



## **MINUTES – MEETING SUMMARY**

### **Community Connection Semi-Annual Town Hall Meeting State of the Community & Annual Election**

**Monday, February 11, 2019**

**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, White Rock East, & White Rock Hills Neighborhoods*

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### **MEETING PURPOSE**

Hear updates on community projects and concerns and learn about new initiatives and programs.

### **OUTCOMES**

1. Approved February 11, 2019 agenda and September 17, 2018 minutes
2. Briefed on "State of the District" by Councilmembers Kevin Felder (District 7) and Mark Clayton (District 9.)
3. Updated by the Dallas Police Department
4. Briefed about City Hospital @ White Rock
5. Briefed about DART RIDES Taxi program
6. Updated by FRI Economic Development Committee
7. Briefed on ULI grant
8. Briefed on Lakeland/Ferguson intersection improvement design.
9. Updated on Owenwood Farm & Neighbor space
10. Elected FRI Officers and Directors

### **ROLES**

- *Sponsors:* FRI Board of Directors
- *Facilitator:* Bill Coleman
- *Scribe:* Gary Lawler
- *Timekeeper:* Vikki Martin

### **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

1. Kathleen Arthur, Forest Hills NA
2. Eva Ayala, Claremont
3. Jennifer Beckham
4. Lee Brvljs,
5. Delorian Brown, FRI Staff
6. Robert Brown, Claremont
7. Nancy Chavez, McDonald's
8. Ellen Childress, Truett CW
9. John Childress, Truett Cw
10. Bill Coleman, FRI Board, Secretary
11. Jane Collins, Family Outreach East Dallas
12. Dr. Theresa Daniel, County Commissioner
13. Julien Devereux, Directions
14. Brenda Dunklau, Forest Hills NA
15. Josh Esparza, White Rock UMC
16. Councilmember Kevin Felder, Hillview Terrace, District 7 candidate
17. Carol Gardner, Claremont
18. Kerry Goodwin, Operation Blue Shield
19. Scott Henderson, Claremont
20. Betty Hillin, Hillridge
21. Susan Hopper, Casa Linda Forest
22. Kimberly Humphries, Truett CW
23. Christopher Jackson, FRI Board
24. Diana Koen, WR Village CW
25. Ron Koen, WR Village CW
26. Gary Lawler, FRI
27. Vikki Martin, FRI
28. Dan Micciche, DISD Trustee, Dist. 3, Emerald Isle
29. Nicole Miller, Lakeland Hills
30. Willie Morgan, Lone Star Credit Union
31. 28.Eileen Moore, Eastwood Hills
32. 29. Matt Nicolette, FRI Board, Lakeland Hills
33. 30. William Oney, St. Marks Presbyterian Church
- 31David Orr, Estates at Forest Hills
34. Janet Orr, Estates at Forest Hills
35. Becky Reed, FRI Board
36. Troy Schinzel, Estates at Forest Hills
37. Debbie Shaw, Claremont
38. Harry Swanson, Claremont
39. Desi Tanner, Truett CW
40. Stephanie Tanner, Truett CW
41. Jorge Trevino, City Hospital @ White Rock
42. Joan Trosclair, Villas at Ash Creek
43. Wayne Trosclair, Villas at Ash Creek
44. Robinson Tryon, Little Forest Hills NA
45. Maria Valenzuela, FRI Staff, Claremont
46. John Van Buskirk, WRH Library Friends, Claremont
47. Nancy Weber, Lakeland Hills
48. Mary Wuertz, Highland on the Creek
49. Phil Wuertz, Highland on the Creek

### GUESTS

50. Jill Anderson, DART
51. Adam Bazaldua, Buckner Terrace, District 7 candidate
52. Elisabeth Bennett, Braeburn Glen
53. Paul Bennett, Braeburn Glen
54. Vera Bert
55. Paula Blackman, District 9 candidate
56. Mitchell Boone, White Rock UMC
57. Peter Bratt, City of Dallas-Park & Recreation Dept.
58. John Burnett
59. Kendra Bullard, DART
60. Councilmember Mark Clayton, Dist 9
61. Mike Cropp
62. Linda Downey, Claremont
63. Jorge Estrada
64. Rocky Ford, Forest Hills NA
65. Roderick Freeman
66. Pauline Gounsel
67. Patrick Haigh, City of Dallas, Public Works
68. Ashley Hutto, Casa View Haven
69. Krista de la Harpe
70. Landrieux Harsah
71. Bill Hogan, Lakeland Hills
72. Jan Johnson
73. Nancy Koelling
74. Sarah Lamb, District 9 candidate
75. Laura Lazarescoll
76. Jean Lyons, Claremont
77. Korey Mack, Buckner Terrace, District 7 candidate
78. William Magee
79. Mari Madison, Casa View Oaks
80. Stephanie Mendoza
81. Joe Mitchell, Forest Oaks
82. Juanita Mitchell, Forest Oaks
83. Erin Moore, District 9 candidate, Casa View Resident
84. Judy Myers
85. Yessenta Ojeda, City of Dallas, Public Works
86. Pamela Nowlin
87. Lester Nowlin
88. Carmen Parra, Casa Linda Estates

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| 89. Jason Pumpelly, Forest Hills NA                           | 93. Jeff Snoyer, Highland Park Cafeteria | 97. Diane Wilson, Casa View Haven |
| 90. Katie Sayle   | 94. Sgt. Vickie Stonaker, DPD            | 98. Daniel Wood, Buckner Terrace  |
| 91. Lee Simonds   | 95. Taylor Slovak, Casa View Haven       | 99. Karl Zavitkovsky              |
| 92. Paul Sims, Emerald Isle, District 9 candidate (withdrawn) | 96. Fred Welsh, GEDCC                    |                                   |

## **MINUTES**

Bill Coleman began the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

**Action Item:** Dr. Theresa Daniel moved and Christopher Jackson seconded a motion to approve the September 17, 2018 minutes and tonight’s agenda. The motion passed.

Candidates for City Council Districts 7 and 9 were introduced.

District 7: Adam, Balzaldia, Kevin Felder, Korey Mack

District 9: Paula Blackmon, Sarah Lamb, Erin Moore

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

DISD Trustee Dan Micciche announced that Bryan Adams High School had received special recognition from the Texas Education Agency. The Bryan Adams building will get a \$69M bond renovation.

County Commissioner Theresa Daniel announced that the city and county are in the planning stages for a 50/50 trail funding program.

Kimberly Humphries of the White Rock Center of Hope announced that WRCH will partner with FRI at the upcoming FRI Operation Beautification Litter Cleanup Event.

City Credit Union was recognized as FRI’s newest Founder’s Circle Donor at the \$1,000 level.

### **STATE OF THE DISTRICTS**

Councilmember Kevin Felder (D7) spoke on bond funding for

- Sidewalk improvements on Ferguson Road from Rocky Glen to Graycliff (east side only.)
- Street resurfacing for Dorrington, Hunnicut and St. Francis.
- Streetscape/Urban Design for Ferguson/Lakeland intersection
- Streetscape/Urban Design for Ferguson Road from Oates to Lakeland.
- Park Improvements for Ferguson Park and Lakeland Hills Park
- Erosion Control for four sites on El Cerrito and one site on Highland Road.

These projects total \$4,627,003 in community improvements.

Councilmember Mark Clayton (D9) spoke on:

- Recent groundbreaking for the White Rock Hills Park on Highland near Ferguson.
- New Bridges on Lakeland (to be completed this spring) and upcoming bridge work on St. Francis.
- Upcoming Ash Creek Flood Relief.
- Upcoming Gus Thomasson streetscape.
- Improvements to Casa View Shopping Center.
- More police to address high crime area at Woodmeadow and Ferguson. One high-crime apartment complex has been sold,
- Effect of potential changes in property taxes.

### **DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

DPD Sgt Vickie Stonaker spoke on

- New FBI reporting system may appear that we have more crime, but it is just a more accurate reporting method.
- Many Burglaries from Motor Vehicles aided by unlocked doors
- Stonaker gave individual crime stats for Casa View, White Rock East, Forest Hills, and Casa Linda.

### **CITY HOSPITAL @ WHITE ROCK**

Jorge Trevino, CEO, spoke on Pipeline Health, the new ownership of the former Doctors Hospital. They specialize in small hospitals in urban communities, want to be more community-oriented.

### **DART RIDES TAXI SUBSIDY PROGRAM**

Kendra Bullard spoke on program for seniors and those with qualifying disabilities living in Zip Codes 75228 and 75217 to get a 25% discount on standard taxi rate. The program is available on demand from 5 am to 11 pm, seven days a week. Applications for eligibility are available at [DART.org/rides](http://DART.org/rides) or DART's Certification Office at 214-828-6717.

### **WHITE ROCK HILLS PARK**

Matt Nicolette, FRI Economic Development Committee, Chair, spoke on the park groundbreaking in December. The Weekley Homes project adjacent to the park site will be constructed between April and November 2019. Reconstruction of Highland Road north of Ferguson will start as soon as the Lakeland Drive bridge replacement is completed, sometime in summer 2019. The committee will be taking a broader look at Ferguson Road in 2019.

### **URBAN LAND INSTITUTE GRANT FOR ASH CREEK GREENBELT**

Peter Bratt, Park and Recreation Department, spoke on ULI conducting local workshop in partnership with the Land for Public Trust and stakeholder interviews through a panel of interested parties in a two-day program followed by a public presentation. The intent of the study is to understand how the White Rock Hills Park green space and future White Rock Hills Community Recreation CENTER can be a catalyst for positive economic development and help link the community with the city-wide trail system.

### **LAKELAND/FERGUSON INTERSECTION DESIGN**

Patrick Haigh (City of Dallas-Public Works), in partnership with the Ferguson Road Initiative, has assembled a small committee of stakeholders representing the communities surrounding

the Lakeland/Ferguson intersection. The committee is reviewing the 2005 intersection design plan to determine how the \$750,000 (that has been allocated for improvements via the 2017 Bond Program) should be spent. The total cost of the intersection improvement is about \$1.5MM and the committee is determining what parts of the plan will be developed first.

Construction should start in 2020 and end in summer of 2021.

### **OWENWOOD FARM AND NEIGHBOR SPACE**

Pastor Mitchell Boone spoke on plans for the building and property. They are creating a governance program; are considering after-school programs, senior clinics and job training; but do not want to assume what the community needs. They want to meet with adjacent neighborhoods and neighborhoods along Ferguson Road. Recently the roof was replaced and the first floor converted into ADA accessibility. Plan are underway to replace the sewer system.

### **FRI GENERAL ELECTION**

Below is a list of the 2019 Ferguson Road Initiative Officers and Directors. Thirty-three votes were cast by FRI members. None opposed. The slate was elected.

**Bill Coleman, Secretary & President Emeritus**  
Resident

**Daniel Clayton**  
Clear Color Digital, Business Owner

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

**Gary Hasty**  
Heroes House, Veterans' Housing

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

**Christopher Jackson, Vice-President**  
Wynne-Jackson, Principal

**Nicole Miller**  
New York Met Life

**Matt Nicolette**  
Lakeland Hills Resident

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

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

**Becky Reed, Treasurer**  
Lone Star Credit Union, President

**Dolores Sosa Green**  
Casa View Oaks, Resident

**Jorge Trevino**  
City Hospital at White Rock, CEO

**John Van Buskirk**  
Claremont NA, Resident

**Nayna Walker**  
Claremont NA, Resident

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance  
*Free income tax preparation*

January-April  
Mon-Thu 3-8:30 pm  
Sat 10 am to 4 pm

First Community Church  
9120 Ferguson Road

FRI/TACW Meeting  
*Public safety training*

Tue. April 25  
6:30-7:30 pm

White Rock Hills Library  
9150 Ferguson Road

General Election

Sat. May 4

FRI/Buckner Terrace  
Runoff Forum, Districts 7, 9, Mayoral

May 21  
6:30-8:30 p.m.

White Rock Church of Christ  
9220 Ferguson Road

Runoff Election

Sat. June 8

RESULTS Advocacy Training  
*Developing Community Leadership*

Sat. June 15  
Noon-3:30 p.m.

White Rock Hills Library  
9150 Ferguson Road

FRI Community Connection  
*Town Hall meeting*

Mon. Sept 16  
6:30-8:30 pm

White Rock Church of Christ  
9220 Ferguson Road

North Texas Giving Day  
*Help sustain FRI*

Thur. Sept. 19  
6 a.m. - Midnight

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