

Recap of Tejas Trails Annual Meeting Agenda: July 26, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm by Association President, Cyndy McCoy.

Twenty-four (24) attendees, including board members and guests. The Property Owners Association Officers and Committee members attending were:

Vice President: Bernard Parks
Treasurer: David Hooper
Secretary and Webmaster Committee: Donna Bogaski
Past President: Bob Benda
Keep It Clean Committee: Jim Ratterree
Zoning Committee: Bernard Parks, Rob Marshall
Historian: Tracy Houpt

Guests were:

FW City Councilman Michael Crain
FW Directions Home Manager, Tara Perez
Citizens On Patrol (COP) Captain Bob Bienski
Chapel Creek Neighborhood Association President, Gary Hogan

President Cyndy McCoy welcomed members and guests and introduced community officials. She also introduced COP Captain and named the patrollers from the neighborhood: Tim Norris, Dale Stonecipher, Robert & Beverly Robertson, and Cyndy and Bob McCoy, who also serves as Judge of Tarrant County Criminal Court #3.

Bob Bienski mentioned that Tejas Trails is part of WestPoint/Chapel Creek Citizens on Patrol which has 31 members on current roster and can always use more volunteers. Contact him if interested. This is an active COP with 583 patrols with almost 3000 hours in 2021.

Cyndy mentioned Treasurer Reports for the year were available on the table in the front entry.

Balances are:

Beginning balance July 25, 2021 \$3111.44
Ending balance July 26, 2022 \$2180.81

Next to speak was City Councilman Michael Crain. Traffic continues to be a concern in our area as a result of pressure from multiple new housing developments. He mentioned that he works closely with Gary Hogan as many of the new areas affect Chapel Creek Road. Upcoming developments include possible grocery store behind the QT and McDonalds being built at I-30 and Chapel Creek, new traffic light at Chapin Rd planned for next year, former Lockheed Martin site on White Settlement Road which will include a satellite library and commercial development. He also brought up that the redistricting effort this year reduced the size of his district and moved us to District 7 which is handled by Councilman Firestone, effective May 2023.

Tara Perez (coordinator for the city's homeless program) spoke next regarding homeless issue in Fort Worth. The city focus is long-term – to invest in housing and services – however they do want to assist neighborhoods with short-term issues as well. Without long term planning, homeless problem is just “whack-a-mole” effort since without a place for them to go they just move to a different area. Camp Bowie west is a current hot spot. Homeless camping is handled first by city outreach services, then by police HOPE agency and finally code compliance is responsible for cleanup.

Questions:

--Should we give money to homeless panhandlers? Answer: No, give your money to supporting organizations instead. Homeless people will go where people are most generous and giving encourages them to stay in this area.

--Does her office coordinate with other agencies? Answer: Yes, to include Tarrant Count food bank and the Homeless Coalition

--Who to call for homeless camps? Answer: Use MyFW app first, there's a selection to report. Also, can contact her at tara.perez@fortworthtexas.gov or 817-392-2235 if you're concerned about a particular homeless person.

--Are there any plans to expand utility services in Tejas Trails (cable, water, etc) – Answer: No, this is an established subdivision.

President's update of the past year's activities:

- The installation of our "Tejas Trails" Street Sign Toppers was completed.
- We celebrated the "Annual National Night Out" here on the Solid Rock Church campus. Participation by the neighborhood was outstanding and visitors included the members of the FW Fire Department, the FW Police Department, and others, including Councilman Crain's lovely wife, Joanna. We look forward to the return of this event on Tuesday, October 4, here on the Solid Rock Campus. Invitations to this awesome event will be distributed in September.
- A number of our neighbors volunteered last October and March in the "Litter Stomp" and the "Litter Cleanup" endeavors.
- The Annual Christmas party was resumed last year and plans are already being made for this year at the McCoy House. Invitations will be mailed in November. All are invited.
- We assisted one of our neighbors with a drainage issue.
- Our Neighborhood continues with our membership in The League of Neighborhoods here in Fort Worth which helps us keep our finger on what is happening in our communities.
- The name of our Association was updated to Tejas Trails Neighborhood Association and some of the By-Laws were also updated. These changes were voted on and approved at the General Membership Meeting in May.
- The Board talked Majestic into agreeing to go to Planned Development with the restriction of "no access onto Verna Trail" as part of its November rezoning case. We have also worked with and hosted Membership Meetings with Majestic and Stream/Hyde Ranch, addressing issues with both developments.
- Per our By-laws the purpose of this Association shall be community betterment. This Association has no authority over any individual property owner in our subdivision. Therefore, we strive to keep our Tejas Trails neighbors informed of actions that will affect them. Any decision we make is made with total consent of the Board, not by any one officer. Our Annual Meetings and our quarterly Membership Meetings help facilitate this communication with our neighbors. We invite you to attend these meetings. We have social media on four platforms which is also used to share our activities and concerns. Watch for us in emails, on Next Door, on our new website which is maintained by our Web Master, Donna Bogaski, and on Facebook. As of August 1 the website address will be: tejastrailsna.org. And, if you haven't yet, please "like us" on our Facebook page! Association By-Laws can also be accessed on our website.

Memberships: Please consider paying your \$24 dues for the upcoming fiscal year. Membership Forms were enclosed with your Meeting Invitations and we have a few forms in the back. We welcomed eight new neighbors to the neighborhood with Welcome Baskets this past year.

Officer Nominations: There were no new volunteers for board positions, so no election is being held for 2022-2023 board. New Board Officers are:

Bernard Parks will serve as our new President

Jeremiah Perez will serve as Vice President

Donna Bogaski remains as secretary

David Hooper remains as treasurer

Cyndy McCoy moves to Past President

According to By-law Article 10, standing committees are created by the Board, with the Chairman appointed by the Board of Directors, and the committee members are selected by the Committee Chairman. The Standing Committees are:

Membership: Sharon Loveall

Zoning: Jeremiah Perez, Rob Marshall, and Aaron Brooks

Wayfinding: Lyle Walker

Keep it Clean Committee & Sanitary Committee: Jim Ratterree works in both committees

Webmaster: Donna Bogaski

Historian: Tracy Houpt

Yard of the Quarter, a newly formed committee, will be led by Cyndy McCoy

If you are interested in being the Chairman or a member of any of these committees, please contact me or one of the other Board Members.

Next a drawing was held for a \$100 gift certificate which Silver Creek Materials generously contributed.

Cyndy introduced new president Bernard Parks. Bernard thanked Cyndy for her 3 years of service as president and asked for members to contact him or anyone on the board if they have ideas for improvement or want to be more involved in the association.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 pm.