



## **MINUTES – MEETING SUMMARY**

**Community Connection Semi-Annual Town Hall Meeting**  
**Monday, February 19, 2018**  
**White Rock Church of Christ, Fellowship Hall**  
9220 Ferguson Road, Dallas, TX 75228

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### **FERGUSON ROAD INITIATIVE**

*Serving Far East Dallas: Casa Linda/Forest Hills, Greater Casa View, White Rock East, & White Rock Hills Neighborhoods*

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#### **MEETING PURPOSE**

Hear updates on community projects and concerns, learn about the Senior Village Proposal and take the survey.

#### **OUTCOMES**

1. Approved agenda and minutes from September 11, 2017.
2. Heard from elected and appointed officials and candidates for office.
3. Heard general announcements regarding community programs and events.
4. Elected a slate of officers for FRI Board.
5. Reviewed White Rock Hills Park plan.
6. Reviewed status of Highland Road reconstruction & Lakeland Drive bridge replacements.
7. Reviewed Owenwood Community Center/FRI Partnership.
8. Reviewed Senior Village proposal and survey.
9. Reviewed Operation Beautification plans for litter cleanup

#### **ROLES**

- *Sponsors:* FRI Board of Directors
- *Facilitator:* Vikki J. Martin, President
- *Scribe:* Gary Lawler
- *Timekeeper:* Susan Hopper

#### **GROUND RULES**

- Listen to and respect comments and ideas of others
- Honor time limits
- Stick to the agenda
- Share your experience and perspective

#### **DECISION MAKING**

We strive for consensus at all of our meetings, and fall back to a majority vote of those present when needed.

## **PARTICIPANTS**

### **MEMBERS**

Diane Anderson, WR Village  
Ken Benson, Highland on Creek  
Ann Bagley, Forest Meade NA  
Patricik Blaydes, Little Forest Hills  
Ken Boatman, FRI Board  
Brad Boling, Alger Park/Ash Creek  
Rob Brown, Claremont Addition  
Mark Cassel, Claremont Addition,  
20 Feet Seafood Joint  
Ellen & John Childress, Truett CW  
Bill Coleman, FRI Board, Sec.  
Jane Collins, Family Outreach, ED  
Mary Elbana, FRI Board  
Kevin Felder, City Council, Dist 7  
Susan Fries, Claremont Addition,  
20 Feet Seafood Joint  
Kerry Goodwin, FRI Staff  
Beth Hunter, Nexus Recovery Ctr.

Shana Harrison, Aberg Ctr.  
Literacy  
John & Susan Hopper, Casa Linda  
Forest  
Christopher Jackson, FRI Board  
Charles Kennedy, Directions  
Neely Kerr, Casa View Oaks  
George & Sidney King, Truett CW  
Debbie Knight, Forest Hills  
Diane & Ronald Koen, Forest  
Oaks  
Bob & Cindy Lucero, McDonald's  
Mari Madison, Casa View Oaks  
Vikki Martin, FRI Board, Pres  
Demetria McCain, Claremont  
Addition  
Dan Micciche, DISD  
Trustee, Dist. 3

Matt Nicolette, Lakeland Hills CW  
Nicole Miller, FRI Board  
Daniel Ortman, FRI Board  
Linda Ortman, Forest Hills NA  
Liz Renfro, Claremont Addition  
Angela Scheuerle, White Rock  
Forest  
Betty Stanford, Casa Linda Forest  
John Stanford, Casa Linda Forest  
Desi Tanner, Truett CW  
Maria Valenzuela, FRI Staff  
Nayna Walker, Claremont  
Addition  
Laura Whitter, White Rock  
Hills Library Friends  
Mary Wuertz, Highland on Creek  
Phil Wuertz, Highland on Creek

### **GUESTS**

Mitchell Boone, WRUMC, pastor  
Delorian Brown, FRI Staff  
Mary Crockhom, WR Village  
Mike Cropp, Casa View area  
Theresa Daniel, Cnty Comm.  
Lorena Drennan, Forest Oaks  
Elizabeth Dry, Promise of Peace  
Brenda Dunklaw, Forest Hills  
Roney Ann Foil, Truett CW  
Carrie Harmon  
Mark Harmon  
Haythan Hassan,  
City of Dallas  
Sandra Jackson  
Jill Johnson, White Rock Forest  
Sgt. Keitric Jones,

Dallas Police Dept.  
Mary Kimberly  
Leslie Lake, FRI Staff  
Myra McIntosh  
Jackie Minick, St. Mark Presby.  
Joe Mitchell, Forest Oaks  
Juanita Mitchell, Forest Oaks  
Erin Moore  
Neil Moseley, WRUMC, Comm.  
Outreach  
Donald Payton, Hillridge  
Horacio Pizzarello,  
City of Dallas  
Symare Redwine  
Snr. Crpl. Sammie Robinson,  
DPD

Jessica Rood, Reading Partners  
Tom Sheshone, Highland on  
Creek  
Susan Stephens, Highland on  
Creek  
Joan Trosclair  
Wayne Trosclair  
Robinson Tryon, LFHNA  
Chris Turner, City of Dallas  
Manuel Valadez Jr  
Debbie Van Zant, Casa Linda  
Estates  
Monique Ward  
Fred Welsh

## **MINUTES**

- Vikki Martin began the meeting at 6:50 pm by thanking our new Founders Circle member MSL Health Care.
- She announced that our Challenge Grant brought in over \$30,000.
- Yard signs regarding Dallas Police Department recognition are on sale.
- A percentage of purchases from smile.amazon.com will go to FRI. We have a goal for \$1,000 from this program.
- Neighbors were encouraged to meet each other and chat.
- McDonald's was recognized for providing refreshments for the evening.

**Action Item:** A motion was made by Nicole Milller and seconded by Mary Wuertz to approve tonight's agenda and the September 11, 2017 minutes. Motion passed.

Elected and appointed officials and candidates for office were introduced.

*Symare Redwine, Theresa Daniel (County Commissioner, Dan Micciche (School Board Trustee/Pres), Kevin Felder (City Council, Dist 7), Mary Elbanna (for St. Rep. Eric Johnson), Monique Ward, and Sandra Jackson.*

## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Kerry Goodwin said that FRI's Volunteers in Tax Assistance (VITA) program has already served 450 families.

Law enforcement, First Responders, and the community are working together on a "Race for the Community" walk/run at 8:00 am on April 7 at City Hall, 1500 Marilla.

Jaci Minick spoke on 68 homeless children at Brian Adams being helped through a Family Center at St. Mark Presbyterian Church, 9999 Ferguson Road. If you would like to help provide dinner, contact Jaci at: [jaciemye45@hotmail.com](mailto:jaciemye45@hotmail.com)

Jessica Rood with Reading Partners spoke on the importance of reading. Only 36% of DISD 4<sup>th</sup> grade students are reading proficiently. Volunteers can help with just 1 hour per week tutoring. Contact Jessica at: [jessica.rood@readingpartners.org](mailto:jessica.rood@readingpartners.org)

Ken Benson spoke on the Airbag Recall. Less than 1/2 of suspected defective airbags have been replaced. [www.Airbagrecall.com](http://www.Airbagrecall.com)

Leslie Lake, ad sales representative for FRI's FRIdays News Magazine, was introduced. If you would like to place an ad in our next magazine, contact her at: [advertising@fergusonroad.org](mailto:advertising@fergusonroad.org)

Delorian Brown, FRI, spoke on the Operation Beautification cleanup event on March 3.

Access Storage, Uplift Education, and Sherman Williams are working together to restore the Pegasus statue in front of Access Storage.

Sgt. Keitric Jones, Dallas Police Department, spoke on 16% overall reduction in violent crime, 777% increase in Volunteers in Patrol (VIP) participation, and a 1100% increase in Crime Watch groups over the past 6 years. He spoke on an upcoming Crime Summit meeting for Crime Watch and HOA chairs. On March 9, there will be a cookout at the DPD NE station to honor a fallen officer.

## **ELECTIONS**

**Action Item:** Bill Coleman, FRI Board, presented a slate of candidates for the FRI Board. The slate was approved by acclamation. (see end pp 5)

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TEAM AND WHITE ROCK HILLS PARK**

Matt Nicolette, spoke on plans for the park, including parking areas, entryways, pavilions, lawn area, and playground. Plans will work for now and for later inclusion of buildings,

garden areas, iconic sculpture, etc. Tree plantings could take place at a community event, possibly in October. The first phase should be completed in 6-8 months after groundbreaking at a cost of \$400,000. The Casa Blanca Apartments will be demolished when all leases have expired, and the site will become part of the park.

### **HIGHLAND ROAD RECONSTRUCTION**

Haythan Hassan and Horacio Pizzarello, City of Dallas Public Works Department, spoke on the project going from Ferguson Road to the entryway into Primrose Senior Living (2000 Highland Road). The roadbed will be widened from 24 ft. to 37 ft. and will include buffered bike lanes, wide sidewalks, on-street parking and landscaping. They should be breaking ground in November, and project should take about 12 months to complete.

The bridge replacements on Lakeland, north of Ferguson, should be completed by October, before the Highland project starts.

### **OWENWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER**

Neil Moseley and Mitchell Boone, White Rock United Methodist Church, spoke on providing free diaper distribution every second Saturday. They met with Vikki Martin regarding the future of Owenwood Church facility regarding consideration for seniors. A resulting task force came up with a focus on 5 areas: Transportation; urban farming; intergenerational activities; health and wellness; and fiscal well-being.

### **SENIOR VILLAGE PROPOSAL**

A Senior Village proposal has been made through Determination, Inc. D/FW is ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in U.S. cities with highest senior populations. Before 2020, seniors will begin to outnumber young children. In 2 years, there will not be enough caretakers for seniors. The Senior Village model allows seniors to age in place, will provide seniors with social and educational events, volunteer opportunities, and vetted services. Surveys were provided to receive input on senior needs, programs, etc. Google *Village to Village* network for more info. If you did not take the survey, or know someone who should, it is attached to these minutes.

### **OPERATION BEAUTIFICATION**

Vikki Martin announced that our key underwriters for this year's event are City Credit Union and Young Chevrolet. She praised McDonald's for their participation in this great event along with Resource One Credit Union, For the Love of the Lake, Ferguson Donuts, and Elliott's Hardware. FRI can supply gear for cleaning up your neighborhood.

Martin also mentioned Promise of Peace Garden event at Bayles School on March 31.

Our next FRI Community Connection Townhall Meeting will be **on Monday, September 17**, at WRCC. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

**FRI Board of  
Directors, 2018**

**Ken Boatman**  
Forest Meade NA  
Resident

**Jerry Clancy,**  
***Treasurer***  
Lone Star Credit  
Union, President

**Bill Coleman,**  
***Secretary***

**Daniel Clayton**

**Mary Elbanna**  
St. Rep. Eric Johnson,  
Chief of Staff

**Gary Hasty**  
Heroes House

**Doug Hunt**  
Access Self Storage,  
Business Owner

**Christopher  
Jackson**  
Wynne-Jackson, VP  
Development

**Dr. William "Gerry"  
Jones, *Vice  
President***  
Forest Hills N.A.  
Resident

**Ethan Joubran**  
Plasticity Brain  
Centers, VP  
Operations

**Vikki J. Martin,**  
***President***  
Claremont Addition  
N.A. Resident

**Nicole Miller**  
New York Met Life

**Daniel Ortman**  
Forest Hills N.A.  
Resident

**Christopher  
Rebuck**  
Bishop Lynch High  
School, President

**Olivier Swinnen**  
Resource One Credit  
Union

**Nayna Walker**  
Claremont Addition  
Neighborhood  
Association