

Recap of Tejas Trails Annual Meeting: July 26, 2021



Fort Worth Police Chief Neil Noakes

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm.

I thanked Solid Rock Church for partnering with us for this and other neighborhood events!

Attendance included about 40 attendees plus community officials which included new Mayor Mattie Parker, our speaker FW Police Chief Neil Noakes, Tarrant County Precinct 4 Constable Jody Johnson, Justice of the Peace of Court Precinct 4 Chris Gregory, Judge Bob McCoy of Tarrant County Criminal Court #3, our new Neighborhood Police Officers Corey Carpenter and Joey Spragins who were accompanied by several other Police Officers, and WestPoint/Chapel Creek Citizens on Patrol Captain Bob Bienski.

I thanked our 2020-2021 Property Owners Association Officers for their service this past year:

Vice President Bernard Parks

Secretary Ross Perez

Treasurer David Hooper

Past President Bob Benda

Keep it Clean Committee Chair Jim Rattaree

Membership Committee Chair Sharon Loveall

Way Finding/Signage Committee Chair Lyle Walker

Treasurer Reports for the year are available upon request.

Introductions: Our Key Note Speaker was our new Fort Worth Police Chief Neil Noakes. Chief Noakes began his address to the meeting by recognizing our NPO's, Officers Spragins who serves the north side of White Settlement Road/Clifford which includes Tejas Trails and Walsh Ranch, and Officer Carpenter, who serves the south side of White Settlement Road. The Chief cited three pillars of concern in his operations: Safety, Wellness, and Resiliency being used in support of the Police force as a primary focus. He likened this to taking care of your own oxygen mask on an airplane before moving on to others. His goal is to take care of his officers, so they are best prepared to take care of the community. He mentioned Fort Worth's violent crime initiative, #fortworthsafe, and how it has been making a difference. Chief Noakes also described the use of Flock Cameras which are being used to automatically detect license plates attached to known felons and to find stolen vehicles.

President's update of last year's activities:

- This year we completed implementing the installation of “Children Playing” signs in the neighborhood.
- We have taken delivery of our “Tejas Trails” Street Sign Toppers and installation will soon begin (a big thank you to Lyle Walker who spearheaded these two endeavors).
- COVID-19 put a damper on our activities this past year, but the highlight activity has to be our wonderful Annual National Night Out Celebration with a Parade last October which was well received and participated in by many households of the neighborhood. We look forward to the return of this celebration on Tuesday, October 5, here on the Solid Rock Campus.
- Several of the neighbors also volunteered in the “Keep Fort Worth Beautiful” endeavor last October.
- Because of COVID-19, we felt it best not have a Christmas party last year, but plans are already being made for this year. **Watch for details for both of these events on social media and in your mailbox!**
- 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.
- 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 help to facilitate this communication with our neighbors. Social media on three platforms is also used to share our activities and concerns. Watch for us in email, on Next Door, and Facebook. If you haven’t yet, please “like us” on our Facebook page! Association By-Laws can email you one upon request.

Memberships: Please consider paying your \$24 dues for the upcoming fiscal year. Membership Forms were enclosed with your Meeting Invitations. We can also email one to you if you will contact me or any other member of the board.

Officer Nominations: If you will remember, when the board sent out notifications for this meeting we also asked for volunteers to serve as Board Members and Committee Volunteers. No one volunteered to be an officer this year, so our 2021-2022 Officers will remain the same as last year, except for Secretary. Ross Perez is stepping down from that position; therefore, according to By-law Article 6b, we twisted Sharon Loveall’s arm in accepting the vacant position. However, Donna Bogaski has since volunteered to fill that vacancy and the Board approved her appointment for the position. Sharon is greatly relieved to let Donna step into that role and feels that one position on the board is plenty for her. For next year, please consider stepping up to serve as an officer for at least one year. None of us want this to be a “permanent” position!

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 being selected by the Committee Chairman. The term of office for these committees shall be for one year. The Board would like to form a Zoning Committee. Therefore, if you are interested in being the Chairman or a member of this committee, please contact me or one of the other Board Members.

Our newest committee, Membership, headed by Sharon Loveall, is off to a running start. Sharon is greeting new neighbors with goody bags. She is also working on a list of neighbors which are in businesses which might

be of interest to the neighborhood. Copies of some of those businesses are also available upon request. We look forward to adding on to this list. We will update you through social media.

Questions/Comments from the floor were mostly focused on speeding and traffic concerns in our neighborhood. A combination of more enforcement and a traffic study were brought up as potential solutions.

We hope to see you at National Night Out on Tuesday, October 5.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm.



Police Chief Neil Noakes & Mayor Mattie Parker

NPOs Joey Spragins & Cory Carpenter