

North Fort Worth Alliance
Meeting Minutes
Fellowship of the Parks Church
July 16, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Rusty Fuller at 9:01am.

Rusty began the meeting by introducing guest speaker State House District 98 representative Vicki Truitt. Topics discussed by Rep. Truitt included:

1. House redistricting - Due to population growth in the Alliance's area, some of the area will be represented by District 93 representative Barbara Nash, who was in attendance at the meeting while some will continue to be represented by Rep. Truitt. Redistricting must adhere to federal laws and formulas. Rep. Burt Solomons chaired the House redistricting committee. Representatives Charlie Geren and Marc Veasey were Tarrant County's representatives on the committee. Truitt mentioned this was the first time in decades that all redistricting passed. She mentioned that Senate districts will be changing also. Rep. Truitt mentioned her and Rep. Kelly Hancock's intention to run for Senate district 10 election.
2. HOA Legislation - Several bills were passed affecting HOA's. Rusty stated that Premier Management is looking into the effects of these bills.
 - HB 2761 relating to open meeting and record keeping requirements for HOA's
 - SB 472 relating to rulemaking pertaining to association member voting
 - HB 1228 relating to foreclosure of a property owners' association assessment lien
 - SB101 relating to prohibiting nonjudicial foreclosure by a property owners' association on residences owned by certain members of the military.
 - HB 362 relating to the regulation by a property owners' association of the installation of solar energy devices and certain roofing materials on property.
 - HB 2779 relating to unenforceable restrictive covenants affecting residential homes.
 - HB 1821 relating to the delivery of subdivision information by a property 3 owners' association to purchasers.

Recognizing that some of these bills concerned attendees relating to ability of an HOA to collect dues, representative Truitt recommended that HOA's keep good records of issues caused by the changes so unintended consequences could be addressed next legislative session.

3. Roads. Truitt stated that of the \$0.20/gallon gasoline tax, Texas receives back around \$0.86 of every dollar. 25% of gas tax is dedicated to education. This tax has not been increased in over 20 years. Although there are more cars on the road she stated that the increase in fuel efficiency has reduced the available tax money. Texas' past policy of "pay as you go" for roads has changed to using bond money, the interest on which takes away from available funds. The increase in reliance on toll roads and private management of these toll roads is a direct result of our funding issues. This legislative session Comprehensive Development Agreement legislation was renewed to continue to allow CDA's.
4. Pension Reform. Rep Truitt heads the Pension and Investment Committee of which Rep. Nash is also a member. She stated that the state employees pension fund is in better shape than most. Many municipalities, mostly smaller ones, participate in the Texas Municipal Retirement System, which she said is a combination of defined benefit and defined contribution. Fort Worth does not but the state ratifies individual plans such as Fort Worth's. One issue Rep. Truitt mentioned is that ratification does not always go to the Pension and Investment Committee, which she said is best suited to do the required due diligence.

Rep. Truitt then introduced District 93 Rep. Barbara Nash. Rep. Nash introduced herself as a first-term representative living in Arlington. In addition to the pension committee she is a member of the Insurance Committee. Her Chief of Staff is Mark Alcedo and Gail Cannon works in her local office. She is currently looking for office space likely to be located around Collins and 157. She said she is committed to working with her new constituents and also offered to facilitate getting new Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price to visit with the Alliance to understand our concerns.

Next, Rusty provided an update on various subjects.

1. Rusty and Shirley Gansser met recently with new Fort Worth Traffic and Public Works Director Doug Wiersig and Councilman Espino for a drive around the area.
 - a. News from the meeting indicated that Heritage Trace between Highway 377 and Ray White will be widened to four lanes.
 - b. TPW is also set to begin work on premature street failings, starting with streets in the Villages of Woodland Springs subdivision. There will be a public meeting at the Villages of Woodland Springs Amenities Center on July 27, 2011 at 6:30pm to discuss the project and will include discussion of later phases of repair in other subdivisions.
 - c. Three general issues Rusty and Shirley discussed during this meeting were:
 - i. A request to better understand how decisions are made on which projects get funded,
 - ii. A request for a better arterial management plan
 - iii. A request for an update on the expansion of the section of Ray White from Shiver on the north to North Tarrant Parkway to the south
2. Rusty mentioned the defeat of the Keller ISD tax increase and urged attendees to take an interest in this issue. It appears the majority of votes supporting the increase came from the Fort Worth side of the district however our area's poor voter turnout did help.

Shirley Gansser then mentioned that the City of Fort Worth has reprioritized the addition of new libraries and has pushed our request for a library in our area up to be included on the next bond election. Likely site of the library will be on Keller-Hicks Rd.

Rusty then opened the meeting up to questions.

Mr. Rooks from Harriett Creek Ranch brought up their need for a pedestrian bridge from their subdivision to the Northwest ISD campus on Hwy 114. He said it will cut almost a mile off of students' walk.

A question was asked whether the Golden Triangle project is on schedule. Rusty stated that it has been with the exception of the unexpected discovery of underground utilities that have delayed the project as they had to be rerouted.

Attendee Fran Rhodes mentioned that she has taken an interest in Keller ISD and is available to provide updates. She mentioned that there are around 60 teacher jobs as well as other jobs that will be cut after this coming school year due to budget shortfall. Also to be cut is bus service.

Rusty adjourned the meeting at 11:40am.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Beauseau, Secretary