



Meeting Minutes

Date Sunday 3/24/2019

Present: Adair Taulbee, Aly Grober, Diana Jackson, Whitney White, Kelly Valenzuela, Mike Narramore,

Next meeting: TBA

Welcome - *Meeting commenced at 3:13PM*

Welcome to the RHANA meeting by Adair Taulbee

Brian Byrd – City Councilman Presentation

Brian Byrd has been a Fort Worth City Councilman since 2017

Fort Worth passed a pension fix. \$50,000,000 needed to added annually. We were able to decide locally and it didn't need to go to state legislation. We are the only city to accomplish this locally.

Now we are focusing on education and property tax reform.

Cities base the amount of jails needed based on the literacy rate of 3rd grade. The Fort Worth average 3rd grade literacy rate is 35%.

Fort Worth ISD is 56% of our property taxes.

Bomber Heights needs focus now – the city is getting involved.

Violent crime is down 10% in the city.

New community center opening in Como

Trinity River Vision Project. It started 16 years ago. \$27 million has been raised from Fort Worth tax payers. A \$250 million bond was passed in May 2018. None of the money will be spent until the project has been voted on.

Rails to Trails is part of the Streams and Valleys. It's a project to turn the old rail road trails into running trails. This project is about 5-6 years down the line. What can be done now about the overgrown railroad trails? Who owns it? Who is responsible. Mike Narramore is following up with Bryan Byrd to find out.

Local elections are May 4, 2019.

RHANA Survey Results

26 responses – 400 households in RHA

1. Who lives in your household?

- 19.23% Preschool Children
- 23.08% Elementary School Children
- 19.23% Middle School Children
- 3.85% High School Children
- 0% College Students
- 3.85% Adults in their 20s
- 26.92% Adults in their 30s
- 30.77% Adults in their 40s
- 11.54% Adults in their 50s
- 15.38% Adults in their 60s
- 15.38% Adults in their 70s
- 7.69% Adults in their 80s +
- 23.08% Retired Adults

2. Are you a current RHANA member?

- 72% Yes
- 12% No
- 4% Not sure if I've ever officially joined
- 12% Not sure if my membership is still active

3) How effective are the types of RHANA communications for you and your family?

	Very Effective	Somewhat Effective	Not Very Effective	Not At All Effective	Total
Email	64%	36%	0%	0%	25
RHANA Connection eNewsletter	64%	28%	8%	0%	25
Neighborhood Signs	24%	56%	20%	0%	25
Door-to-Door Flyers	48%	32%	20%	0%	25
www.rhana.org	30.43%	30.43%	30.43%	8.70%	23
Posts in the Nextdoor App/Website	25%	33.33%	25%	16.67%	24

4) How do you feel about safety and connectedness in Ridglea Hills Addition?

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neutral	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
I am concerned with criminal activity within RHA	28%	20%	12%	36%	4%	25
I am concerned with criminal activity in areas surrounding RHA	30.77%	50%	11.54%	7.69%	0%	25
I am concerned with traffic safety within RHA	12%	28%	36%	20%	4%	25
I am concerned with traffic safety in areas surrounding RHA	11.54%	42.31%	30.77%	15.38%	0%	25
I feel connected to my neighbors and neighborhood	12%	48%	16%	16%	8%	25
I would like to join the RHANA Crime Watch program and attend training	4.35%	0%	43.48%	13.04%	39.13%	23

5) Which types of RHANA neighborhood events and activities do you enjoy most?

- Weekend Neighborhood Socials/Potlucks – 73.68%
- National Night Out Weeknight Block Party – 68.42%
- Family Neighborhood Bike Rides – 36.84%
- Neighborhood Workday (ex. Cowtown Cleanup) – 21.05%
- Formal Meetings & Information Presentations – 42.11%
- I have some suggestions for neighborhood events and activities – 21.05%

6) Which of the following do you believe regarding RHANA's quarterly meetings?

- Quarterly meetings are too often – 0%
- Quarterly meetings are not often enough – 0%
- Quarterly meetings are just right – 62.5%
- I prefer meetings that are part business and part social – 62.5%
- I prefer neighborhood meetings that are "business only" – 0%
- I prefer weeknight meetings – 25%
- I prefer weekend meetings – 20.83%
- I am sometimes not able to attend due to calendar conflicts – 50%
- I am sometimes not able to attend due to lack of advance notice – 16.67%
- It is easier for me to attend child friendly meetings – 20.83%
- I prefer meetings held in a neighbor's home – 4.17%
- I prefer meetings held in a church or other formal setting – 25%
- I prefer social events over meetings – 16.67%
- I have other suggestions regarding meetings – 8.33%

7) Are you interested in learning more about volunteering with RHANA in one of the following areas?

- Help write eNewsletter Articles – 25%
- Post & Monitor Neighborhood Posts on Nextdoor – 25%
- Welcoming & Membership – 75%
- Safety – 25%
- Events & Meeting Planning – 25%
- I have other suggestion on other ways I would like to volunteer for our neighborhood – 0%

8) Are there any other concerns or issues you feel RHANA should address on behalf of our neighborhood?

- I am concerned with the growing feral cat population and a trap-neuter-release program, plus learning more about effective ways of addressing this.
- I know that our neighborhood group can't control code compliance but trash cans left in front of houses, weeds that are four feet high, and general disregard for the beauty of property is a concern.

Membership Pitch & Events

2019 membership door flyers went out with how to sign up or renew your membership with RHANA.

Upcoming Events:

- Cowtown Clean up Saturday 3/30/2019 – cleaning up the grass behind the new Ridglea Church
- Family bike ride Saturday 4/27/2019 – Meet at the church at 10am and follow up with ice cream at Adair or Grober residence.

Text RHANA to 345345 to get text message updates and join the RHANA email list

Crime Watch/COP updates

There is a meeting this week with Bomber Heights. There will be a tour of Bomber Heights and the easement between the neighborhoods will be addressed.

Crime Watch – report anything you see in the neighborhood. There will be a monthly meeting on the 1st Monday of the month for 30 minutes.

Citizens on Patrol – volunteers that go through training with FWPD. 4 hours of classroom training and 4-5 hours of ride-a-long. Get uniform and radio. It's a formal program. You have a designated area but can expand past that border. People from other countries visit Fort Worth to learn about the COP program.

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of 2/21/2019:	\$2603.17
Deposits Made	\$694.42
Expenses	\$74.92
Balance as of 3/24/2019:	\$3,223.07

City Hall 101 Presentation

-Did you know?

- Fort Worth has an estimated 874,000+ residents
- City covers 353 square miles across Tarrant, Denton, Parker, and Wise counties.
- 15th largest city in the US
- 5th largest city in Texas
- Website: FortWorthTexas.gov

-City Leadership

- David Cooke – City manager
- Betsy Price – Mayor
- City Leadership Council Representatives
 - Eight members: Carlos Flores, Brian Byrd, Cary Moon, Gyna Bivens, Jungus Jrodan, Dennis Shingleton, Kelly Allen Gray, & Ann Zadeh
 - Two year term
 - Each has one vote on City Council
 - One member serves as Mayor Pro Tem if Mayor is absent
- What does city council do?
 - Meet most Tuesday evenings in Council Chambers at City Hall – open to public; agendas posted on City website
 - Makes policy decisions based on information from staff and input from residents
 - Sets tax rate and approves the city budget
 - Plans for capital improvements (major projects)
 - Adopts all city ordinance (laws)
 - Approves major purchases and contracts
 - Appoints key employees – City Manager, Secretary, Attorney, Auditor, Municipal Court Judges
- Where do you fit in?
 - Exercise your right to vote! – City council candidates, bond, charger elections
 - Speak up on issues – Attend public meetings. Email, call, or write Mayor and council. Participate in City surveys.
 - Talk with your neighbors and get organized. – Neighborhood associations carry weight
 - Volunteer to serve – Advisory boards, commissions, task forces
 - Advisory boards, Commissions, Task Forces – Council appoints residents to boards, commissions, task forces
 - Wide range of topics: Animal Control, Arts, Building Standards, Crime, Homelessness, Historic Landmarks, Libraries, Parks, Zoning, etc. – see full list on city website: FortWorthTexas.gov/boards
 - Contact Mayor and/or your council member
- City Services
 - Public Safety – Police, Fire, Municipal Courts, Water, Storm Drains, Garbage Collection, Brush Collection, Animal Control, Code Enforcement, Building Permits, Road Maintenance, Street Lights, Traffic Signs/Signals
 - Clean, Attractive, Livable – Parks, Community Centers, Pools, Libraries, Recycling, Land Development, Economic Development, Historic Preservation
- Key City Departments
 - Solid Waste – Garbage, Recycling, Yard Waste, Bulk Trash, Drop-Off Stations, Dead Animal Pickup

- Animal Care & Control – Pet Rules, Pet Licensing, Strays, Adoption, Wild Animals
- Consumer Health – Restaurant Inspections, Food Handling Permits, Child Care Licensing, Health Guidelines and Advisories
- Code Compliance – High Weeds, Junk Vehicles, Zoning Violations, Substandard and Vacant Structures, Illegal Dumping
- Environmental Management – Monitor Air Quality and Storm Water Pollution, Operate Environmental Collection Center, Monitor Issues related to development
- Transportation & Public works
 - Streets – Construction, repairs, lights, signals, signs, markings, parking, medians, sidewalks
 - Stormwater – build, clean and manage storm drains to prevent flooding
- Water
- Drinking water – Build and repair water lines, collect utility payments, monitor water supply and quality, plan for future water needs.
 - Wastewater – Build and repair sewer pipes, operate treatment plants, monitor and test discharge or treated wastewater.
 - Conservation – Educate public, promote programs to encourage water-saving measures
- Parks & Recreation – Operates and maintains 270+ parks/public spaces, community centers, pools, youth and adult athletic programs, forestry services; graffiti cleanup
- Library – Operate 16 libraries, online information services, educational classes, literacy programs, youth activities, cultural events
- Police, Fire, Municipal Court – Manager personal and equipment to maintain law and order, safety and emergency preparedness.
- Planning & Development – Building permits and inspections, zoning and land use regulations, construction codes, comprehensive planning for city growth.
- Neighborhood Services – Administer grant-based programs such as weatherization, priority repair, lead paint removal, homebuyer assistance and more to low-income families and the elderly.
- Community Engagement Office – Tabitha Butler – 817-392-6201
 - Free Training for Neighborhood Associations
 - Neighborhood Leadership Training
 - Outreach & Volunteer Recruitment
 - Building Trust, Building Community
 - Bylaw Revision
 - Surveying Members
 - Communication and Publicity
 - Goal Setting and planning
 - Neighborhood Awards

- Free Presentations for Adults and Children
 - Recycle Right
 - PAWS Pet Care and Safety
 - Conquer Your Crud
 - Air and Water Pollution Prevention
 - Journey of a Water Drop
 - Career Days
 - Displays for Community Events
 - FortWorthTexas.gov/engagement
- Community Engagement Weekly Bulletin
 - Citywide Headlines -Rolling & Walking Town halls for All. Fort Worth Water Quality Report.
 - Neighborhood News
- City of Fort Worth Neighborhood Database
- OneAddress.FortWorthTexas.gov

Wrap up

Meeting adjourned at 4:37PM