NORTH FORT WORTH ALLIANCE Minutes of Meeting, 9:00 a.m., March 18, 2017 Villages of Woodland Springs Amenity Center Fort Worth, Texas

President Betts opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. on March 18, 2017. The attendance was good, but we did not take an exact count. Officers present included President Jerry Betts and Vice President Dave Fancher. Councilmen Moon and Shingleton were also in attendance.

Due to a scheduling conflict for Deputy Chief Ramirez, Captain Dave McElroy opened the meeting. Captain McElroy brought a poster-sized print of the exterior elevation of the new police station planned for North Fort Worth. He also brought large prints of the floor plan for the police station. Attendees were encouraged to review the large prints.

At the time of the March 18th meeting, dirt work had already begun on the police station even though the groundbreaking ceremony had been postponed until April 3rd.

This meeting was exclusively a Question and Answer session and a formal presentation was not given. Some of the most notable information was:

- Dispatching for North Fort Worth will be handled out of the new police station. This means officers working this area will not be sent to the downtown area in addition to covering North Fort Worth.
- The new police station will general service everything north of Loop 820. The city limits will serve as both the east and north ends of the service area and Boat Club Rd will be the western edge of the service area.
- Crime in Fort Worth is different than that of Dallas. In 2016, Dallas have over 100 homicides while Fort Worth only had 16. In North Fort Worth, most of the crimes are crimes of opportunity. Those crimes are typically burglary of a habitation during the day and burglary of a motor vehicle at night. Most of the vehicle burglaries are done to vehicles left unlocked or with items left in plain sight.
- There will be increased presence of police officers leading up to the building completion and continuing on after the building is completed. The City does have plans to widen N Riverside about 8 months after the completion of the police station.
- Cary Moon also explained that the City Council may be looking to the 2018 bond to improve Riverside north of Heritage Trace.
- Fort Worth PD is actively trying to reduce accidents and deaths on Interstate 35W.
- The current police station at North Beach will close once the new police station is opened.
- The new police station will have community rooms inside. The community rooms will be available for HOAs or other groups to be able to hold meetings. The Fort Worth Police Department wants citizens to feel welcome at the new station.

A question was asked about the protective measures in place for the building. The officers did not want to say too much. They did mention that there would be less windows than a lot of other buildings, but they did want the building to be inviting. Both officers offered their contact information if anyone wanted to contact them.

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Captain McElroy can be reached on his mobile phone @ 817-991-8475 or by email @ david.mcelroy@fortworthtexas.gov.

President Betts thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting.