

NORTH FORT WORTH ALLIANCE
Minutes of Meeting, 9:00 a.m., August 15, 2015
Villages of Woodland Springs Amenity Center

President Rusty Fuller called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. A quorum for the meeting was met with 15 neighborhoods represented. A total of 35 people were in attendance. The following special guests were recognized:

Councilman Dennis Shingleton, District 7
Charles Edmonds, City of Fort Worth Zoning Commission
Alicia Ortiz, Council Aide to Councilman Cary Moon, District 4
Scott Stier, District Director for Representative Matt Krause, Texas House District 93

President Fuller introduced Representative Matt Krause. He spoke to his stated goal of having a renewable and sustainable source of transportation funds and to take out the diversion of transportation funds into other areas.

Representative Krause reviewed the activities of the 140 days of the 84th session of the Texas Legislature and his role and his impression of the work done. He highlighted the following areas of special concern to the NFWA:

- Certain professional fees were eliminated.
- Proposition 7 on the November ballot – he asked for a favorable vote from all of us on this as it will be for transportation funding (for state highways only, no toll projects). This proposal will be for maintaining roads.
- Proposition 1 will allow money over a certain level to be taken out of the “Rainy Day Fund” and used for transportation. Representative Krause pointed out that transportation funding years ago constituted 35 percent of the budget – it is now 7 or 8 percent.
- SB9 on spending limits did not pass.
- The 1,500 laws outside of the penal code need to be examined with elimination in mind. This situation is to be addressed in the next legislative session.
- The \$1.9 billion allocated to education will go to secondary schools, not to colleges and universities.
- Charitable raffles at sports stadiums were addressed.
- There was no money allocated for mass transit. The much-discussed bullet train between Dallas and Houston will be done through private funding only, and is not of interest to the legislature.
- The homestead exemption was increased from \$15,000 to \$25,000.

Representative Krause discussed HB40 which took control of the oil and gas up to the state level instead of it being considered a local level. It mentioned that it seemed as though too much local control was being taken away. However, it was pointed out that local governments will still control noise and setback limits.

President Fuller thanked Representative Krause for attending the meeting and presenting his views. Scott Stier, Representative Krause’s District Director, briefly spoke and volunteered his availability by email or phone to take questions concerning state activities.

President Fuller then introduced Mr. Christian Childs, Airport Manager for Air/Aviation Services, Alliance. Mr. Childs had asked to speak to the Alliance regarding the upcoming annual Air Show coming up on September 12 and 13. Mr. Childs said that this Air Show is six weeks earlier this year. There will be increased air "activity," along with increased noise starting on September 9, 10, and 11 around 3:00 to 4:00 pm for fly-ins and practice. Unfortunately, noise is going to happen, and he asked everyone's patience and tolerance during this period. He invited everyone out to see the air show, and indicated that the parking and traffic flow had been addressed and improved. In the past, they had tried to use the "T," but that had not worked out very well.

A question was asked of Mr. Childs concerning the increased helicopter traffic during the day. He said that was in part the result of Bell Helicopter's consolidation with Textron and the move to the Hurst plant of its storage and base for its helicopters. Each day the helicopters leave Hurst around 10:00 am and follow Route 377 to Route 114 to their training area.

Mr. Childs also said that the Airport is available for tours, including the control tower which is not available at other airports. Call him if interested to arrange a tour.

President Fuller thanked Mr. Childs for coming and presenting information on the Air Show as well as answering other questions from the floor.

We now have detailed information on the design for the new Timberland, and when completed, it will be four lanes from Alta Vista (North Beach) all the way to Route 377. The work will be done in phases. Contact Rusty for more detailed information or check out our website.

President Fuller announced that the next NFWA meeting will be on September 19. We will have as our special guest at this meeting a representative from the Narcotics Division of the City of Fort Worth Police Department. We will also have a representative here to discuss the mosquito abatement program. In October, we will have a speaker from Texas Health Resources Alliance who will bring us up to date on the progress made since the hospital opened approximately two years ago.

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. All residents are invited to attend.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Gansser, Secretary