

NORTH FORT WORTH ALLIANCE
Minutes of Meeting, 9:00 a.m., July 18, 2015
Villages of Woodland Springs Amenity Center

President Rusty Fuller called the meeting to order at 9:06 am. A quorum for the meeting was met with 16 neighborhoods represented. A total of 36 people were in attendance. The following special guest was recognized:

Charles Edmonds, City of Fort Worth Zoning Commission

President Fuller introduced Richard (Rick) E. Martinez, Assistant Director, Transportation and Public Works Department, Streets and Stormwater Operations, City of Fort Worth. Mr. Martinez gave a comprehensive overview of the current situation concerning street and road repairs in Fort Worth. Prior to now, Fort Worth had no five year plan for road maintenance and repair. It appears repairs and maintenance were not planned and organized. A draft of such a five-year plan has been prepared and is awaiting approval from City Council.

Feeding into this five-year plan, the department has initiated the process of surveying every street and road in Fort Worth to assess its current condition. Each street will be ranked as to its condition: excellent, good, fair, and bad. This type of survey should be done every three years. Also taken into consideration will be the density in the area, types of vehicles using the road, and its condition index. A prioritized plan of action is being developed based upon what each street needs now in order for its life to be extended. Also, a determination will also be made on what repairs are needed immediately in order to meet safety issues.

Currently, Fort Worth has a budget of \$13 million for street maintenance and repairs and has immediate need of \$50 million just to maintain the roads as they are now. Unfortunately, it appears that the repair and maintenance issue is one of “pay me now or pay a lot more in the future.”

The bad soil in this area creates problems with all paving, but particularly with asphalt. The life cycle, or how long pavement should last with proper and timely maintenance, is 25 years for asphalt and 40 years for concrete. In Fort Worth, 42 percent of the streets are concrete, 58 percent are asphalt.

Mr. Martinez explained the various methods of road repair and maintenance including crack seal, overlay, surface bond, and recapping. He emphasized that the timely completion of each one of these steps extends the life of the road considerably. Cost-wise, crack seal is the least expensive at 13 cents per foot and compared to top seal at \$2.50 per square foot for pot hole repair. As an aside, so far in 2015, 25,000 pot holes have been repaired. The maintenance cycle should be crack seal at 3 years, full sealant at 8 years, and rehab at 16 years.

In summary, Mr. Martinez said to remember that:

Executing the right application
....to the right pavement
...at the right time
...reduces COSTS

Mr. Martinez then answered questions from the floor and graciously stayed after the meeting to speak with individual homeowners about specific concerns in their neighborhoods.

President Fuller announced that the next NFWA meeting will be on August 15. Our special guest at this meeting will be the Honorable Matt Krause, State Representative for District 93, who will speak concerning the legislation enacted and not enacted in the last legislative session. An inquiry was made as to why Representative Giovanni Capriglione, District 98, was not attending. President Fuller reported that he had contacted Representative Capriglione's office several times but had not received a response to the Alliance's invitation.

The Alliance meets ten months of each year, November and December being excepted, 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 10:20 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Gansser, Secretary