

North Fort Worth Alliance

I. **North Fort Worth Alliance Meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM, 16 Jan. 10 at the Fellowship of the Parks Church, 9900 N. Beach St.**

Colleen Demel, Executive Director, called the meeting to order with nine Community Board of Directors present and/or represented by letter, and four community members.

II. **Attendance**

Arcadia Park Estates (1)

Crawford Farms (2)

Heights of Park Vista (1)

Heritage (2)

Sunset Hills (1)

Trace Ridge (1)

Vineyards at Heritage (2)

Woodland Springs (3)

✚ Special guest in attendance were

Carla Felipe, Heritage General Manager

✚ Introductions were in order since we had several new members in attendance. Each attendee introduced themselves and gave their community. Welcome to all who came out to our first 2010 meeting.

✚ Rusty Fuller, Associate Director NFWA, was successful in meeting with Mr. Lindsey, Quicksilver Management, with a suggestion to build a roadway from the drilling site with an entrance/exit point at the service road adjacent to I-35W instead of using Old Denton Road and Heritage Trace. Also Rusty mentioned that Carla Felipe, Heritage General Property Manager and team has set a community meeting at the Heritage Trace Church, January 21, 2010 at 6:30 PM.

Rusty offered that this will not be a forum for expressing concerns over the gas industry moving into this area. It is designed to educate folks on the process of drilling. Quicksilver will address the air and water pollution issues in their presentation. City Councilman Sal Espino will talk about what is being done regarding a traffic issue between Heritage and Crawford Farms; Ibis Charles will highlight how she can help residents with her position as Neighborhood Education Specialist; Alex Southern will talk about his role as Environmental Specialist; and Rusty will highlight NFWA.

Several questions from members were voiced concerning what is the risk of fire at surface field, explosions, where does the water come from used to pump into the well to help fracture the gas deposits and where is it taken for disposal when removed from the site? There will be a question and answer session at the meeting.

- ✚ Colleen mentioned that for 2010, we will notify members via email every couple of weeks with items of interest pertaining to homeowners in the far north Fort Worth communities. A suggestion was made to see if the various community newsletters could add information about who we are and what we do.
- ✚ Colleen asked how communities were doing in collection of assessments, attendance at the HOA meetings, and overall community situation in the economic downturn. Most communities reported difficulties with collections. Vacant and/or rental properties continue to be at a high percentage within the communities due to the situation.
- ✚ Rusty mentioned that although Texas Congress will not be in session until next year, State Senators Solomons and West continue to pursue HB1976 that could cripple or tie the hands of HOAs. We need to keep an eye on this bill as we did last year.

- ✚ Robert Mohler, Secretary, provided information on postal mail drop boxes and options for mailing postal items within our area. There is a contracted post office located at the Heritage Trace Pharmacy where you can mail packages, buy stamps, etc. They are open Mon-Fri 9-7 and Sat 9-1. Postal letters can also be deposited in the NDCBU Cluster Boxes. These are Neighborhood Delivery Collection Box Units and are cluster mailboxes found at apartment complexes, new neighborhoods and strip malls. You can also go to http://usps.whitepages.com/post_office and enter a home zip code or address and it will locate the closest collection box to their location.

- ✚ Rusty Fuller and Shirley Gansser are now on the board of Texas Neighborhoods Together (TNT) of which the NFWA is a member.
<http://www.texasneighborhoods.org/index.html>

- Colleen mentioned that Texas Health Resources plans to build a full-service hospital off Golden Triangle Boulevard, east of Interstate 35W. Groundbreaking is scheduled for this fall with service beginning in late 2011 and construction complete by 2012. The hospital is expected to include an emergency room, acute-care inpatient beds, outpatient and surgical services and offices.

The site, at 10001 Old Denton Road in Fort Worth, was chosen to meet the needs of residents in the area, one of the fastest-growing in North Texas, said Barclay E. Berdan, senior executive vice president of system alignment and performance at Texas Health Resources.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Mohler,
Secretary, NFWA