

NORTH FORT WORTH ALLIANCE
Minutes of Meeting, 9:00 a.m., June 20, 2015
Villages of Woodland Springs Amenity Center

President Rusty Fuller called the meeting to order at 9:08 am. A quorum for the meeting was met with 12 neighborhoods represented. A total of 26 people were in attendance. The following special guests were recognized:

Cary Moon, Fort Worth City Councilman District 4
Charles Edmonds, City of Fort Worth Zoning Commission
Sami Roop, Council Aide to Dennis Shingleton, District 7

Newly elected Councilman Cary Moon spoke and gave a brief overview of his background. He announced that Alicia Ortiz would be his council aide and provided her cell number as 817-350-3440. His cell number is 682-215-7247. Councilman Moon also said that voter turnout had increased in this last election up to 75 percent in some precincts.

President Fuller announced that the City of Fort Worth had advised him that West Caylor Road would be re-finished starting October 1. This road will not be widened or improved in any way, and would not be widened or curbed. This work would be done by Tarrant County, and paid for by the City of Fort Worth. Even though this was considerably less than what was felt is needed, this news was met with considerable enthusiasm from those in attendance. He also reported that the road by Willow Springs would also be re-finished.

President Fuller introduced Dan Harbeke, Director Public Affairs, Corporate Relations, for Union Pacific Railroad. Mr. Harbeke gave a detailed overview of the history, current operating statistics, and future company-wide plans for Union Pacific including the amounts of money being spent by UP on its rolling stock and rail lines. He reported that the biggest rail yard in the United States was being built just north of College Station, Texas.

Mr. Harbeke reported that a second track will be built on the west side of the current track running south from Roanoke to Kroger Road. Spacing for this second line will be 15 feet from one track center to the other as each train has a 3 foot clearance on each side. He indicated that this work would most probably start the first quarter of 2016 and will be worked from north to south. This work includes the re-location of 149 utilities and 8 crossings. UP is currently working with the City of Keller and the City of Fort Worth as to their plans for widening of the streets leading up to the crossings as well as in developing contingency plans for the one to two weeks closing of each crossing while construction work is done. No plans have as yet been developed for this re-routing.

Mr. Harbeke said that the construction of this second line will ease the train traffic delays and that there are about 20 trains per day that travel this route.

President Fuller then introduced Emily Leftwich, Community Outreach Coordinator for the Recycle Bank. The Recycle Bank is not a part of the City of Fort Worth itself, but rather partners with the City to do the actual recycling. This actually saves the City money as the City does not have to pay tipping fees at landfills for what they collect. She also reviewed how residents can receive coupons for products as the result of signing up under their reward program for recycling. Complete details are available on their website www.Recyclebank.com.

Ms. Leftwich provided handouts on what can be recycled. Because of this being summer and lots of outdoor activities occur, she highlighted the facts that no paper plates or paper cups can be recycled. Also, Styrofoam, hoses, and grocery bags are not allowed. Gift wrap (other than pure paper), light bulbs, auto glass, aluminum cooking pans are not allowed. Regardless of the designation on the bottom of some plastic containers, containers from various cleaning products are not allowed. Aerosol cans can be recycled.

President Fuller announced that the next NFWA meeting will be on July 18. The Alliance meets ten months of each year with the exception of November and December, on the third Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m. at the Villages of Woodland Springs Amenity Center, 12209 Timberland Boulevard, Fort Worth.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Gansser, Secretary