

OPNA Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 20, 2015 6:30pm

Attendance: Tim Taylor, Cathy Taylor, Bob Dellamura, Tracy Matheson, Dan Buchanan, Tom Hutchinson, Joanne Viola

1. **Minutes**- Joanne to post last general meeting minutes on OPNA website. Paper copy available to review.
2. **Treasurer**-reported balance and annual expenses.
3. **Membership**-105 renewed members as of 4/20 for new fiscal year that starts May 1.
4. **Parks & Trails-FOFPA**, Tom H Overton and Foster Park is 60 acres of park, approx 3 miles. (40 OP/20 FP) Park needs maintenane to protect older trees, control invasive plants. FOFPA is neighbors taking care of our backyard.
 - a. City's Park & Trails Dept has approved Parks Master Plan presented by FOFPA, as designed by Tom Alves with grassroot community input.
 - b. Perennial gardens at Ranch View & Overton Park East (north & south corner)-Boy Scout project, hardscape & sprinkler system scheduled Apr 14, perennials to be planted Apr 18 (if water meter is installed). City is donating & installing a water meter (\$1500 value) & water. Electricity wire installation still needed for sprinkler system, to be tied in to electric pole at that corner. (Does not used much electricity, but needs some).
 - c. Wildflower field at Overton Park West, just north of Ranch View didn't work. We're not sure why. :(Ground had been properly cleared, city professionally sprayed the wildflower and hydromulch.
 - d. Nature Essense- existing city artwork (fossil tower). City has approved design for short landscape wall around it, signage & pocket meadow between the art and wall. City is working on getting bids to contract the work out. Tom to continue following up with city until it's done.
 - e. Bellaire median between Overton Park E/W- city approved stone wall Overton Park monument sign, with lighting and landscaping. Considering soliciting a corporate sponsor like Calloways to underwrite & post recognition sign.
 - f. Cross walk upgrades at Overton Park E & Ranch View, order approved by city, on city list to be completed
 - g. Tennis courts in Tanglewood- individual has planned fundraiser to make improvements. Tom will check with them to see how it impacts/fit with Master Plan.
 - h. Fundraising campaign fund- committee forming
 - i. Have identified 6 more projects from Master Plan to be presented in Fundraising campaign & complete. Visual images and cost estimates currently being prepared.
5. **4th of July planning**-Park parade & party, moving to park instead of block. Planning starting
6. **Arborlawn Median**- Bob D presented design for trees & split rail fence. Adopt-A-Median project- motioned to approve, second, passed all in favor. Bob D will submit paperwork, Install will likely be next Spring.
 - a. Neighbor expressed concern about Riverhills/Arborlawn improvement possible blind spot at International Plaza. Bob will followup with city.
7. **Overton Life magazine**- Buddy Putty, editor spoke. Currently produces Tanglewood Living, started in Jan '14, successfully running in 3 mos. Increasing staff to add Overton Life. Need local writers and kids. OPNA attractive neighborhood for vendors/sponsors. Groups/clubs/events to be covered. 30 day print deadline
8. **Traffic & Safety**- Mitch Reitman, new director.
9. **Special Interest Groups**- to be promoted through Overton Life magazine when it re-starts, bridge, wine tasting, cooking, other

10. **Community Engagement**-Jacob Browning, our city representative

11.Zim Zimmerman

a. CTP- interchange at I-30 supposed to be done Aug '15 (orig Oct '14).

b. Election- early voting 4/27, voting day May 9

-School Board - get educated about the candidates

-Water Board - 5 candidates, top 2 get positions. 2 incumbents, 2 endorsed by rancher who doesn't want water thru his property, (and has other issues with current water board.. not voiced by Zim) 1 independent.

-next year's city budget started

-new city manager

-new Transportation board member from Tennessee- good guy

-new rail to DFW expect 2018

-City Council mtg used to be every Tues

1st & 2nd weeks: pre 8:30am, 10am

3rd & 4th weeks: pre 3pm, 7pm

But now not all on Tues, must go to city website to find out meeting times.

12. NPO Charles Gonzales -not much to report, meeting running late, available after mtg for questions

Adjourned 8pm