

City Council / Homeowner and Neighborhood Association Presidents' Meeting
Tuesday, January 17, 2017
Minutes

Mayor Voelker called the meeting to order and asked everyone to introduce him or herself.

Presentation

PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX UPDATE

- Presentation by Assistant Director of Engineering, Jim Dulac
- Design Team Members include:
 - Lee Lewis Construction is Construction Manager At Risk
 - Local public safety experience in Garland, Southlake, Frisco, Mesquite and Plano
 - Conley Group and Engineered Air Balance assisting with design review, inspection and commissioning
- Schematic design for the project was completed as planned in October
- Design includes a mixture of exterior materials such as rough limestone, metal, wood, smooth stone and glass
 - Chosen to convey solidarity, friendliness, safety and transparency
- Project is currently in the design document preparation phase, to be completed in January
- Construction document preparation will follow through June 2017
- Cost estimate based on the design affirmed that the base project is within the planned budget
- Other “next steps” include a public art selection process (with City Council review of recommended public art concept plan in April 2017) and future status reports regarding coordination of the Public Safety Campus Improvement Project with adjacent Main Street area projects

Current Events

DIGITAL CITIES SURVEY RANKING

- Richardson ranks fourth nationally in its size category (pop. 75,000 to 125,000) according to the 2016 Digital Cities Survey
 - One of only two Texas cities to be ranked in this size category
 - Only Texas city to rank in the top five in its respective size category.
- Annual survey conducted by Center for Digital Government, a research and advisory institute for government information technology practices
 - Recognizes leading examples of cities using technology to improve services and boost efficiencies
 - Focuses on 10 initiatives across four categories: citizen engagement, policy, operations, and technology and data
 - Responses reviewed and judged based on a set of criteria and how well the cities implemented these services

- Richardson has been at the forefront of digital city government since installing its first PC in 1987, followed by a ground-breaking website in 1993, one of the first of its kind in the U.S.
- Last year, the City launched its IT Strategic Plan, which provides an open data portal with GIS data sets on transportation, the environment and land use
- Other recent digital milestones include
 - Integrating health inspection scores on Yelp! to improve citizen access to the data
 - Improving ability to track potential criminal gang activity by merging data between systems at the Police Department
 - Developing a Public Art Map, both in web and mobile forms, enabling residents and visitors to locate and learn more about public art throughout the community

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT RANKS IN TOP TEN IN NATION

- City of Richardson has placed 10th in the nation among its peers in the National Night Out award rankings published by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW)
 - One of only three Texas communities with a population between 100,000 to 300,000 to make the top 10
 - Last year, Richardson ranked 12th
- More than 180 block parties in 2016
- Collected almost 6,500 pounds of can food donations for the NETWORK of Community Ministries food pantry
- Fifty-seven police officers and 54 volunteers and community members participated and provided support for the event that was held Oct. 4, 2016

RECYCLING UPDATE

- Since Dec. 28, 2016 Richardson residents have been asked to place trash and recycling out at their normal collection point for service, but all material that was collected was being delivered to a regional landfill
- The temporary landfill disposal was necessary after a fast moving fire destroyed Republic Services Plano recycling center
- Republic has established a revised site that will allow them to resume normal recycling service
 - Recycling collection points for each home are the same as the regular trash collection points
 - To ensure proper collection, place recyclables out by 7 a.m. On rainy days, please do not set out cardboard or newspaper (that is not in a blue bag)

TREE RECYCLING CONTINUES UNTIL JANUARY 31

- Brush and Bulky Item Collection (BABIC) was not affected by recycling suspension
- Christmas trees, grass clippings, brush and other vegetation can be left for collection on your designated recycling day as long as a pick-up request is made by midnight the night before
 - Grass clippings, leaves and small twigs must be placed in compostable paper bags
 - Call 972-744-4111 before your designated recycling day to request BABIC for tree to be composted
 - Set the tree(s) out at the front curb for collection

- Christmas trees may also be dropped off at the Municipal Service Center, 1260 Columbia Drive
 - Drop-off site is open 24 hours each day, seven days a week through Jan. 31
 - All ornaments, tinsel, nails, tree stands, etc. must be removed
 - Trees must be natural (not artificial) and unflocked
- Mulch/compost created through BABIC is used to help in landscaping throughout the City and sold to residents at a discount through Texas Pure Products, a partnership between Richardson and four other cities

NTMWD WHOLESALE WATER RATE REVIEW REQUEST

- Mayors of Garland, Mesquite, Plano and Richardson that their cities are asking the Public Utility Commission (PUC) to conduct a review of their water rates with the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD)
 - Rates set by the NTMWD under the six-decade old water supply contract are discriminatory, inconsistent with water conservation and not in the public interest
 - Continued negotiations have failed
- The four cities have paid a total of \$178 million for water they did not use
 - The greatest use took place during a time when water conservation was not anticipated
 - Years of drought and the successful adoption of water conservation strategies have changed the amount and way water is used
 - It is unlikely the cities will ever again use the minimums that were set by their greatest annual usage
- The PUC Process may take over a year to receive an answer

PUBLIC ART AT CITYLINE

- Representatives of CityLine announced that the development has installed five outdoor sculptures created by nationally and world-renowned artists
- The following projects were funded as part of the development's amenity responsibility
 - "Over the Moon," was created by Gordon Huether out of aluminum tubing, Plexiglas and resin, with a 7½-foot-tall longhorn steer sitting atop a crescent moon
 - It is 25 feet tall and located in CityLine Plaza
 - Huether is world-renowned, with more than 25 public art pieces installed in 20 U.S. cities as well as in Germany, Japan and Canada
 - His CityLine sculpture was inspired by the famous "Hey Diddle Diddle" nursery rhyme and the iconic Texas longhorn, connecting it to the area's history and traditions
 - The sculpture's shape resembles the letter "C", as in CityLine, another connection to the neighborhood
 - "Endless," by Joseph Havel, a bronze and resin depiction of an "endless column of books" with objects suspended inside the resin, located near the site of the future Aloft Hotel
 - "One of a Kind," by Timothy Berg and Rebekah Myers, a bright green ceramic rabbit displayed near the DART CityLine/Bush Station

- “Retexo,” by Cliff Garten, bronze forms suspended in a reflecting pool at Four CityLine Plaza
- “Whirlwind,” by Angela Mia De La Vega, a clay and bronze piece depicting two happy, frolicking children and located in a pocket park on the east side of North Plano Road near Lot A apartments

SECOND PARK AT CITYLINE

- A new 13-acre park on the east side of the CityLine development will open in the late summer / early fall of 2017
 - Tentatively named Fox Creek Park after the creek that runs through its middle
 - Will be located on the north side of Renner Road, bordered by Foxboro Drive to the west and CityLine Drive to the north
 - Will feature greenspace, benches, trees, drought-tolerant native landscaping, a picnic pavilion, a playground and concrete trails that extend the existing Owens Trail, ranging in width from 5-10 feet and including a 12-foot-wide concrete-and-steel bridge over the creek
 - 38th park in the City’s parks system
- A new playground on the development’s west side is also planned at the recently-opened CityLine Park
 - Will be located adjacent to Routh Creek Parkway and just south of the park’s pavilion
 - Two separate areas of play equipment for different age groups will be included, one for ages 2-5 and one for ages 5-12
 - A creative border for the playground has been designed utilizing limestone blocks, trees, landscaping and bike racks
 - The playground is scheduled to open in April

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC CELEBRATES 50,000TH CHILD SERVED

- Richardson Mayor Paul Voelker presented a proclamation Monday to the Junior League of Richardson and Methodist Richardson Medical Center in honor of the 50,000th child immunized at the Richardson Immunization Clinic
- Located at 820 W. Arapaho Rd. and sponsored by the City of Richardson Health Department
 - Provided in cooperation with Methodist Richardson Medical Center and the Junior League of Richardson
- Provides free childhood immunizations to the children of Richardson and students in the Richardson Independent School District
 - To be eligible for this free clinic, you must be a Richardson resident or an RISD student, be 18 years old or younger, not have private health insurance that covers immunizations and not be enrolled in CHIP
- Immunizations are given Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings
 - Hours:
Tuesdays—4:30-8:30 p.m.
Saturdays—9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Appointments are required and may be scheduled by calling 972-744-4076

FIRE CHIEF APPOINTMENT

- Curtis Poovey was appointed January 1, 2017 to serve as the next Fire Chief of the Richardson Fire Department
- Poovey previously served as an Assistant Chief in the department and has been a member of the Richardson Fire Department for nearly 24 years
 - Joined the Richardson Fire Department in May 1993 as a Firefighter and was promoted to Lieutenant in 1999, Fire Captain in 2001, Battalion Chief in 2009
 - Served as the Assistant Chief of Operations since January of this 2016
- His selection comes after a four-month search to fill the position that has been vacant since Richardson's former Fire Chief retired Aug. 31.
- As Fire Chief, Poovey will oversee a department that provides full service emergency response with fire suppression, emergency medical service, specialized/technical rescue, hazardous materials response and fire prevention and has more than 160 fire and rescue personnel

STATE OF THE CITY – FEBRUARY 1ST

- Annual State of the City will be held on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bank of America Theatre at the Eisemann Center
- Reception will follow in the Leftwich Grand Foyer
- This event is free and open to the public, but seating is limited so plan to arrive early
- Parking in the public parking garage will be free

Closing Comments

Mayor Voelker thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting.

Attendees

Name	Association
JEFF SELBY	ARAPAHO HEIGHTS NA
GENE LAWRENCE	BERKNER PARK BRECKINRIDGE PARK ESTATES
SANDY LYNN	BRIDGEWATER CROSSING
RON TAYLOR	CANYON CREEK
WARREN CALDWELL	CITY COUNCIL
MABEL SIMPSON	CITY COUNCIL
PAUL VOELKER	CITY COUNCIL
SCOTT DUNN	CITY COUNCIL
STEVE MITCHELL	CITY COUNCIL
DAN JOHNSON	CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
PATTI GLENN	COLLEGE PARK
BOB NUSSER	CUSTER TRAIL CONDOS
CARMEN HERNDON	DUCK CREEK
LEE HUBBARD	ESTATES OF PRAIRIE CREEK
JOHN FRITSCH	FAIRWAYS OF SHERRILL PARK
FRANCISCO PACO OTAL	GLENVILLE PARK
BETTY CARANO	GREENWOOD HILLS
JANET DEPUY	HEIGHTS PARK
GREG IMMEL	JJ PEARCE HOA
JEFF GRIFFIN	JJ PEARCE HOA
NICK ROBINSON	MARLBOROUGH SQUARE
SARKIS ALIUNIAN	MILLWOOD CREEK HOA
MARCIA GRAU	NORTHRICH
MISTY MEADOR	OPNA
LARUTH MORROW	RESERVATION
MICHELLE BROWN	RESERVE AT SHARP LANE
FREDERICK ZACHARY	RICHARDSON CROSSING
D'NELLE LYONS	RICHLAND HOA
SANDRA MICHAELS	SHERRILL PARK
TOM ROHM	SPRING PARK
BOB MACY	TOWN NORTH PARK
LEN FOSTER	TOWN NORTH PARK
JERRY NICHOLS	UENHA
FRANKLIN BYRD	WATERVIEW
JIM BAILEY	WYNDSOR ESTATES