

Overton Park NA (OPNA)
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2017 Fall General Meeting
Monday, November 6, 2017

Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts,
3901 South Hulen St, Fort Worth, TX 76109

Meeting was opened at 6:33pm by Joanne Viola OPNA president.

- Members & guest were welcomed.
- There were 41 people in attendance.

Minutes from our 2017 Spring General Meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Reports was submitted from Mitch Reitman (OPNA Treasurer) and read openly by Bob Dellamura (OPNA Secretary).

- In 2017 the OPNA collected \$11,070 from ~330 OPNA dues payers, reported by Kirk Kilgore, OPNA Membership Chair.
- New expenses included:
 - ~\$2,060 for Hulen Median Landscaping Maintenance.
 - ~\$5,030 for New Arborlawn Median Beautification & Plantings, along three medians from Hulen St to Briarhaven Rd.
 - There is approximately ~\$31,000 in the OPNA general fund that can be used for event support & infrastructure projects in 2018.

Our New Neighborhood Patrol Officer (NPO) – Laura Charlesworth introduced herself and discussed safety:

- Officer Laura Charlesworth's # 817-996-5966 laura.charlesworth@fortworthtexas.gov
- Call 911 if you see suspicious activities.
- Utilize our NextDoor App to communicate and notify neighbors.
 - Note: the City of Fort Worth and the FW Police can post on our NextDoor App... BUT... they CAN NOT SEE our posts, by the App's design.
- We can reduce package thefts by continuing to post our Neighborhood Warning Signs and by collecting our packages more quickly upon their delivery.
- We were also warned against falling prey to "Phone Scammers" who ask for money to be wired. Don't do it & let's make other aware.

2017 Projects/Event updates reviewed by Joanne Viola

- The OPNA's spring Park Cleanup was a success.
- The 4th of July Parade was well attended and featured a Dixieland Marching Band.
- The OPNA sponsored four neighborhood block parties, in 2017, with a \$150 underwriting to each.
- The OPNA participated with five area Neighborhood Associations & the FWISD to encourage dialog and participation in the grass root neighborhood wide poll, related to the Tanglewood Elementary School overcrowding issue and solutions regarding ways forward to the 2017 Bond Election.
- The Arborlawn Median beautification & plantings
- The OPNA is teaming with the City & the Tanglewood NA to complete one of the following projects, in the Park, by the end of the 1st quarter 2018. (Stay tuned)
 - New split rail fencing installations across the Park & its Trails.
 - New playground equipment in front of Tanglewood Elementary
 - Mature Tree Care – Trimming branches over hanging all trails and walkways
 - Reforestation and Plantings across the Park
 - New vintage-look street lights, in the Park, along Overton Park Drive East.
 - Installation of a New "Soft Surface" walkway, west along the creek, from Sarita Dr to Ranchview Rd.

Awareness of the November FWISD Bond & General Election

- Kal Silverburg explained the penny tax swap benefits in general.
- A handout from the FWISD was made available to all at the meeting.
- All were encouraged to vote on 11/7.

Fort Worth's Community Engagement Representative, Tabitha Butler (817-392-2045), was introduced

Ms. Butler is our community liaison who can provide support & assistance to Neighborhood Associations. Information packets were made available at the meeting that included:

- Updated bulk trash drop off stations.
- An explanation on how the "Community Camera Program" works and help our Police to solve crimes.
- General City online tools.
- How to receive "Early Warning" texts and alerts.

City Councilman, Brian Bryd (District #3) brian.bryd@fortworthtexas.gov (817-392-8802), discussed the following topics:

- The City's budget allowed a 3 cent property tax rate reduction.
- Tarrant County property taxes went up on average of 11%.
- Transit systems are a priority, at this time with the City, Texas & Federal Government.
- Laurence Hamilton, Fort Worth's City Engineer discussed upcoming roadway projects.
 - Ranch View Road drainage and repaving project is in the design phase. Construction is expected to begin in November 2018 and last approximately one year.
 - Bellaire Drive, in Overton Woods, will also receive construction related improvements.
 - An engineer, contracted by the City, discussed the new 15 million dollar storm drain system, sanitary sewer system upgrade and the road repaving with two round-a-bout installations on Bellaire Drive, from Hulen Street to Arborlawn Drive, through Overton Woods.
 - A 90% design completion information meeting is planned for December 2017.
 - A 100% design completion meeting is expected in January/February of 2018. Then the project would be put out for bid with construction anticipated to start in the Fall 2018, with a two year duration.

New Business

Calls for new business were made by Joanne Viola:

- OPNA neighbor Lester Kuperman presented concerns regarding the Bellaire Drive project and the need for reconfiguring the roadway to one lane in each direction and the installations of two round-a-bouts.
 - Some in attendance were for the reduction of lanes and the round-a-bouts, some were against it and some were undecided.
- Joanne Viola indicated that the OPNA board would continue to reach out to the Overton Woods HOA and the City, regarding this project, keeping folks informed regarding the way forward.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:41pm