

**Minutes**  
**FERGUSON ROAD INITIATIVE**  
**GRADUATED & 2-POINTS *WEED & SEED***  
**STEERING COMMITTEE**

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Monday, January 11, 2010, 6:45-8:30 p.m.  
White Rock Church of Christ, Fellowship Hall, 9220 Ferguson Road

*Next FRI Graduated & 2-Points Steering Committee meeting:*  
***Monday, April 12, 7 p.m. at WRCC, 9220 Ferguson Road***

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**Meeting Purpose:** To update the community on our progress and gather input on key issues and challenges.

**Desired Outcomes:**

1. Approve Minutes from our November 12 and September 14, 2009 meetings.
2. Shared understanding of Progress Reports (written only, no verbal reports)
3. Understand the status of the Garland Road Vision Project
4. Understand the status of the WRH Library and Recreation Center Projects
5. Understand the new FRI/Texas Attorney General's Office Victims' Services partnership
6. Election of FRI Officers and Board of Directors
7. FRI Special Recognitions
8. Understand upcoming events, list next steps, create an Action Plan
9. Celebrate FRI's 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Roles:**

- *Sponsors:* Councilmembers Carolyn Davis & Sheffie Kadane
- *Facilitator:* Bill Coleman, Chair
- *Scribe:* Gary Lawler
- *Timekeeper:* Betty Swinners, Executive Director

**Rules:**

- Listen and respect the comments and ideas of others.
- Honor time limits, stick to the agenda.
- Share your experience and perspective with the group

**Decision Making:**

Consensus, Fallback: Majority vote.

**Meeting Participants:**

<b>FRI Boardmembers</b>	<b>Guests</b>	<b>Staff/Consultants</b>
<p><i>Bill Coleman</i>  <i>Ken Cantrell</i>  <i>Jerry Clancy</i>  <i>Rev. Charles Cooper</i>  <i>Derek Smith</i>  <i>Susan Walker</i>  <i>Rossi Walter</i></p> <p><b>FRI Members</b></p> <p><i>Ann Bagley</i>  <i>James Bagley</i>  <i>Lee Barron</i>  <i>Louise Bosco</i>  <i>Carolyn Bullard</i>  <i>Ellen Childress</i>  <i>John Childress</i>  <i>Debbie Chitsey</i>  <i>Mary Crockhom</i>  <i>Beatrice Deen</i>  <i>Betty Hillin</i>  <i>Glenn Hillin</i>  <i>Erik Johnson</i>  <i>Nakita Johnson</i>  <i>Dale McKissick</i>  <i>Chris Moore</i>  <i>Eileen Moore</i>  <i>Betty Rice</i>  <i>John Sanger</i>  <i>Vicki Sanger</i>  <i>RoseMary Simmons</i>  <i>Barbara Snyder</i>  <i>Ed Snyder</i>  <i>Maria Valenzuela</i>  <i>Moises Valenzuela</i>  <i>Nancy Weber</i></p>	<p><i>Lefty Adkins</i>  <i>Betty Austin</i>  <i>Joyce Broadway</i>  <i>Amanda Buckley</i>  <i>Ruben Casso</i>  <i>Virginia Coalson</i>  <i>Alessia Coleman</i>  <i>Mirella Coleman</i>  <i>Tyke Coleman</i>  <i>Rusty Cornett</i>  <i>Robert Curry</i>  <i>Pat Fugate</i>  <i>Gus Garcia</i>  <i>Victor Garza</i>  <i>Bergon Hall</i>  <i>Jean Hammett</i>  <i>Sharon King</i>  <i>Cherie McMillan, Conners</i>  <i>School</i>  <i>Liz Ocone</i>  <i>Henry Owen</i>  <i>Sondra Patton</i>  <i>Jerry Pilgrim</i>  <i>Jerri Shelvin</i>  <i>Monica Smith</i>  <i>Louise Southworth</i>  <i>Desi Tanner</i>  <i>Gloria Tarpley</i>  <i>Joey Trungale</i>  <i>Keith Trungale</i>  <i>John Van Buskin</i>  <i>Gerald Worrall, Garland Road</i>  <i>Vision Project</i>  <i>Marjorie Weber</i>  <i>Julius Whittier</i></p>	<p><i>Bobbi Bilnoski</i>  <i>Edna Foster</i>  <i>Gary Lawler</i>  <i>Vikki J. Martin</i>  <i>Betty Swinners</i>  <i>Gail Washington</i></p>

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## Minutes

*Prior to the meeting, there was an informal celebration of FRI's 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary, catered by Café Lago and Starbucks at Casa Linda. Thanks to Gabriele from Café Lago and Fred Poe from Starbucks!*

### Meeting Start Up

- Bill Coleman convened the meeting.
- Coleman recognized Ann Bagley, District 9 Plan Commissioner; DPD Chief Tom Lawrence; Eric Johnson, Democratic candidate for Texas House of Representatives, Dist. 100; John Van Buskin, Democratic Chair candidate; and FRI Board members.
- **Action Item:** Susan Walker moved and Jerry Clancy seconded a motion to approve the September 14 and November 12, 2009 Joint Steering Committee minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

### Garland Road Vision Project, Gerald Worrall

- The project addresses land use, economic development, traffic circulation, and beautification of Garland Road, from Gaston to 635.
- The project was funded in 2006 through City Councilmember Gary Griffith. They began with about 20 stakeholders, have received grants, are using HOK as consultants.
- They are looking at current good and bad development, future development, and possible restrictions on development. They are looking at pedestrian and bicycle traffic, integrating bus and neighborhood traffic. They are looking at landscaping, streetscaping, community gateways, and signage.
- They held a Vision Workshop in October 2009, developed and published a questionnaire (which is still open on their website at [www.garlandroadvision.org](http://www.garlandroadvision.org)). They held a second Vision Workshop where they reviewed questionnaire comments and gave input to HOK. This input should be on their website after January 18.
- Their Advisory Committee is meeting March 25 at 6:30. There will be a meeting on April 8 at the Arboretum at 6:30 to review project status. They hope to have the City of Dallas review and adopt their plan between May and July.
- The group may evolve into an organization to help implement the plan.
- Stakeholders include businesses, property owners, neighborhoods. Texas Dept. of Transportation and DART are also represented.

### Recreation Center Project, Betty Swinners

- FRI is exploring the possibility of applying for a Ray & Joan Kroc Recreation Center through the Salvation Army. The Kroc Foundation would fund both construction and operation of a 60,000 to 120,000 sq. ft. facility. FRI or the City of Dallas would have to provide some funds.
- Kroc has set aside about \$1.5B for 25-30 centers across the country. Typically, these are 12-18 acres in size, with education, recreation, cultural arts, and spiritual

facilities. Potential facilities include aquatics, rock climbing, theater and ice skating arena.

- Facility would go from Ferguson Road to the creek, would be owned and managed by the Salvation Army, not the City of Dallas. This would tie in with plans for a hike and bike trail along Ash Creek.
- Regarding potential of getting a Kroc center...there is currently a moratorium on the building of any more Kroc Centers until the application process is improved. We believe that will happen by the end of 2011. Dallas Salvation Army has met 3 times with FRI and a site tour is planned this week. We have a good relationship with SA and we believe they are impressed with FRI.
- FRI will report out next steps at our next Steering Committee meeting

#### **Victims' Outreach, Edna Foster**

- Foster spoke on the project's goals to provide referrals to victims of violence and abuse (both adult and children), to develop partnerships with organizations such as The Family Place, and to develop Safety Net program for schools and apartments.

#### **Election of FRI Board, Ken Cantrell, Nominating Committee**

- Cantrell presented the Nominating Committee's slate, including Vikki Martin (President), Susan Walker (Vice President), Ken Cantrell (Secretary), Jerry Clancy (Treasurer), Mary Brown, Bill Coleman, Charles Cooper, Doug Hunt, Mike Nurre, Derek Smith, Monica Smith, Eric Stokes, Francy Tafur, and Rossi Walter.
- **Action Item:** John Van Buskirk moved and Debbie Chitsey seconded a motion to adopt the Nominating Committee's slate. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Special Recognitions and Events, Vikki Martin**

- Martin announced an FRI fund-raising banquet and silent auction on Saturday, November 6, 6-9 pm at the White Rock Lake Filter Building. FRI is seeking volunteers to help with the event, silent auction, and sponsors to purchase tables.
- Martin presented a gift certificate for dinner to Amanda Buckley, Casa View resident, for her help with graphics and layout for our last news magazine.
- Martin presented an Obelisk Award to Bill Coleman for his faithful service to FRI since 1997. Coleman will chair the Economic Development Committee.
- Swingers reported on a recent Special Award from the Governor's Office to Vikki Martin as a Community Motivator for 2009.

#### **City Grant Program, Susan Walker and Staci Thetford**

The City of Dallas has a new program providing small grants to neighborhood organizations for beautification and other projects. The program was developed through the Dallas Homeowners League based on a Seattle program. Part of the process is mandatory workshop attendance. Workshops will be held February 27, March 13 and 27, followed by a grant-writing workshop. Information is available at [DallasCityHall.com](http://DallasCityHall.com) by clicking on the Loving Our Community logo.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m..

- **Upcoming Dates:**

Thursday, Jan. 14	Pastors' Luncheon, 11:30 am
Saturday, Jan. 30	VITA Kickoff with credit counseling, 10 am to 4 pm, FRI, 7229 Ferguson Road New Hope Lutheran Church, Peavy Road
Saturday, Jan. 30	2-Points Land Use Study meeting
Tuesday, Feb. 16	Early Voting Begins
Saturday, Feb. 27	Dallas grant workshop for neighborhoods
Tuesday, Mar 2	Primary elections
Thursday, Mar. 11	2-Points Steering Committee meeting
March 10-12	CPTED Workshop
Thursday, Apr. 8	Garland Road Vision project review, 6:30 p.m., Arboretum
Monday, Apr. 12	Next FRI Steering Committee meeting, 7 p.m., WRCC
Saturday, Nov. 6	FRI Fundraising Banquet, 6 pm, White Rock Lake Filter Building

**ACTION PLAN**

<b>What</b>	<b>By Whom</b>	<b>By When</b>	<b>Completed</b>
Volunteer for 11-6-10 Fundraising Banquet	All	Early Oct.	