

Park Glen Town Hall Meeting

The meeting was held on March 31, 2008 from 7-9pm at the Alliance Baptist Church at 8400 Park Vista Blvd. Attendees got the opportunity to hear what is going on locally in their district and got a chance to meet the following people:

- Danny Scarth District 4 Councilman
- Fort Worth Police Department
- The Park Glen Neighborhood Police Officer- Officer Clapp
- Fort Worth Fire Department
- Fort Worth Parks Department- Mark Woolsey
- Park Glen Board of Directors
- Park Glen Association Manager- Shannon Humphrey

The following text summarizes the issues and questions raised by residents and the responses given by officials. Photos interspersed in the text were taken during the meeting, but do not necessarily relate to the text with which they appear.

Transportation Related

- 1) Pedestrian signal timing needs to be lengthened for pedestrians crossing both Park Vista and North Tarrant Parkway (NTP) at the intersection of NTP/Park Vista.**

Staff is still researching this item.

- 2) The need for additional pedestrian crossing signs near intersection of Kroger and Park Vista alerting drivers of students.**

Staff is still researching this item.



- 3) The need for more permanent street repair (more than just asphalt patching) along Basswood, especially in front of Home Depot, near IH-35.**

This section of Basswood is already scheduled for concrete pavement restoration and construction is estimated to begin on June 2, 2008. Until concrete restoration begins, city maintenance crews will continue to keep it safe with temporary asphalt repairs.

- 4) Property located in southwest quadrant of NTP/Park Vista creates dangerous drainage problem, especially in winter time when it ices, as water runs off property and across NTP.**

Staff is still researching this item.

- 5) **TxDOT message signs should be used more to communicate travel times and reminders about travel safety. Why are they used this way in San Antonio, Austin, and Dallas but not here in Fort Worth?**

Staff followed up with TxDOT-Fort Worth and this is the response they gave:

"Currently, we are in the process of developing our travel times for Tarrant County. We are estimating that this information will be available to put on our Digital Message Signs (DMS) by August of this year. We do regularly use our DMS boards to communicate reminders about public safety. We support statewide and nationwide campaigns with messages such as "Click it or Ticket", and "Don't Drink and Drive". We have also supported traffic laws such as the one requiring motorists to move over or slow down if they see a police car parked on the shoulder. With ozone season approaching, we will be supporting this with messages relating to ridesharing. Right now, on our signs that are not advertising a scheduled lane closure, we have reminders that this week is Work Zone Awareness Week. We strive to use our signs when needed, but not use them all the time. We do this to avoid an "overload" effect and from making the signs something that people just drive by and not pay attention to."

- 6) **Sidewalks are needed along much of North Tarrant Parkway.**

Sidewalks were not included in the recent reconstruction of North Tarrant Parkway due to limited construction funds. They will be installed when future funding becomes available.



- 7) **School zones are needed near Bluebonnet ES along Basswood at Teal and at Glenscape and Teal.**

Staff is still researching this item.

Parks Department

- 1) **Mesa Verde Playground Improvements**

The park inventory has been corrected to note Mesa Verde Park located at 7220 Mesa Verde Trail will be renovated. Construction is expected to begin this October 2008.

2) Neighborhood Park Development Grant Program

These matching funds are available for park improvements. Applications for the 2009 program will go out this summer. These funds could be used to fund improvements like swing sets.

3) Drainage Issues

Park drainage is a maintenance issue to be addressed by the PID management as part of the overall park maintenance. For specific drainage issues outside the park boundaries, please contact the Storm Water Management Division at 817-392-2782.

Code Compliance

1) What is the Code Ranger Program?

Code Rangers is a program to alert Code Officers about problems in the community to have the Code Officers further investigate the issues. Code Rangers are the eyes in the community.



2) What happens when someone is evicted?

The resident has 24 hours to remove items and then code compliance will come in and give them a notice to clean up all of the items and move forward from there.

Police Department

1) Will the police station on North Beach still be located there for a while?

The Fort Worth Police Department does not plan on moving in the near future but will at some point because of the growth of the department.



2) What is Crime Watch?

This is a community function to have neighbors look out for neighbors. In order to get crime watch signs at the neighborhood entryways you must have 50% of the block and a block captain for each street. Involvement includes having your name and number on a list for your block captain so they can contact you in the case of an emergency.