

OPNA Spring GENERAL MEETING Minutes
Monday 4/23
In the Cafeteria of the Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts
3901 South Hulen St

Meeting opened at 6:31pm by OPNA President Joanne Viola

Members & guest were welcomed.

There were 54 people in attendance.

Minutes from our 2017 Fall General Meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Reports was submitted by Mitch Reitman. There is a balance of \$29,418.07 in the OPNA treasury. In 2017 the OPNA received \$11,230 in donations and had annual general expenses totaling of \$10,732 and a one-time project expense of \$5,354.

Kirk Kilgore, OPNA Membership Chair announced the 2018 membership drive and encouraged all to utilize the \$150 Block Party stipend offer by the OPNA for each event.

The OPNA By-law changes were reviewed and approved.

A review of Projects/Events were presented:

- ✓ Joanne Viola discussed the upcoming 4th of July Parade with Marching Band. A planning meeting will be scheduled with the TNA.
- ✓ Tom Hutchinson discussed continued Park improvements related to split rail fencing & wild flower plantings. Tom also gave a report of the many Eagle Scout projects that assist with fencing and wild flowers installations. Also the installation of a crushed stone path, along the creek parallel to Overton Park Drive West from Ranch View Rd to the Sarita bridge is under consideration.
- ✓ Bob Dellamura summarized OPNA's continued commitment to maintain the plantings on the Hulen St & Arborlawn Dr medians, per our adopt-a-park contract with the City.
- ✓ The newly redesigned OPNA Neighborhood Watch Signs have been deployed at ~20 OPNA street entrances.
- ✓ Joanne Viola discussed the new decorative 'Washington Style' Street Lighting, with underground wiring, that will be installed along Overton Park Drive East, from Bellaire Dr. to Altura Ct. The existing lighting and overhead wiring will be removed. This improvement will start in July and should be completed by year end. This project was designed and collaborated with the City, Tanglewood NA and OPNA.
- ✓ Joanne Viola mentioned that the OPNA met with the City TPW department to review the plan to repave Ranch View Rd and install two 'multi-purpose' lanes for pedestrians & bicycles. These improvements should naturally calm traffic and provide a safety zone for those walking to and from the Park's trail system. The existing speed bumps will be removed. Residents along Ranch View Rd will be contacted to provide their inputs.
- ✓ Bob Dellamura summarized a review of recent OPNA Neighborhood Survey. The completed Survey summary was sent to all via Nextdoor and posted on the OPNA website, including 229 insightful comments.

- ✓ Joanne Viola met with the City's Art Counsel along with the Tanglewood & Foster Park NAs to discuss plans for public art in Foster Park, signage and assimilation of the Public Art located in the Tanglewood area of Overton Park.

Bob Dellamura conducted open elections, for the open OPNA Board positions. (A new two year team)

- The following people were voted on and sustained.
 - *Joanne Viola – President*
 - *Troy Tuomey – VP*
 - *Mitch Reitman – Treasurer*
 - *Bob Dellamura – Secretary*
 - *Kirk Kilgore – Membership Director*
 - *Tom Hutchinson – Parks Director*
 - *Tim Taylor – Past Pres*
 - *Social Director – Remained open at this time.*

Kal Silverberg spoke regarding the upcoming May 5th & 22nd elections. Early voting started today! Also our district was selected to beta-test new voting equipment.

Our City Councilman Brian Byrd spoke regarding the May 5th bond election. One City bond package will support the infrastructure needs as Fort Worth grows by 25k people per year. A second bond is for continued support of the Trinity River Project (TRV).

Also, the City has received initial approval to have AT&T to install repeaters in Overton Park to improve cell coverage. Installation may occur in the next 12 months.

An NPO safety report was given by Joanne Viola – Summary = “Lock up your property and remove all items that can be seen from inside your cars”. Also consider installing the “Ring” security system at your front doors.

Felipe Avita Jr., from the FW Public Library, announced that the Southwest Regional Library, on Hulen St, is being renovated for the next 30 to 40 days but will maintain normal working hours.

Justice of the Peace Candidates – Jason Charbonnet & Chris Garcia introduced themselves and presented their backgrounds and platforms. Run-off elections will be held on May 22nd.

New Business -

- Kal Silverburg mentioned that the FWISD has set up an oversight committee, including him as Ann Sutherland's appointee.
- Mr. Don Woodard spoke against the Bond that supports the Trinity River Vision. He shared concerns over the rising cost. Don also was not a fan of the management there of. He also referred to two Star-Telegram articles that sighted concerns regarding the Trinity River Project.

Meeting was adjourned by Joanne Viola at 7:56pm