

Overton Park Neighborhood Association - Meeting Minutes 10-28-24

Meeting began at 6:30 PM at Overton Park Elementary School

Treasurer Association Updates:

- Financially healthy – around \$8k
- ~200 dues paying members in 2024

Councilperson District #3 - Michael Crain:

- Since April, the City have passed the budget of about 2.7M to support services like:
 - o Transportation
 - o Public Works
 - o Police & Fire
- ☒ Update: Began the transition to fire based emergency management system
- This is similar to most major cities.
- Emergency services will become fire employees.
- ☒ Medstar will be dissolved.
- Encourage community to use MyFW App to log issues.
- Question from member:
 - Member states that he appreciates the city newsletter.
 - He read an article about the water service and is unsure if our neighborhood has lead water pipes that would need to be replaced.
 - Crain informs that there is more work to be done on the water pipes than we can get done in the next 100 years. The city is prioritizing replacement based on breakages, lead, etc.
 - Informed to send questions in using MyFW app.
- o This creates a record and provides metrics to help bring more interest to community member concerns.

Council District #3 Assistant - Christy Dull

- Introduced herself and explains that she works with Michael Crain and is a new member of the community.

Neighborhood Patrol Officer - Lana Janzen

- Would also like to encourage use of MyFW app.
- Halloween:

- o Mindful of kid's safety, particularly after dark, bring flashlights.
- o Officers are typically very busy on Halloween night.
- Golf Carts:
 - o These should not be driven on the streets of Fort Worth.
 - o Unless you are within 2 miles of the golf course, going to and from golf course.
 - o Kids driving on street with golf carts or mopeds without a license is not allowed.
 - o Parents are held responsible if a child is caught driving these.
 - o Laws regarding golf carts can be found on the DPS website.
 - o If you see kids driving around call non-emergency number (392-4222).
 - o Can let Lana know if you are aware of a family driving with gold carts in the around town. She will make visits to their house to address concerns.
- Do not leave belongings, including weapons, in car.
- Upcoming holidays: have packages come in right away to prevent theft.
- Home Alarm Systems
 - o Encourage members to activate an enhanced verification to stop officers from responding to false alarms.
 - o Multiple call verification reduces false alarms by 95%.
 - o Can also register doorbell or other cameras around your home with the police to help with crime.

Member Concern: Inwood on spill way is one way, signs are not posted, and some people are going the wrong way.

- Response: log issue on MyFW app and they will look into it.

OPNA President Mitch- Park Improvement Plan:

- Junk trees clean out: 'Upspire' has been working to clean out creek.
- Neighborhood effort to beautify the area between Ranch View down to Inwood.
- Would like to form a committee and get neighborhood input on how to improve the park.
- Would need to raise money for the park, plan to email out membership and contact local businesses.
- Could also work with local boy scouts.

Question: Should we replace trees on Hulen street that were damaged by cars?

Question: Should we reach out to the Tanglewood NA, to discuss a merger of areas or combined volunteer leadership roles?

Meeting adjourned at 7:15