

## **TNA General Meeting May 15, 2006 Minutes**

**Terry White**-introduction, agenda for the night.

### **David Yett**-Fort Worth City Attorney

The strength of our neighborhoods is a real plus for Fort Worth.

The City Attorneys Office is the law firm for Fort Worth. They represent Fort Worth as a whole through federal cases, drafting contracts, reviewing contracts, etc.

There are 42 employees in the office, with 30 being attorneys and 12 support staff. They operate on a 3.5 million dollar budget. District Attorney handles big crime and City Attorney handles traffic crime.

### **Jesse Torres**-City Planner

The planning department's job is huge in scope. (Brought maps to show the Tanglewood neighborhood, surrounding areas and the zoning map which is divided by colors that represent the zone of that area. TNA will keep these maps for display/viewing). Up until 5 years ago there was only one zone for "neighborhoods". A5=5 single family homes per acre= low density.

Zone ordinance is the law and the comprehensive planning manual is the wish list.

We in Tanglewood are zoned A5. It is possible to build 5 houses on 1 acre if lots are at least 500 square feet.

Other zones include A10, A75, A21 and A43. It is possible to get up zoned, if your area or your own lot is bigger than 500 square feet.

You have to be vigilant and aware of what your neighborhood is doing. Signs of disuse, devaluing and lack of upkeep are things to watch for. It is legal for a developer to accumulate lots, re-plat them and build more houses than we expect to see, without letting anyone know. Chuck Silcox is interested in changing this, so that the developer would have to let homeowners around know about plat changing. We can also do a petition drive by getting 50% of the signatures of neighbors in area for rezoning because of originally incorrect zoning. The city has also started councilmember rezoning. The council members are at looking at the zoning in their area. If need be they can/will meet with the city and neighborhood in question for re-zoning needs. This process needs to have full participation to work.

### **Sarah**-zoning specialist

No regulation on neighborhood parking. Neighborhood can get their streets regulated for residence only.

Had some discussion on multiple college students living in one house, problems with this, parking, parties etc.

Our City Council is currently looking at RV and boat parking regulations.

Right now cannot be larger than 7x7x20. Call Code Enforcement for yard violations and police enforcement for street violations.

Call Jesse Torres with any zoning questions 817-392-8004.

**Terry White**-Parks and Street Committee Recommendations:

Harlanwood to begin redo in September.

Resurfacing needs to be done on Ann Arbor, Kingston, Claridge and Annels Courts.

Meet the city standard of lighting every 400 feet.

Add lighting in the park also and in the play area. Would like the lights to be like in the Berkley Neighborhood, and put them on the park side of the street where possible.

Upgrade lighting to use newer technology.

Trim Trees around lighting.

Add timer for lighting the tennis courts. Neighbors do not wish to do this. Take this off the list.

Place a stop sign at Glenwood and Shady Creek. This is a hot topic, there were many different opinions. "No more stop sign, more stop signs, no more speed bumps, and more speed bumps". Many liked the idea of sidewalks. We will have to revisit this topic.

Paint the current speed bumps to help with visibility. And paint the walk up entry points on the park trails.

Expand the east bound turning lanes on Bellaire at Spanish Oak and Preston Hollow.

Trail work in the park maybe will need a bond to get our wish list done.

Extend the trail from Shady Creek (along Hartwood) to Overton Park West.

Complete Overton Park Trail along Hartwood and Overton Park East to Bellaire. May encourage more children to walk to school.

We would like to look at cost of converting to concrete path rather than asphalt.

If we apply for the Tree Grant for along the trail system and along the boundaries of the park, we would need to be prepared to water them for two years.

TNA has applied for the Fort Worth Park Development Grant. We have applied for a match of 25000.00. May know in a month if approved. Will have to do fundraising to raise our 25000.00 TNA would like to use this grant to put a bronze tiger statue in the park. The sculpture would be done by the artist Deran Wright. This would be a good conversation piece, a way to get people in the park and a good project for TNA.

**Officer Byrum** passed out the recent crime reports for our area. This covered April and part of May. TNA is now on the crime map; crime is up in the area from 2 years ago.

All the crime applies to us, even if not directly in our neighborhood, we are within walking distance of the crime that is happening and they know that we are here.

Neighbors need to be vigilant, call the non emergency number if see anyone suspicious in the neighborhood. Do not answer the door to strangers. There is a city ordinance against door to door sales, unless it is a church or political campaigning. Call the non-emergency number 817-335-4222 to have police come to see if salespeople have permit to "sale" in our neighborhood. Keep valuables out of cars, keep doors locked, garage doors down. The crime report will be posted on the TNA website.

**Tom Sylvester**-introduced the TNA website. [www.tanglewood-neighbors.org](http://www.tanglewood-neighbors.org)

Visit the site for TNA information.

**Angie Klutz**- gave the TNA treasury report.

Compass Bank has bought Texas Bank, so TNA banking is now with Compass.

11 deposits made for membership dues. 6 debits for materials for the meetings and street representatives, copies of flyers and 2 newsletters, the TNA P.O. box renewal and the spring social.

We have 251 Paid TNA members as of May 15, 2006

**Terry White** closed the meeting.