

**TANGLEWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
GENERAL MEETING / MONDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2008**

Meeting Minutes submitted by Mark Whittier, Secretary

- Meeting was called to order by Dryden Boyce at 7:04pm

- 1) Dryden Boyce - Welcome & Introduction
- 2) Officer Ron Adriato(?) for FWPD - Police Activity Update

3424 Overton Park West burglarized while occupants were out on Monday, Presidents' Day, during the day. Broke-in to doors from rear patio and carried stolen possessions out front door. Get to know your neighbors and be alert for suspicious activity!

Call FWPD non-emergency number 817-335-4222 if you see something suspicious. Get license plate number if possible for vehicles. Tell call-taker "I want an officer to come and check this out" if you want a police officer to respond. Call 911 if you see a robbery or crime in-progress.

- (Announcement) Haley Manulik – Need new Block Captains / Chaparral / a portion of Harlanwood from xxxx – xxxx / Preston Hollow. Please contact Haley at 817-924-7381 to reply. On the Overton Park side, block captains are needed for Overton Crest / Arborlawn. Contact Jennifer Hyde Smith.

- 3) Adelaide Bratten Leavens – Ex Director Streams & Valleys / Shanna Cate - Trinity River Vision Authority

Master Plan supported by four agencies – City of Ft Worth; US Army Corps of Engineers; Tarrant Regional Water District; Trinity River Vision – plus Streams & Valleys nonprofit.

Goal of Streams & Valleys is to help beautify & protect the river. Public/Private Partnerships for 40-miles of Hike & Bike trails; 18 Trailheads; City Parks; all quarters of the city. Festivals & Events like Friends of the River and Last Chance River Dance.

2000 City-Wide Plan. Citizens stated they wanted 1) better access to the river & more recreation 2) a waterfront. The river and its tributaries can be a uniting element for the entire city. 88 miles of rivers & tributaries; recreation; open space & beautification; conservation, preservation & ecosystem restoration; complementary land uses; linkage to neighborhoods.

"We want a waterfront..." Can we have a riverwalk? Why treat the river as a liability? Levee system restricts access to river as a recreational asset.

Levee project of 1957 was designed for population in 1960s – population growth has strained the flood control & protection systems. Worked with Corps of Engineers to make Fort Worth safer & better. Created a plan of public improvements with a bypass channel, urban lake & development opportunities.

With the bypass channel, flood protection will be enhanced. Bypass channel East Side will feature "hard edge" for development & walkways. West Side will have

“soft edge” for recreation. Entire system creates 3-mile boating loop & connection between downtown and stockyards.

TRV Master Plan covers entire 88 miles of river & tributaries including neighborhoods & downtown. Plus “Central City,” “Trinity Uptown” & “Gateway Park” projects. Development plans are complimentary to downtown growth and development.

Federal Funding - 50%  
TIF – 26%  
Tarrant Regional Water District – 14.3%  
City – 6%  
County – 2.5%  
Dam Modification – 1.3%

Public infrastructure project with private development opportunities. Tremendous impact over 40-years. 16,000 permanent jobs; 600 jobs per-year during construction; housing - 10,000 additional mixed-income residential units. 3 new bridges at Main, Henderson & White Settlement Rd.

Gateway Park master plan will result in additional recreational area with improved flood control; sports fields; ecosystem recovery; etc. At 1,000 acres it will be larger than NY Central Park (800 acres). Federal funds will help accelerate 40-year master plan for Gateway Park.

For questions, visit [Trinityrivervision.org](http://Trinityrivervision.org) (website); and Trinity River Vision education center downtown

4) Dryden Boyce – Set Agenda for Committees & New Officers

Dryden Boyce moved to approve the 2008 Officers for TNA. There was no discussion and all votes were in favor of the Officers as submitted.

Special thanks were given to Terry White for his outstanding service to TNA and the neighborhood.

Dryden proposed the formation of committees to help distribute the workload and responsibilities for TNA activities and initiatives. Volunteers were solicited for the committees with sign-up sheets at the meeting.

- Streets / Safety – evaluate traffic flow & safety
- Parks - Cowtown Cleanup and Tree Planting
- Citizens On Patrol - Patrol the Neighborhood (C.O.P. always needs new patrollers – especially night patrollers. Next training is Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>)
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade / Social – Plan Events
- Block Captain – Help keep your street in the loop
- Marketing / Newsletter – Help with newsletter articles

5) Dryden Boyce – Park Funds Update/Cowtown Cleanup March 29<sup>th</sup>

Thursday Boys will plant trees on Cleanup Day 3/29; and will water & care for trees. Cowtown Cleanup will be Saturday 3/29 in different areas of the park. Tanglewood 5<sup>th</sup> grade will cleanup across from school on Friday 3/28.

To sign up for City E-newsletters go to: [www.fwlinc.org](http://www.fwlinc.org)

- "Neighborhood E-news" tab
- "Subscribe" to Neighborhood E-news

6) Chuck Silcox – Fort Worth City Council Update

Fort Worth Bond Package – May 15<sup>th</sup> / Includes \$3MM Art, \$10MM Trinity River Vision Bridges; remainder for street improvements. Councilman Silcox recommends voting "yes" for bond package.

Trail around Overton Park has been extended in 2007. Plans to re-do entire trail system with 6-foot concrete pathways over time.

Gas revenue & royalties – city projected to gross (not net) \$1 Billion \$58 Million - over 25 years. Actual revenue for roads construction/maintenance will be \$49.8MM after restrictions.

Explained that while tax rates in Fort Worth are among the highest in the state – our tax valuations are lower than other major cities (actual taxes paid are lower).

Arborlawn / 121 Project. Bellaire has new section added to Arborlawn with connection to Bryant Irvin will not be complete until bridge and 121 construction is more advanced.

Grants for improving the Parks are available from Fort Worth Parks & Recreation Department up to \$25K. These are matching grants that require matching funds (cash); some of the match can come from in-kind contributions. Contact Marilyn Isaacs (?) 817-871-5704 at the Parks Dept. for information on matching grants.

- Meeting Adjourned at 8:46pm by Dryden Boyce