

# Ferguson Road Initiative

## 2-Points *Weed & Seed* Steering Committee

### DRAFT MINUTES

November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 • 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**White Rock Church of Christ**  
9220 Ferguson Road • Fellowship Hall

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

**Desired Outcomes**

1. Approve Minutes from our September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting
2. Shared Understanding of Progress Reports
3. Understand the status of the WRH Branch Library & Rec. Center Progress
4. Understand Weed & Seed Activities
5. Understand upcoming events
6. Create a list of next steps and an action plan of who will do what by when

**Roles**

- *Sponsors* .....Councilpersons Carolyn Davis
- *Facilitator*.....Bill Coleman, Chair
- *Scribe*..... TBD
- *Timekeeper* ..... TBD

**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>2- Points Steering Committee Members</b>	<b>Graduated Steering Committee / Community @ Large</b>	<b>Guests/Staff</b>
Bill Coleman, Chair Kimberly Humphries Vicki Sanger Lt. Alan Bull, DPD Chris Holder, New Hope Lutheran, Safe Haven	Rev. Sergio Martinez, Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church	<i>Staff/Consultants</i> Kerry Goodwin Sgt. Keitric Jones, DPD Sr. Cpl. Tracy Glenn, DPD Gail Washington Kerry L. Goodwin

<p><b>Alternates</b>  Daniel Ryan, Dallas City  Attorney's Office  Dow Croyle U.S. Attorney's  Office  Ellen Childress, Truett  Community  John Childress  Danny Williams</p>		<p>Stacy Thetford (City of Dallas)  <b>Visitors</b>  Jon Mureen  Jason Shyung</p>
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**MINUTES**

**6:10 Welcome** ..... Bill Coleman  
The meeting began at 6:10pm. Mr. Coleman welcomed Steering Committee members, staff and visitors. Each attendee was asked to briefly give their name and the organization they represented.

**6:10 Start Up** ..... Bill Coleman  
Mr. Coleman reviewed the meetings purpose and agenda. He followed by inviting Sgt. Keitric Jones to the podium. The Officers had asked to make their presentation at the beginning of the meeting, so they could get back to the field.

- **Law Enforcement Report** .....Sgt. Keitric Jones  
Sgt. Jones reviewed his DPD activities report (his full written report and statistics are attached) and spoke about several highlights: DPD shut down an illegal gambling operation in the 2-Points community, and in partnership with Dallas County Constables, issued 195 tickets, arrested 20 people on felony warrants and sized one kilo of cocaine and \$38k in cash. Officers contributed over 200 hours in volunteer time to 2-Points services, participated in six crime watch meetings, including several apartment complexes.

Questions were raised about the number of rapes, year-to-date, in the 2-Points community and some discussion about a double murder/suicide that had occurred several nights prior to this meeting. In response to the questions, Mr. Goodwin indicated that FRI was looking at adding a goal under our new application for 2009 that might address family violence.

Ellen and John Childress asked whether there had been any resolution on the home seized on Williams Way. Kerry Goodwin advised that this was in the hands of ICE which was in possession of the property.

Mr. Coleman returned to the regular agenda and brought the minutes to our September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting to the floor. He advised that all members had received the minutes by email and that they were posted for the public on FRI's website. He asked as to whether there were any questions or corrections, being none he asked for their approval. It was moved by Ellen Childress and seconded by Vickie Sanger to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

**6:25 White Rock Hills (WRH) Recreation Center/Library Complex..... Bill Coleman**

Mr. Coleman reviewed the status of the WRH Branch Library and Recreation Center. Site selection for the library had been approved by the Dallas City Council and the land purchased from the White Rock Church of Christ. He advised that there would be a Site Selection Celebration on Saturday at 10a.m. and invited and encouraged those attending the meeting to come out and help thank the City, Library and Community leaders for progress on our library. There was brief discussion of the City's selection process for the Recreation Center site. He indicated that an announcement would be made shortly by the City.

**6:40 Progress Reports ..... Bill Coleman**

**• Executive Director's Report ..... Bill Coleman**

As Ms. Martin was unable to attend, Mr. Coleman read her report:

*Executive Director and Susan Walker (SC Vice Chair) have been working with the 2-Points Leadership over the summer and into the fall to identify a way to get an Urban Design Land Use study executed for Buckner Blvd from I-30-Ferguson Road. As you will recall, this was a huge catalyst that helped form FRI and its completion was when we decided to become a nonprofit 501c3.*

*The problem is that the City cannot afford to do the study and even if they could afford the study, it would be placed at the bottom of the queue and take years before it could be conducted. FRI is seeking pro bono help in this project by working with Plan Commissioner Ann Bagley (Dist 7) to get a university graduate level class to conduct the study either pro bono or for a very limited fee.*

*Our goal is to conduct an Economic Development Visioning Summit some time in 2009 for the 2-Points community. This will help bring the various neighborhood leaders together to envision "life beyond the current crime problems." Also, it will help them identify future needed bond program projects.*

*We are asking community leaders to contribute \$250 to this activity to help pay for the behind the scenes work required to get this summit executed.*

**• 2-Points Weed and Seed Report .....Kerry Goodwin**

Mr. Goodwin briefed the committee on FRI's new offices being prepared at 7229 Ferguson Road, Suite 4101. The phone number is not yet set up, but when installed it will be 214-324-5116. The space has been donated by Mr. Mark Wolcott of the White Rock Hills Townhome development. Furnishings, computers and software are being provided through grants from the Hillcrest Foundation, Wachovia Bank Foundation, the National Urban Technology Center and Microsoft. Special thanks to Gail Washington who has worked to coordinate the office set up and purchasing. Kerry invited members to drop by and visit.

Mr. Goodwin reported on our upcoming CPTED training seminar to be held December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Dallas Central Church of the Nazarene (7979 E. R.L. Thornton Freeway). This program is a collaborative venture between the USDOJ, FRI and the National Crime Prevention Council. Thirty-five scholarships have been provided to the DPD, neighborhood associations and area businesses. More information was

provided on the information table. Kerry encouraged those wishing to learn more about CPTED to pick up the flyer if interested in attending, please get with Kerry ASAP as space is limited.

Mr. Goodwin also reviewed the NNO celebration. About 300 residents participated in a joint party held at Lakeland Hills Park. Hosts were Lakeland Hills Crime Watch, White Rock Village Crime Watch, Hillridge Crime Watch, Hillview Terrace Crime Watch, New Hope Lutheran Church and FRI. Guests included the Mr. Richard Roper, U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Texas, Rosalind Giles, Dallas City Attorney's Office, Dallas City Councilperson Carolyn Davis and numerous Park Department representatives. Mr. Roper announced that the FRI Graduated Community had received official recognition by the USDOJ for another year. Ms. Giles introduced Daniel Ryan our new Community Prosecutor. Hot Dogs, chips and other food were provided by Hillridge and Lakeland Crime Watches. Special thanks to all the volunteers who worked to setup, cook food and clean up.

Mr. Goodwin reported that FRI's newsletter had just been completed and was at the post office and should be in neighborhood mail boxes within a few days. FRI's e-NewsFlash would be in the e-mail boxes on Friday.

He also announced the completion of an MOU with the Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church. STBC will open a community center after the first of the year at the corner of Oates Road and LaPrada. FRI will provide computers and software for a Kids Club and offer VITA services. Rev. Sergio Martinez also indicated that they would be providing ESL and possibly GED at this location.

Kerry also reported that we had just received the USDOJ Weed & Seed budget application for 2009. Applications were due by January 21<sup>st</sup>. He indicated that he would be working with DPD to get things completed during December and have a budget ready for approval at our Annual Meeting, January 12<sup>th</sup> for submission that week as he will be on vacation the following week.

Finally, Mr. Goodwin announced the completion of a collaborative agreement with Wachovia Bank Foundation and the National Urban Technology Center to provide expanded VITA services at our new offices and later after tax season Financial Literacy training using Wachovia's Money Smart software. Mr. Goodwin indicated that FRI was seeking funding to hire a coordinator for our expanded VITA and Fin. Lit. Services. He also indicated that FRI was presently recruiting volunteers to be trained as VITA tax preparers. Our IRS partners will provide all training and materials. FRI has also completed an MOU with United Way as part of their new City-wide effort being spearheaded by Mayor Leppert to offer VITA and Financial Literacy Services. To learn more about this special campaign: EarnIt!KeepIt!SaveIt! please follow the attached link: (<http://www.unitedwaydallas.org/eks/>)

- Gang Prevention Services .....Gail Washington  
Gail gave a brief description of her activities. Vikki Sanger from Hillview Terrace NA asked about whether there were any active gangs in the area at this time. Gail indicated that she participated in the Gang Intelligence committee of the DPD and DISD weekly

and that there were no groups working in this area other than some kids “playing gang.”

The question was raised as to graffiti. Gail indicated that graffiti taggers were taking a break at this time, but that if people encountered, we want to get it cleaned up, asap, but please take a picture of any graffiti you find and email it to her. She will share the file with the DPD gang unit. She particularly asked attendees to watch for any signs that included a “crown” and “three dots.” The question was raised about why it took so long for the City to clean the graffiti off the \_\_\_\_\_ community center. “It took three weeks.” Gail stated that she didn’t know. That we just had to keep calling 311 and reporting it.

- **DEFY Update** .....**Kerry Goodwin**  
Ben Williams was absent from the meeting. Kerry gave his report:

**2008 Phase II Calendar**

Activity Dates	List of Activities
<u>Self Management Skills</u>  September 20, 2008  Time: 4pm-6pm	Meet your mentor Cookout  Introduction – identify unique characteristics about themselves in which they are proud/share talents with others. Group discussion  *Please encourage Parent participation*
<u>Self Management Skills</u>  October 18, 2008  Time: 11am-2pm	Nature Appreciation  The Dallas Zoo
<u>Drug Resistance Information Skills</u>  November 22, 2008  Time: 11am-1pm	Thanksgiving – Lunch  Conflicts – how to avoid and solve conflict  Peer pressure – Distinguish between positive and negative pressure/ How to say no to drugs and gangs
<u>General Social Skills</u>  December 20, 2008  Time: 11am-1pm	DPD 911 call center  Discuss –positive relationships
<u>Physical Fitness/Eating Right</u>	Physical fitness and eating right

January 17, 2009 11am- 2pm	Incredible Pizza
<u>Self-Esteem</u> February 21, 2009 Time: 11pm -2pm	Black History month –Identify some of their unique characteristics and talents /identify traits they admire in others (positive role models) African American Museum
<u>Physical Fitness</u> March 21, 2009 11am- 1pm	Picnic –Park St. Francis Park /DEFY Olympics Increase problem solving skills- working cooperatively with others, listening and respecting others
<u>Drug Resistance Information Skills</u> April 18, 2009 10am-1pm	Drug Free Event Kite Day
<u>Graduation</u> May 16, 2009 11am-1pm	Graduation Lunch Discuss what has been learned from the DEFY program Graduation certificates

• **New Hope Lutheran (Safe Haven) Report ..... Chris Holder**

New Hope report...

Camp Hope - Summer 2008 was a great success with over 100 children attending from the 2 points community.

Club Hope - After-school program meets Tuesday and Thursday with 20-25 in attendance. We will have a special 4 day Christmas Camp December 15-18 with our Christmas Program on Thursday the 18th

Youth Night - our outreach to older children 11+ is meeting Monday nights 5-8pm. In 2009 we are wanting to expand youth programs to students meeting their probation officers at New Hope.

Thanksgiving Dinner - Waters Edge Church in Frisco is teaming up with New Hope Church and Community Center (2835 Peavy Rd) to provide Thanksgiving Dinner to anyone who doesn't have family close by, no money to purchase dinner or would like just to have food and fellowship with people in the 2 Points community. On Thursday, November 27th dinner will be served from 12:00-3:00pm (or until we run out of food).

ESL Classes - Now meet on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Big Thought - Is continuing to expand its role as an art partner in East Dallas and is looking for sites to partner with for arts and creative learning programs.

Christmas Store - we will be offering discounted gifts for parents and guardians in our community on Saturday, December 20th.

- **Community Prosecutor .....** **Daniel Ryan**  
Mr. Coleman introduced and welcomed our new White Rock Hills Community Prosecutor, Daniel Ryan. Mr. Ryan office will be at the new FRI facilities at 7229 Ferguson Road, Suite 4101, until other facilities are available.  
Mr. Ryan passed out and reviewed the following to the committee detailing his role and responsibilities. He will be joined shortly by a City Code Enforcement Specialist. Also to be at the FRI offices:

### **WHITE ROCK HILLS COMMUNITY PROSECUTOR**

Daniel Ryan

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Phone: (214) 724-8892

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### **Boundaries of the White Rock Hills Target Area**

The general boundaries of the White Rock Hills Target Area are as follows:

Southern Boundary: Interstate 30/R.L. Thornton

Eastern Boundary: Dallas/Mesquite City Limits (generally along La Prada Dr.)

Northern Boundary: Gus Thomasson Rd.

Western Boundary: Garland Rd. to White Rock Creek to I30

### **Mission and Role of the Community Prosecutor**

The mission of the community prosecutor is to work proactively within the target area to reduce crime and improve the quality of life for citizens living in the target area. To this end, the community prosecutor works with various elected officials and city departments, including the police, housing, code, health, fire, and public works departments, as well as with the citizens living in the target area.

### **Major Duties of the Community Prosecutor**

Assessment of neighborhood properties identified as “problem properties” due to criminal activity associated with the property or structural defects that make the property hazardous to the occupants or the general public.

*(Note: Once a property is identified and is under investigation, non-public matters related to the property cannot be discussed with citizens.)*

Work with city departments and community organizations to rehabilitate problem areas.

Work with neighborhood organizations to encourage community involvement in crime-fighting efforts within the target area and empower community members.

**Ways in which Citizens Can Assist the Community Prosecutor**

Contact Daniel Ryan regarding problem properties in the target area. Please provide as much information as possible regarding the criminal activity or structural defects associated with the property.

Agree to participate in the Citizen ACTION Team, for more information contact Daniel Ryan.

**7:30 Wrap Up**

- List next steps, create an Action Plan
- NO ACTION PLAN
- Reviewed important upcoming dates:

**Calendar of Upcoming Events**

<i>November</i>	<i>December</i>	<i>January</i>
<i>Nov 15<sup>th</sup> 10am White Rock Hills Branch Library Site Selection Celebration</i>	Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> – FRI CPTED Conference	January 12 <sup>th</sup> 7pm – FRI Annual Meeting & Joint Steering Committee Meeting & Election of Officers
<i>Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> DEFY Thanksgiving Program</i>	Dec 20 <sup>th</sup> DEFY Christmas Holiday Program	January 21 <sup>st</sup> 4pm – FRI 2-Points Weed & Seed Budget Due January 31 <sup>st</sup> 10am FRI's VITA Center Kick Off

**7:35 Adjourn.....All**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Dallas Police Department  
Two Points Comprehensive Monthly Report  
&  
Graduated Statistical Monthly Report  
For October 2008



**DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT SUMMARY REPORT**

**OCTOBER 2008**

**TWO-POINTS WEED & SEED SITE**

**1. Crime Statistics for 2-Points site, by Reporting Area**

Reporting Area	Oct-08	Sep-08	% Change	Oct-08	Oct-07	% Change	YTD 08	YTD 07	% Change
1177	24	24	0.00%	24	24	0.00%	301	301	0.00%
1178	7	6	16.67%	7	12	-41.67%	76	93	-18.28%
1179	3	8	-62.50%	3	8	-62.50%	77	70	10.00%
1180	46	40	15.00%	46	28	64.29%	383	348	10.06%
1202	14	19	-26.32%	14	20	-30.00%	178	193	-7.77%
1203	13	17	-23.53%	13	15	-13.33%	162	162	0.00%
4624	13	8	62.50%	13	8	62.50%	97	69	40.58%
<b>Total</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>-1.64%</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>4.35%</b>	<b>1274</b>	<b>1236</b>	<b>3.07%</b>

**2. Crime Statistics by Part 1 Offense Category for 2-Points site**

UCR Category	Oct-08	Sep-08	% Change	Oct-08	Oct-07	% Change	YTD 08	YTD 07	% Change
Murder	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	1	2	-50.00%
Rape	4	2	100.00%	4	0	400.00%	19	7	171.43%
Agg Assault	16	9	77.78%	16	11	45.45%	106	103	2.91%
Robbery									
Business	2	1	100.00%	2	2	0.00%	12	22	-45.45%
Individual	7	8	-12.50%	7	10	-30.00%	130	132	-1.52%
<b>Total Violent</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>45.00%</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>26.09%</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>0.75%</b>
Burglary									
Business	4	7	-42.86%	4	5	-20.00%	61	87	-29.89%
Residential	26	30	-13.33%	26	29	-10.34%	326	285	14.39%
Theft									
Shoplift	3	3	0.00%	3	1	200.00%	27	20	35.00%
BMV	20	20	0.00%	20	25	-20.00%	235	230	2.17%
Other Theft	14	14	0.00%	14	17	-17.65%	154	181	-14.92%
UUMV	24	28	-14.29%	24	15	60.00%	203	167	21.56%
<b>Total Non-Violent</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>-10.78%</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>-1.09%</b>	<b>1006</b>	<b>970</b>	<b>3.71%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>-1.64%</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>4.35%</b>	<b>1274</b>	<b>1236</b>	<b>3.07%</b>

**3. Summary of Activity from Overtime for 2-Points, October 2008**

	08-Jan	08-Feb	08-Mar	08-Apr	08-May	08-Jun	08-Jul	08-Aug	08-Sep	08-Oct	YTD
911 Calls Answered	37	36	74	43	0	0	0	18			237

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Total Arrests	18	33	28	26	0	0	0	9	3	11	128
Investigative Arrests	0	6	3	3	0	0	0	1	2	7	22
Felony Arrests	0	1	2	4	0	0	0	1	0	2	10
Assist on Arrest	6	8	7	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
Haz Citations	14	14	6	7	0	0	0	11	7	8	67
Reg Citations	115	130	106	54	0	0	0	56	66	53	580
Offense Clrd	3	2	4	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	14
Guns	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	5
Accidents	2	3	8	3	0	0	0	0	4	1	21
Drugs	2	0	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	9
Rcrd Stolen	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
Criminal Intel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solic- Pan handler	0	0	15	6	0	0	0	2	0	3	26
Park Markout	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Pky Citations	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Traffic Stops	152	150	151	83	0	0	0	80	69	70	755
Truant	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Citizen Contact	3	4	20	0	0	0	0	5	1	2	35

**4. Dallas Police Department, Overtime Expenditures**

Total overtime Hours: 51 hours for Oct 2008

Total dollars of overtime: \$2,520.56 for Oct 2008

**5. List the quantity, location and type of youth-related programs presented or participated in during the past month.**

*On October 18, 2008 the Dallas Police Department NPO Officers attended a Boy Scouts program at 2403 Milmar St involving teens from the Two Points area.*

**6. List the quantity, location and type of community crime prevention programs participated in during the last month.**

*In October we had six Crime Watch Meetings involving the apartment managers and residents in the 2 points Weed & Seed.*

**7. List the quantity, location and type of special crime task forces implemented during the past month.**

*In October the Dallas Police Department Vice Unit shut down an illegal gambling establishment in the two point area.*

*In October the Dallas Police Department and County Constable worked in the Weed & Seed 2 points area and wrote 195 tickets, arrest 20 people for warrants, felonies and seized one kilo of cocaine and 38k in cash.*

**8. List interactions with other agencies during the past month.**

The DPD NE has interacted with the Dallas County Sheriff's Office and DISD Police.

**9. List any hours that the Dallas Police Department contributes to the Weed & Seed site through meetings, special**

*Dallas Police Officers have contributed Two Hundred hours.*

**DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT SUMMARY REPORT  
OCTOBER 2008**

## GRADUATED WEED & SEED SITE

### 10. Crime Statistics for Graduated site, by Reporting Area

Reporting Area	Oct-08	Sep-08	% Change	Oct-08	Oct-07	% Change	YTD 08	YTD 07	% Change
1175	6	13	-53.85%	6	20	-70.00%	94	133	-29.32%
1176	2	6	-66.67%	2	3	-33.33%	27	29	-6.90%
1197	9	18	-50.00%	9	11	-18.18%	104	81	28.40%
1198	4	3	33.33%	4	7	-42.86%	45	45	0.00%
1199	7	5	40.00%	7	8	-12.50%	92	69	33.33%
1200	2	3	-33.33%	2	7	-71.43%	78	72	8.33%
1201	12	13	-7.69%	12	10	20.00%	99	82	20.73%
1204	3	7	-57.14%	3	7	-57.14%	54	56	-3.57%
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>-33.82%</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>-38.36%</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>4.59%</b>

### 11. Crime Statistics by Part 1 Offense Category for Graduated site

UCR Category	Oct-08	Sep-08	% Change	Oct-08	Oct-07	% Change	YTD 08	YTD 07	% Change
Murder	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	1	0	100.00%
Rape	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	2	4	-50.00%
Agg Assault	0	3	-100.00%	0	3	-100.00%	20	32	-37.50%
Robbery									
Business	0	1	-100.00%	0	2	-100.00%	7	18	-61.11%
Individual	6	6	0.00%	6	5	20.00%	51	59	-13.56%
<b>Total Violent</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-40.00%</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-40.00%</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>-28.32%</b>
Burglary									
Business	4	6	-33.33%	4	2	100.00%	34	40	-15.00%
Residential	5	24	-79.17%	5	11	-54.55%	139	111	25.23%
Theft									
Shoplift	1	3	-66.67%	1	1	0.00%	27	9	200.00%
BMV	12	11	9.09%	12	25	-52.00%	130	123	5.69%
Other Theft	9	4	125.00%	9	10	-10.00%	72	70	2.86%
UUMV	8	10	-20.00%	8	14	-42.86%	110	101	8.91%
<b>Total Non-Violent</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>-32.76%</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>-38.10%</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>12.78%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>-33.82%</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>-38.36%</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>4.59%</b>