

Meeting Minutes of the Overton Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA)

2021 FALL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Monday October 18th @ 7:00pm

At Overton Park Elementary School (OPE), 4865 Briarhaven Road, Fort Worth, TX 76109

Meeting was opened at 7:02pm by OPNA board member Joanne Viola.

Members, visitors and guests were welcomed. A total of 34 people were in attendance including:

- District 3 City Councilman – Michael Crain
- Overton Park Neighborhood Patrol Officer (NPO) – Officer Laura Charlesworth
- FW City TPW Ranch View Road Construction Manager – Kristian Sugrim
- Overton Park Elementary (OPE) Principal – Connie Smith
- OPE PTA President – Kristen Buchanan
- Tanglewood NA (TNA) Parks Chair – Paul Hagseth
- Four OPNA Leadership Board Members – Mitch Reitman, Joanne Viola, Bob Dellamura & Troy Tuomey

- The Minutes from the Spring 2021 General Meeting were reviewed and approved.

- The 2021 Treasurer's Reports was reviewed. As of Sept: \$10,410 in dues were received. There has been \$3,891 in general expenses. There is a current balance of \$11,429.

- A call was made for a new Secretary & Membership Chair.

- Connie Smith, OPE principal, spoke about our new state of the art elementary school and the need to support the upcoming Bond Election that will provide facilities improvements for our FWISD middle schools. She also expressed gratitude for the community's financial support of the Overton Park Elementary PTA. Connie also offered all a tour of the building after the meeting.

- Kristen Buchanan, OPE PTA President, spoke about the Overton Park Elementary School Fall Fundraiser, currently underway and how donations to the OPE PTA supplies the school with the additional resources, materials and equipment needed.

The OPNA will provide all residences with the opportunity to donate to Overton Park Elementary via a link on the OPNA website: <https://www.overtonpark-na.org>

Also see the OPE PTA donation form and link below:

We are thankful to have you as our neighbor and community partner and appreciate you considering STEP RIGHT UP!

Gratefully,



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To donate, you may go to and look for Step Right Up: Friends of OPE
<https://www.overtonparkpta.org/donate-today>

Or send a check to:
Overton Park Elementary PTA
4865 Briarhaven Road
Fort Worth, Texas 76109



https://overton-park-elementary-pta.square.site/product/step-right-up-friends-of-ope/57?cp=true&sa=false&sbp=false&q=false&category_id=10

- Ranch View Rd construction status was presented by City TPW Staff engineer. The final paving is schedule to be completed by the end of November 2021. The striping is scheduled to be completed by year's end and will include multi use bicycle and pedestrian lanes. Also the ground water seepage on Echo Trail will be remedied via a French drain under the roadway.
- A District 3 update was given by Councilman Michael Crain. He reported that the City has grown to ~900k+ people with the largest area of growth north of the 820 loop. Since the last election the FW City Council has changed from an average age of 60 to 45. He also spoke of the ongoing efforts for redistricting and that the OPNA has established itself in the tool maintaining existing boundaries.
- Our NPO, Officer Laura Charlesworth offered to send anyone the weekly crime report if you email her your request at laura.Charlesworth@fortworthtexas.gov She also reported that home camera systems can be a good tool to apprehend repeat burglary offenders. It was also reported that arrests were made related to the recent car club street drifters.
- New Business – Paul Hagseth, TNA Parks Chairperson, asked the OPNA for inputs related to the City's plan to upgrade the playground equipment across from Tanglewood Elementary School in Overton Park. The OPNA will gather those requests via a Survey Monkey.
- Free OPNA No-Soliciting signs were available at the entry table.
- Meeting was adjourned by Joanne Viola at 8:12pm