

OPNA Fall GENERAL MEETING Minutes
Monday 11/12/2018
In the Cafeteria of the Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts
3901 South Hulen St

Meeting opened at 6:34pm by OPNA President Joanne Viola

Members & guest were welcomed.

There were 27 people in attendance.

Minutes from our 2018 Spring General Meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Reports was submitted by Mitch Reitman presented by Bob Dellamura. There is a balance of \$34,362 in the OPNA treasury. In 2018 the OPNA received \$11,230 in donations and had annual general expenses totaling of \$4,312.

Bob Dellamura discussed the plans to irrigate the three Arborlawn medians. The Parks Dept. verified that those medians were irrigated via a system in the 1980s. The OPNA asked the Fort Worth Lawn & Sprinkler company to find that legacy system and provide a bid to repair/activate/upgrade it going forward.

Joanne Viola presented the results of the recent OPNA neighborhood watch patrol survey. 53% responding to the survey favored a paid patrol concept 47% did not at this time. It was recommended that those interested in this potential security service contact Mitch Reitman directly.

Joanne also presented the plan forward to make available our new 'No Soliciting' No Handbill' yard signs. Plans are to have these signs available in the Spring of 2019.



Kirk Kilgore, OPNA Membership Chair encouraged all to utilize the \$150 Block Party stipend offer by the OPNA for each block party, when all neighbors are invited.

Tabitha Butler gave away City of Fort Worth reusable shopping bags and announced the City's neighborhood awards program.

District 3 Councilmen, Brian Bryd discussed the Westcliff Shopping Center re-development prospects. Assisted living is currently zoned there. Some commercial business could stay. Albertson will be staying, so far. The developer is currently working with an architect and plans to contact Westcliff NA when they have concepts to review with the neighborhoods. A public meeting will be scheduled at that time and we will be informed of the scheduled meeting's time and place.

Fort Worth Mayor and OPNA neighbor, Betsy Price, discussed the fact that Fort Worth is headed to become the 12th largest City in the US, up from 15th. Our property tax rate is down though valuations may still be increasing. There is only a ~7% voter turnout for local elections. :[The Blue Zones have been well received in Fort Worth. Texas education is in crisis in general. The 'Read Fort Worth' program though is working well, with the goal of having children read at the 3rd grade level

by 3rd grade, which is a proven metric for potential future educational success. The Trinity River Vision project has not receive Federal funds requested and will be placed in review to ensure that the scope is on track.

Connie Smith, Tanglewood Elementary Principal discussed the vision for the New Elementary school. As all know the purchased property for the school is directly adjacent to the Synagogue on Hulen St. Our new school will be built on the corner of Kingsridge and Briarhaven on ~6 acres. The boundaries were set by the FWISD Board and Neighborhoods a year ago and include homes in the NAs South of Bellaire Drive and West of Hulen St:

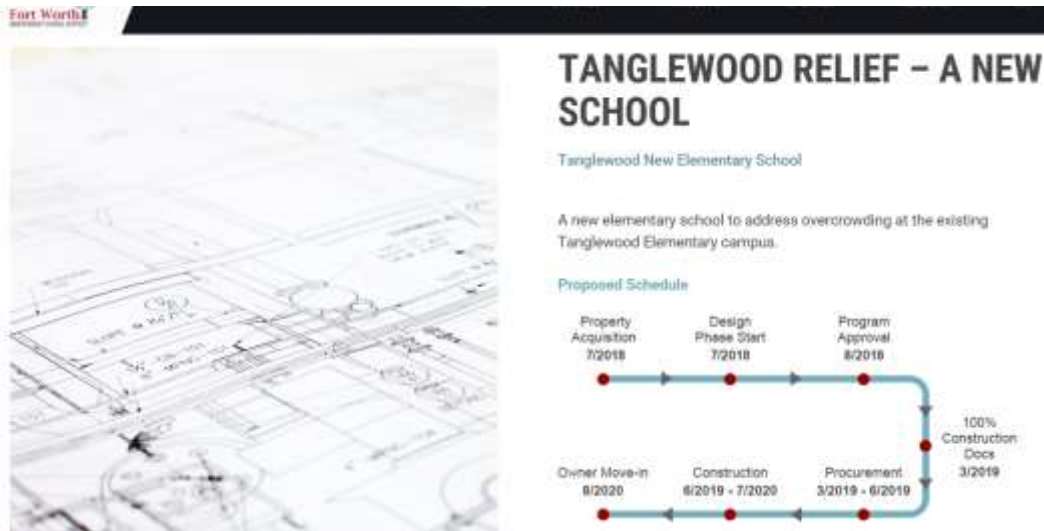
- ✓ Overton Woods
- ✓ Overton Park
- ✓ Tanglewood (South of Bellaire)
- ✓ Foster Park
- ✓ Riverhills
- ✓ Westcliff West (Current Tanglewood Areas South of Bellaire Dr)

The New School is currently designated as FWISDs #229.

There are plans for the PTA to form before the planned opening of school, for the Fall of 2020. The plan is for the Tanglewood PTA to allocate some funds to the new PTA since ~1/2 of the current Tanglewood enrollment will be attending the new school. Connie asked for folks to be generous with both schools going forward, for the wellbeing of all the children.

It was discussed that the New School should have the same high level 'brand-value' as Tanglewood.

A representative from Procedeo Engineering, the company who will be building our new school, presented the preliminary campus plans. Construction is planned to start in the February 2019 and be completed by August 2020. For further information you can visit <http://fwisd2017bond.com/project/tanglewood-relief-a-new-school/>



New Business - None

Meeting was adjourned by Joanne Viola at 7:54pm