects from the 2014 Bond Program
 - Athletic Field Complex on 114 with Northwest ISD
 - Community Park on Litsy Road with Hillwood
 - NW Community Park – Blue Mound Rd
 - Playgrounds in Summerfields
 - Park Security Lighting in several neighborhood parks within the NFWA area
- Connect Arcadia Trail with Watauga and Haltom City – using a grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife

Rusty Fuller asked that people plan to be at the City Council meeting on January 27 to support the NFWA when it makes its presentation to City Council on the Master Plan.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30AM