

OPNA General Meeting - Fall 2013
October 21, 2013 6:30pm
Fort Worth Academy of the Arts, Hulen Blvd

Attendance approx 60-65

OPNA President Tim Taylor opened the meeting.

City Council member Zim Zimmerman addressed the attendees.

City Mayor (and OP neighbor) Betsy Price sends regrets. Today is her birthday.

FW Budget passed!

Bond election scheduled for May 2014, includes \$2.72 mil (?) for schools. Total bond \$5.4 mil also includes parks & infrastructure.

Mtgs occurring now for next few weeks, available for public to find out what is included. For school bond, Zim strongly encourages all to get informed & vote.

Chisholm Trail tollway construction is on/ahead of schedule. Due to open mid-'14 with tollway traveling from Cleburne to I-35.

Arborlawn opened from Hulen to Bryant Irvin to open near year-end or early next yr.

LMRA - Developer is Trademark.

City recently delayed approval of zoning change from recreation area to retail/residential, due to traffic concerns. City requested a traffic study.

Questions re NTTA Tolltag (that will be used on new Chisholm Trail tollway), go to www.NTTA.org or call 817-392-8803.

Hulen Blvd has new work being done. Already many potholes & patches. Wanda Woodard asked what work was currently being done and whether major sections could be repaved. Zimmerman did not know what work was currently being done.

Speed humps -1400 in city. \$600 to remove ea. Zimmerman in favor of removing all. Cause damage to cars & diverts traffic

Bond for public art -question asked by Dan Simoneau re how much 2% of bond. District by district based on how much spent for infrastructure, etc in each. So.. 2% of \$5.4 mil going to art. Attendees question why allocated to art, when much road work is needed.

Road diets -Concern expressed for issues at Forest Park & Rosedale. TexDot wants 2 lanes & parallel roadside parking. Need 3 lanes. Zimmerman agrees & informed that Forest Park decision did not come in front of city council. Mistletoe & Berkley NA leadership along with Joel Burns worked it through approval process.

End of Zimmerman remarks

Crime & safety addressed by Neighborhood Police Officer Charles Gonzales.
Attempted sexual assault on Arroyo, in evening woman walking, vehicle approached, attempted to pull her in the car.

Cars-wheels are being stolen again, get wheel locks

Burglaries -Autumn/Arborlawn

Precautions: in house that was robbed, these things existed:

- shades open, should be closed
- dog in cage (could be seen from outside)
- could see if alarm was on

Overton Night Out - Kristen Brotherson spoke

Great success!!

250 attendance

People who are new to area came

Good event for neighbor safety & quality living (people out getting to know one another)

All can Send message to Kristen Brotherson with ideas, of interest, liked

Reached out to neighbors businesses: Toppers Pizza who provided food & prizes, Mosquito Safe, Sentimentals

Treasurer Report - Tracy Matheson

Total expenses...

Welcome Committee - Claire Pritchett Lorimer

-new neighbors will be welcomed with a yard sign, gift basket, personal visit, included in Overton Life mag

FWISD Deputy Superintendent Mike Sor..

Bond election early vote started today

Why do districts have bond elections?

Annual operating funds from State used 85% for salaries, 15% all other

Virtually impossible to save up from budget.

Bond for big purchases: land, busses, technology

Designed to be paid over use period

FW is GROWING. -another reason for land/property purchases

3 Propositions

1. \$386 mil -schools to be built, replace underground facility near Meacham, Benbrook growth -new elementary, convert existing to 6-12, new technology
2. New schools A. public fine arts academy. B. Science magnet-STEM
3. ?

2007 Bond -good success with 4% going to management co.

1998 Bond -not successful, due to no management

Re New School classrooms:

Pascal 20

McClellan 12

McClellan 6th 8

Tanglewood 14

New cafeteria at some schools

No school boundary changes

Dunbar -getting new airplane hanger for aviation program (large expense item - neighbors not sure best use of funds)

Nextdoor social media company representative Charles Mangus

Private way for neighbors to talk online

Crime & safety -police in partnership with Nextdoor to post pertinent safety information

Recommendations for handyman, etc

Lost pet

Studies show when neighbors talk, crime goes down

At bottom of Nextdoor web page, use link to re-invite neighbors through personal email

Any questions, call Charlie who lives locally and eager to help

OPNA Membership

Current members 175

Last year 225

Block captains in place, need about 5 more

Will be vehicle for communication, particularly for neighbors who are not on Nextdoor, or receiving email

Overton Park improvements being considered.

Reported by Tom Hutchinson, who was elected by OPNA board

Formed new Association -joint collaboration with FOUR NAs-

Overton Park, Foster Park, Tanglewood, Westcliff West

Friends of Overton & Foster Parks Association (FOFPA)

Area includes 56 acres from duck pond in south to Tanglewood in north

Mission is to "spruce up park"

City calls it a mature park, no plans to improve

City cuts grass, chops down dead trees

Our goal as neighbors is to be good stewards of our park

Place to meet & greet, walk, enjoy nature

FOFPA hired Tom Alves, landscape architect & OP resident

Master Plan for park

NOV 12 -Architect Tom Alves & FOFPA will host WORKSHOP at Tanglewood

Auditorium for ALL HOMEOWNERS

- Themes, initial ideas, get feedback on what residents want/don't want

Briarhaven traffic issue from nearby school
Dan S to talk to city engineer to review stop lights
Vivian suggested red light at Hulen/Briarhaven
Officer Gonzales monitored Briarhaven during school drop-off & pick-up one day, shortly after our last General meeting in Spring '13, due to complaint of speeding, inconsiderate actions from carpool drivers. Reported no speed issue

Speed signs -can OPNA offer to remove humps, replace with signs?
Dan will investigate with city

OPNA Board -proposed people changes
Social Director Kristen Brotheton
Parks & Trails Tom Hutchinson
Secretary Joanne Viola
Co-past President Troy Tuomey (subject to vote from both OPNA & OWNA to merge)

Cathy Taylor motioned to approve above board positions/people
Kal Silverberg seconded
Asked for Discussion -none presented
In favor: All
Against: None
Approved

OWNA -proposal to merge with OPNA, name remain OPNA
700 OPNA residents
147 OWNA residents

Kal Silverberg made motion to expand OPNA boundaries to include OWNA IF accepted by OWNA. Second by Tom Hutchinson
Tim Taylor calls for vote. Favor -All. Against -None

Lois Stephenson, Overton Life Editor
Recognizes magazine writers Olive Hallmark-Abbott, Tom Curtis
Features Families, Pets - photographer April Sunshine Hawkins or Gittings
Other regular contributors: dermatologist Dr Jim McCarty,
financial planner Helen Stephens
Legal Cantey Hanger
Hearing Dr. Robin Carson

Remember to vote in city election now!
Motion to adjourn by Joanne Viola, seconded by Bob Dellamura
All in favor
8:41p