



**WYNNEWOOD NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2018**

Board Members Present, Cynthia Michaels, Kristen Hensley, Janice Coffee, Lynn Sulander, Ric Shanahan, Gary Ellis, and Pat Parrish. Not in attendance Becca Leonard and Denise Requardt.

Call Meeting to Order - The meeting was called to order at 6:59 p.m. by Vice President Ric Shanahan.

Guest Speakers –

Keith Brilbrey, Senior Public Engagement Specialist, K Strategies, LLC,
Nathan J. Peters, P.E. TX Dot Transportation Engineer Dallas District;
Ashton M. Strong, P.E. Transportation Engineer Dallas District.

(Lead) Project Manager for Southern Gateway Project; and
Lap Trinh, Engineer Assistant, Mobility and Street Services Department, City of Dallas

- Ms. Ashton Strong briefed the members on the Southern Gateway Project. Overall, the project is a:
- \$666 million Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) roadway improvement project.
- Will rebuild and widen I-35 south of downtown Dallas to the U.S. 67 split
- Will widen U.S.67 from the I-35 E split to I-20
- Aimed to improve safety, provides congestion relief and improve system linkage
- Address roadway deficiency such as ageing pavement
- Construction for the project began in early 2018 and is estimated to be complete in 2021.
- June 2018 -closed 8th street bridge (the 8th street bridge will be closed for 18 months)
- December 8th Street Bridge will open as a new bridge
- Beckley Bridge will be closed on 7/20/2018; weekend of July 27 all main lanes North Bound and South Bound will be closed to allow for demolishing of the Beckley Bridge.

Ms. Strong encouraged the members to subscribe to their site for up to date information on the project and to take advantage of the Hot line, the Southern Gateway Website and the option to receive text messages regarding the project. She provided a FAQ document on the project that

may be helpful to share with the neighbors that were not able to attend the meeting. (see attached). Ms. Strong reported that the city of Dallas is responsible for the building of the Deck Park. However, TxDOT would be responsible for the infrastructure that would support the Deck Park and stated that sound walls will be offered. When the foundation is complete there will not be a toll lane, in the morning there will be five lanes going into downtown and in the evening, there will be five lanes leaving the city.

Because of the construction associated with the Project, the city of Dallas' representative committed to looking at the traffic signal control settings at the 12th street exist and ensured that adequate time will be provided to allow the motorist to exit the freeway safely and avoid a traffic backup to I-35.

John Reynold, the individual that will be leading the City Deck Park project, responded to question regarding the Deck Park. Mr. Reynolds referred to the project as "A Park with a Purpose" he also stated that once the deck park construction is complete, approximately 2021 The Park with a Purpose starts. He also introduced Bill Evan, Dallas Zoo indicating the Southern Gateway Green Project would be operated and managed by a non-profit foundation. He further noted that TxDOT will build the foundation, and the Lid and the Foundation will engage a firm to develop the top like Kyle Warren but with its focus on the Southern Gateway culture.

Per Mr. Reynold, Mr. Bill Evans will start fundraising; the park will include food service restaurants on the park, green pavilion, children play area, park will not have ball fields with the central theme of "a park with a purpose" catalyst that represents Oak Cliff. Mr. Evans shared with the group that there will be opportunity for development residential as well as commercial.

Due to TxDOT construction, TxDOT does not foresee any property acquisition for the park. OJB Landscape Architecture is the architect for the project, the design will represent the community Finally he informed the members that there will be Public Engagement meetings at the zoo, will be more public meetings from the Foundation

Lap Trinh – reported on the Tyler/Polk Street two-way conversations. He indicated that Kayden consultants had been hired to look at the traffic flow. They evaluated options of signal lights or roundabout, after 7 public meeting, the roundabout out was selected. He stated that the City is upgrading all the signals.

He stated that public meeting to discuss the design started in 2016, the design is a 90% complete., the consultant will finish up design by end of August City Council to award contract Dec 2019, Feb 2020 the project should be done.

Officer Reports.

Approval of April General Meeting Minutes. Pat Parrish reported that the minutes from the April General Meeting will be placed on the website for review and approved at then next general meeting.

Treasurer – Gary Ellis Gary walked through the first six months of 2018 ending June 30.

Revenue total cash receipts were \$9,119.35 which consisted of donations of \$507.35, Methodist Hospital Award of \$2,500, Grants for Curb Painting, Landscaping and Web hosting for \$2,872.00 and Spring Wander of \$3,240.00

Operating Expense totaled \$2,798.30 which consisted of \$952.03 of Admin Expense, \$361.69 of Beautification Expenses, \$1,098.15 of Community and Neighborhood Events, \$300.00 VIP and \$86.43 of Welcome Baskets.

Lynn motion approval of the minutes, Janice seconded, motion passed

Vice President – Ric Shanahan, thanked everyone that participated in the 4th of July parade. He reported that the 2018 parade was the biggest parade that WNNA have had and noted that the planning committee took advice and feedback for consideration for use in future planning. Ric reported that the Heritage Oak Cliff (HOC) Home Tour will be October 20-21, 2018. Two homes on the Tour are in the Wynnewood North Neighborhood. Ric stated HOC will need porch setters, people in the house and docents.

Ric also reported that this year, HOC is offering a sponsorship entitled “Hometown Hero” this is a new sponsorship level of a \$100 donation and provides an individual an opportunity to have their name listed in the program booklet. He shared with the members that this was a worthy fundraiser and noted that all monies collected stays in the community. As a point of reference for how the funds from the Tour of Homes are used, he reminded the members that \$ 42,000 was put back into the community through grants with WNNA being awarded 8 different grants from HOC.

Beautification – Cynthia Michaels – reported that “D” down from the sign and the “W”; she stated that the lights are up, and she will call Park Dept about the three trees that have dropped, Cynthia reminded everyone to Vote for yard of the month.

Communications – Janice Coffee –thank the block captains for getting, if you know of any new neighbors, please let me know so they can be welcomed to the neighborhood.!

Crime Watch – Jeff Sappenfield only one situation one gift card 50 gift cards to Trinity Groves, Ric S, Larry Living, Mary Ann Jenkins

Publications – Lynn Sulander – looking for public interest articles for the newsletter, birthday recognitions, achievement and. Lynn recognized for her excellent work

Social – Kristen Wander in September, buy tickets early. October2 National Night Out, October 13 movies on the lawn, December 1, holiday party.
Webmaster – two candidates potentially

Parent Liaison – No update.

New Business – bulk trash, 12th and Clarendon lousy construction

Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.