

NORTH FORT WORTH ALLIANCE  
Minutes of Meeting, 9:00 a.m., August 20, 2016  
Villages of Woodland Springs Amenity Center

Good turn out for the August 2016 meeting of the North Fort Worth Alliance. About 15 in attendance with 3 NFWA officers (Jerry Betts, Dave Fancher, Jennifer Kranda), 3 NFWA Committee members (Kyle Jensen, Tony Devito & Rusty Fuller), & 2 special guests (Charles Edmond with Zoning Commission and our speaker for the month, Joel McElany with the FW Parks & Recreation Dept).

President Betts introduced our special guests, officers and committee members and thanked everyone for coming. Reminded the crowd that Mayor Betsy Price already scheduled for February 2017 meeting. Both State Reps plan to be at the October 2016 meeting (last for the year as we do not meet in November or December) and we have a City of FW Assistant Police Chief scheduled as speaker for September meeting.

Kyle Jensen Committee Chair for Parks in the NFWA area spoke and discussed how we go about asking for issues for the 2018 Bond election for Parks. Kyle told about how the Fossil Creek Little League members showed up at every FW City Council meeting & Public Meeting in support of ball fields in the Northwest Community Park and they got them." If you want it you need to see people in the seats at the FW City Council meetings. " Per Mr Jensen. Kyle is getting a volunteer group for his committee for improving parks & trails in this area. If interested, please see him or any of the NFWA officers.

Kyle then introduced our speaker for the month, Joel McElhany, Landscape Architect Manager with the City of Fort Worth Parks & Recreation Department.

Joel had a slide show presentation that said we are in what the Parks Department referred to as the 5th District. (North, South, East, West, Central-we're North=5th district). There are 47 parks, 1,198.85 acres of Park land= 429 acres of Neighborhood Park land + 656,18 acres of Community Park land+113.67 acres of greenbelt.

**Northwest Community Park:**

Drive will be paved. Phase 2 will be done end of August. Ball Fields will be ready to use by Feb next year. His slide presentation showed where the community bldg would be and possible aquatics center (needs to be in the 2018 bond election).

**Alliance Park (not official name):**

Exit at Eagle Parkway to get to the park. 164 acres. Joel's slide show had an example of Hillwood's architect possible vision of the park. This included baseball and soccer fields, basketball courts, walking/biking trails, horse trails, concessions area. There was already the \$1 million in TPWD grant. Land acquisition will be leveraged for the required matching funds. Timeline as of now possible Public meeting to be held 1st part of 2017 with completion of the park maybe August 2018.

Joel fielded concerns from Creekwood residents in attendance about the safety issues at the Northwest Community Park. Vandals have been in the park late at night, broken glass strewn about, trash, etc. Joel said security cameras had been discussed and will get back with the group on this. FW Police Dept is aware of this.

**Items for the 2018 Bond election to consider for Parks/trails:**

Northwest Community Park trail connections, community center, athletic field lighting, restroom facilities, Aquatic center.

Alliance Park community park development. Reserve Park Development (green space/park not developed) such as the Kingsridge area park near the new WalMart area off Golden Triangle & Ray White.

MrMcElhany answered a few more questions and then Dave Fancher passed around a list for those in attendance that would be interested in being a part of the NFWA Parks Committee. President Betts thanked everyone for coming and dismissed the meeting.

Jennifer Kranda, Secretary