

North Fort Worth Alliance  
February 21, 2015  
Villages of Woodland Springs Amenities Center

Meeting notes of the February 21<sup>st</sup> NFWA meeting:

Brian Murnahan of Murnahan Public Relations gave a presentation on the opening of the newest hospital in our area – Alliance Medical Center. They opened officially on Tuesday February 17. In addition to incorporating the existing Emergency Room facility, they will be providing services for birthing babies and a heart cath lab. They are affiliated with the North Richland Hills Hospital.

Mr. Curvie Hawkins, Assistant Vice President – Planning for the “T”, spoke about the new Master Plan being developed by the “T”; the current status of the ridership of the “T” and funding for commuter rail to the DFW airport; and took comments and ideas from the attendees.

The Transit Master Plan is a 12-month planning and research project to develop a plan for a mass transportation in Tarrant and other counties in which the City of Fort Worth is located. The project website is [www.TMasterPlan.org](http://www.TMasterPlan.org). Using Mindmixer Town Hall software, they will be gathering public input to help shape the transit system.

The Plan is scheduled to be completed in November 2015.

Current Statistics:

- Ridership on the “T” has increased from 8.5 million to 11 million between 2003 and 2014.
- The new Park and Ride on 35W – 200 parking places; usage is around 1,000 people per month
- Still looking at the SH170 corridor, Alliance Airport, TMS and Intermodal Area west of Alliance Airport into which to expand service
- TEXrail has received \$100 million from the federal government. It is rated as a medium-high rating with is great for future funding; in our area, there will be a stop on TEXrail at Beach Street and in Haltom City at 377
- The “T” serves some 350 sq. miles

Ideas presented:

- Use the Park & Ride to provide transport to special events like the Stock Show, the Arts Festival, Trinity Park events and Concerts in the Park.
- Trips downtown during the day for shoppers or business with City or County offices
- Transit to shopping and jobs

Councilman Scarth did take time to point out that currently mass transit is heavily subsidized through our sales taxes.

Rusty Fuller talked about the Master Thoroughfare Plan and asked for volunteers to be part of the Resource Panel to help develop the information to be used to designate road classifications and alignments. Tony DeVito volunteered.

People are encouraged to vote. The KISD has contested seats, Districts 4 and 7 are contested. NISD does not have any contested seats on its Board.

Future meetings, topics and speakers:

March 21 – Mary Gugliuzza, FW Water Department will be speaking about water rates

April 18 – No meeting; people are encouraged to join the Mayor on her Rolling Town Hall starting at VOWS Amenity Center 12209 Timberland Blvd at 10AM

May 16 – Chris Ash, Alliance Airport, will be speaking about the runway project and development and redevelopment of airport facilities