

OPNA Fall 2014 General Meeting  
Monday, October 20, 2014 6:30pm  
Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts,  
3901 S Hulen St, Fort Worth, TX 76109

OPNA Board of Directors opened meeting to general membership of Overton Park Neighborhood Association at 6:30pm Mon, Oct 20, 2014.

Neighbors signed in at entrance. Membership due \$30 was checked in records and paid if not previously paid. About 40 people in attendance.

Tim Taylor, **President**, welcomed. Print of Spring 2014 Minutes distributed & approved.

Tracy Matheson, **Treasurer**, gave report of balance sheet & spending in last six months. Currently OPNA (not including balance to merge from OWINA) account balance is approx. \$18,000. Have collected \$8,000 in membership dues this fiscal year (May 1-Apr 30). Have had \$6,000 expenses (Hulen US and TCU flags & hole installation \$2000, median maintenance \$1200, mailer for membership dues \$650, 4<sup>th</sup> July NA party \$600, insurance \$680, Overton Night Out ice cream/other food \$400). Overton West NA approx. balance \$10,000.

Zim Zimmerman spoke about the proposed Fort Worth Multipurpose Arena. PLEASE GET OUT AND VOTE! Nov 4 election has Props 1, 2, 3 to be approved in support of Arena. User fees to pay the debt. 50% private sector paid.

Event Facilities Fort Worth (501(c)3) representative Mike Groemer presented details of proposed arena. Arena would seat 9,300 to 14,000 depending on type of event. Horse Rodeos, Sports, Concerts.

\$450 mil project, with \$225 mil private fund (50%). 15% repaid with user fees, 32% repaid from Hotel sales tax that is already being charged.

Nov 4 elections, early vote started Oct 20. PLEASE GET OUT AND VOTE!!! Early, go to sub-courthouse on Grandbury or Como JPS on Bryant Irvin. On Nov 4, OW goes to FWCD, OP goes to Hulen synagogue. WANT TO HELP CLERK ON ELECTION DAY?? Contact Kal Silverberg [Kalman.Silverberg@bnsf.com](mailto:Kalman.Silverberg@bnsf.com)

FOFPA –Friends of Foster & Overton Park, Tom Hutchinson, President

-mission to enhance appearance and improve safety & use

-501(c)3 status approved

-master plan tentatively approved by city

23 projects. First 3 are starting, volunteer projects. Please see Nextdoor for opportunities to volunteer!

1. mature trees-identify, 2. Clear brush & spread wildflower seed. 3) remove invasive plants (in Winter)

Exciting opportunity for new ideas for Park. UT Arlington Landscape architecture graduate students (13 of them, cumulatively 3000 hours) will come to the park, study the plans & give comments for improvement.

Block Captain reported by Joanne Viola

-we have all but 3 blocks with captains.

-former Overton West now needs to be approached for block captains

- starting to use the block captains to disseminate information.
- in process of having BCs collect email/phone info for each home on block

#### Membership-Cathy Taylor

- pay tonight or pay online through Paypal on website: [www.overpark-na.org](http://www.overpark-na.org)

#### Communication-Sue Winter

- reaching out to two potential neighborhood magazines who are distributing in other areas, no response yet
- Overton Life is defunct

Traffic & Safety-Tim Taylor & Tom Hutchinson met with Alonzo \_\_\_\_, Assistant Director TPW to discuss alternatives to speed humps. City is considering specific alternatives but isn't ready to discuss and propose.

#### Zim Zimmerman

- applauds neighborhood action to improve Overton Park (FOFPA). Indirectly helps local economy. Many positives to all. Noted that Bernie Anderson park has added sidewalks and proposed pavilion, accomplished by Neighborhood Association
- TCU Overlay –parking space ordinance being approved (increase required space/new home), # of non-family members/home in discussion on task force
- Ann Zadeh's district has stealth dorm houses (most of sqft is bedroom), issues with cars & parties, being addressed with TCU, Zim is speaking directly with student body. 3% of student body causing problem. Current moratorium on housing applications
- Chisholm Trail great addition to FW

NPO Charles Gonzales encourages taking preventive measures to discourage burglary. Lock doors, don't have items in view in cars, etc. Best way for Police to catch crime is through neighbors being observant, watching out for each other. NPO Laura Charlesworth will give her report of OW to Gonzales for next gen'l mtg.

#### Old Business- Robert Dellamura reported

- Overton Park NA & Overton West NA have officially merged. New map of boundaries on city and OPNA websites

- Hulen Median is in good shape, trees growing well, gardener maintaining grass, etc

#### New Business

- we need a new Social Director! Please contact OPNA if interested!

Adjourned 7:45pm

Tim Taylor brought up for discussion a proposed merger of Overton West NA into Overton Park NA. Motioned to merge from membership, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor

Overton Life Brent Sandstrom introduced, discussed his plan to re-start Overton Life magazine. Membership supports it.

Friends of Foster & Overton Park Assoc

-phases, 16 major areas

getting neighbor input, once approved by city, it become a master plan. Architect paid \$8,000 by donations.

Art in Park –city approved. Architect to meet with artist to redesign & Signage

Tree seed cultivation & Shrub removal

Bike station-Nextdoor discussion.

Membership –if membership doesn't hav email, contact Cathy Taylor, who will get info to you.

New OPNA Board election-Move/2<sup>nd</sup>, approved

City Elections- May 10

Bond measures

May 27 runoff

OW goes to FWCD

OP goes to Hulen Synagogue

Block Captain BC-will get update, rep on Board Joanne Viola

Gonzales – crime alert to Tim

Will forward to BCs

Nextdoor is neighborhood website for communication

Sandy Breaux-City, Aid to Zimmerman

Capital Improvement Bond-75% for streets

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.