

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

Monday, January 12, 2009, 6:45-8:45 p.m.
White Rock Church of Christ, Fellowship Hall, 9220 Ferguson Road

Next FRI Graduated & 2-Points Steering Committee meeting:
May 11, 7 p.m., White Rock Church of Christ, 9220 Ferguson Road

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, 2008 meeting.
2. Shared understanding of Progress Reports (written only, no verbal reports)
3. Understand the status of the WRH Library.
4. Understanding new Community Prosecutor status and role.
5. Election of FRI Officers and Board of Directors.
6. Recognizing special partners in FRI's success.
7. Understand upcoming events.
8. Create a list of next steps and an action plan of who will do what by when.
9. Celebrate FRI's 10th Anniversary.

Roles:

- *Sponsors:* Councilmembers Carolyn Davis & Sheffie Kadane
- *Facilitator:* Bill Coleman, Chair
- *Scribe:* Gary Lawler
- *Timekeeper:* Vikki J. Martin, 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:

<p>FRI Staff/Consultants Bobbi Bilnoski Kerry Goodwin Sharon King Gary Lawler Maria Valenzuela, FRI Gail Washington</p> <p>City David Darnell, Library Dept. Laurie Evans Library Dept. Jose Ruiz, Code Compliance Daniel Ryan, Community Prosecutor Staci Thetford, City of Dallas</p> <p>Dallas Police Department Lt. Alan Bull Dep. Chief Jan Easterling Sgt. Keitric Jones Deputy Chief Tom Lawrence Ofc. A.J. Serratos Sr. Cpl. E. Tena</p> <p>Government Officials Councilwoman Carolyn Davis Dist. Attorney J. Whittier</p> <p>Dallas Ind. School Dist. LaShea Branch, Bayles School Lisa Deveaux, Jane Didear, Leigh Ann Ellis, DISD Trustee Michael Hinojosa, DISD Superintendent Cherie McMillan, S.S. Conner School Principal Tiffany Nemecc Francey Tafur, Bayles School</p>	<p>FRI Board Ken Cantrell Bill Coleman, Chair Lauren Roberts Susan Walker, Vice Chair Rossi Walter Doug Hunt</p> <p>Community LaRue & Lefty Adkins LaTonya Andrews Brown, Lone Star Credit Union Susan Ayoob Jennifer Baskin, Ernst & Young James Berry Pat Bezdek, Hillview Terrace Brad Boling, Alger Park /Ash Creek Louise Bosco Lee Barron, Braeburn CW Robert Brown T.J. Calloway, CANA Debbie Chitsey LaRhonda Clark, Bayles PTA Pat Clendenin Karla Cole Andie Comin, Forest Hills Rev. Charles Cooper New Hope Comm. Church B. Deen Zane Drake, Villas of White Rock Gene Garner, Claremore Don Geiger Diane Gilbert Candis Grover Karin Harris Pat & Richard Hefner Chris Holder, New Hope Lutheran, Safe Haven June Howard, Harry Stone CW</p>	<p>Carol Hurley, Casa View CW Andrea Johnson, Harry Stone CW Susan Lindsey, Primetime L.C. Jeff Martin, Harry Stone CW Vikki Martin Sergio Martinez, Shiloh Terrace Bapt. Ch. Harriett Mason, Hillview Terrace Dale McKissick Eileen Moore, White Rock Hills NA Jack Murphy, WRH Townhomes Mike Nurre Glenda & Henry Owen Laurie Pascoe (?) Eva Porter Keith Prewitt Corey Randolph, East LC Bill & Frances Rasco Harriett Revier (?), Casa View Heights CW Vicki Sanger Barbara Snyder Ed Snyder Louise Southworth for SC Secretary, Dr. Cantrell Melissa Stampley, White Rock Hills Eric Stokes, Doctors Hospital Caroline & Terry Turvey, Lakeland Hills Marc Valerin, Briarwood N.A. Nancy Weber Danny Williams Jim Williams, Hillview Terrace Mark Wolcott</p>
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Meeting Start Up

- Bill Coleman convened the meeting at 7:00 pm.
- Coleman recognized Laurie Evans, Library Dept.; Daniel Ryan, Community Prosecutor; Deputy Chief Tom Lawrence, DPD. Lawrence stated that he would try to keep current NPO officers in this area.
- **Action Item:** Susan Walker moved and Bobbi Bilnoski seconded a motion to approve the September 8, 2008 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
- The usual verbal Progress Reports from Vikki Martin, Kerry Goodwin, and A.J. Serratos were presented in writing and are attached hereto.

White Rock Hills Library, Laurie Evans and David Darnell, Library Dept.

- Evans used a large map to review the service area boundaries for the WRH Library [Gus Thomasson (N), Mesquite City Limits (E), Interstate 30 (S), and White Rock Creek/Garland Road (W)].
- The WRH Library will fit the newer 18,000 sq. ft. standard for libraries, instead of the 16,000 sq. ft. originally called for in 2003.
- The WRH Library will fit the City-required Silver LEED (Leadership in Environmental Design) certification, covering items such as energy-efficient lighting, organized landscaping, and rainwater harvesting.
- The design of the library will have a relationship with the natural environment, will incorporate CPTED principles, will consider elements such as materials landscaping, curb appeal and signage from FRI's Ferguson Road Infrastructure Design Plan to make the library's appearance compatible with the neighborhood as a whole.
- The library will have a large meeting room for 100 people, with kitchenette, capable of being broken down into classrooms, and will have restrooms closed off from library for meeting room use after library hours.
- The facility will house 75,000 volumes; will have 25 computer work stations; 10 laptops; wireless access; 2 self checkout stations; and will have separate adult, teen, and children's areas.
- There will be parking for over 100 cars, including alternative spaces for hybrids and electrics (including charging stations), drive-up access for returns, promotion of alternative transportation, and easy access to DART.
- The facility will have 1.5% of its budget dedicated to public art, and 3 people from FRI will be part of the City's committee to select art.
- Evans anticipates groundbreaking in July of 2010 and a grand opening in August 2011. Coleman requested a copy of Evans' power point presentation, and she agreed.

Community Prosecutor Status, Daniel Ryan

- The Community Prosecutor works with a Code Inspector in a specific community for a pro-active approach to crime. This provides another avenue for citizens to contact the City.
- Ryan introduced Jose Ruiz, Code Compliance Inspector, who will be working with him.
- Ryan will not be prosecuting individuals, will talk with property owners about problems, put pressure on them to rectify problems.
- Ryan will put contact information on the FRI web site, can be reached at daniel.ryan@dallascityhall.com
- Ryan's area goes from I-30 to Mesquite City Limits to Maylee to Centerville to Garland Road to White Rock Creek.
- Ryan will be holding Citizen Action Meetings monthly, to receive community input and guidance. The first of these will be on Tuesday, January 27, at 6:30 pm at the White Rock Church of Christ, Fellowship Hall, 9220 Ferguson Road.
- Ryan and Ruiz are currently at the FRI office at 7229 Ferguson Road, will eventually move to the old Casa View Library site when it becomes a Community Court Building. This facility would serve Districts 7 and 9, would have a judge, prosecutor, and attorneys, would assign community service tasks within this area for offenders. City Councilmember Carolyn Davis said she is looking for a second Community Court within District 7 in this area.

Election of FRI Officers and Board Members, Ken Cantrell, Election Committee

Cantrell presented a slate, including 2 new candidates: Rev. Charles Cooper of New Hope Lutheran Community Church and Eric Stokes, Community Relations, of Doctors Hospital. Both candidates spoke briefly. A complete list is attached hereto.

Action Item: Cantrell asked for approval of the slate. Members (identified by pink cards) approved the slate unanimously.

Special Presentations

Goodwin presented a gift to Officer A.J. Serratos, DPD, for his long-time partnership with FRI, including his statistical reports.

Martin introduced Zane Drake, the new owner of Solara Palms Apartments, for his efforts toward providing safe, sanitary housing, and for his efforts toward a swimming certification program with the YMCA. Drake said he invested \$1.3 million in the property because of FRI's efforts in the community. The complex's name will change from "Solara Palms" to "The Villas at White Rock."

For his efforts to redo the White Rock Hills Townhomes property (formerly Fairway Crossings), for his funding of FRI's DEFY (Drug Education For Youth) program, for

implementing some components of FRI’s Ferguson Road Infrastructure Design Plan into this property, for using “White Rock Hills” in the name, and for providing additional custom office space to FRI, Mark Wolcott received an FRI Obelisk Award. Wolcott said that FRI’s volunteers had help make his project successful.

Gail Washington presented a certificate of appreciation to Big Thought for helping FRI with funding of school programs.

Susan Walker presented an FRI Obelisk Award to Chief Jan Easterling for establishing quarterly Crime Summits, participating in FRI walking tours, and for her personal help with Katrina evacuees.

Principals Cherie McMillan, S.S. Connor; Robert Peters, Lang; Tiffany Nemec, G.W. Truett, and Maria Tafur, Bayles; were presented with Certificates of Appreciation. It was pointed out that Michael Hinojosa, Lisa DeVeaux, and Leigh Ann Ellis of DISD were invited to hear how important these principals are to FRI’s success.

LaRhonda Clark, Bayles PTA president, presented a plaque and Bill Coleman presented an FRI Obelisk Award to Ms. Tafur.

Dr Hinojosa spoke on being impressed during his visit to Bayles School, said that FRI’s support is paying off in schools and that FRI has made good partnerships. “I see the renaissance that is happening”, said Hinojosa.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm, followed by anniversary cake and coffee.

Upcoming Dates:

January 20: Quarterly Crime Summit, 11000 E. NW Highway, 7 pm.

January 27: Community Prosecutor’s Citizen Action meeting,
White Rock Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, 6:30 pm.

May 11: FRI Steering Committee meeting, White Rock Church of Christ, 7pm.

ACTION PLAN

What	By Whom	By When	Completed
Provide FRI with Library power point presentation	Laurie Evans		Done and posted to FRI Website
Add Community Prosecutor contact info to FRI web site	Daniel Ryan		Done and posted to FRI Website