

City Council / Homeowner and Neighborhood Association Presidents' Meeting
Tuesday, September 20, 2016
Minutes

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

Presentation

FY 2016-2017 MAINTENANCE INITIATIVES

Presentation by Don Magner, First Assistant City Manager

- Strong Budget Support For Key Maintenance Initiatives
 - 2.5 cents (increase of ½ cent) dedicated to Street Maintenance
 - ½ cent (new) dedicated to an Alley Repair Program
 - Sustain Year 4 Strategies for key maintenance activities: screening walls, bridge railings, traffic sign and markings
 - Enhanced water distribution and wastewater collection systems maintenance strategies
 - New initiatives for facilities and aquatics maintenance
- Screening Walls
 - Over 340 walls (Approximately 41 miles)
 - The most common wall materials are concrete and brick
 - Concrete - cast in place, concrete block, or precast panels
 - Additional types include stone, stucco, and vinyl panels
 - City Maintained
 - 129 walls totaling 16.6 miles
 - All cast in place walls have been washed/painted a uniform color
 - Privately Maintained
 - 214 walls totaling 24.4 miles
 - Commercial and Multi-Family, Homeowner Associations, Private individuals
- Bridge Railing
 - Richardson maintains bridge railing at 135 locations
 - Aesthetic enhancements began on bridges in the 1980's as part of new capital projects.
 - Subdivision developments then constructed new bridges with aesthetics as neighborhood amenities.
 - Neighborhood Vitality projects have upgraded bridges at 31 locations. Eight more are currently under way.
 - 72 locations have rails and guardwalls that have been enhanced aesthetically
 - 10 additional locations are in progress
- Sign Maintenance
 - Traffic Control Signs – 16,395 signs
 - Replacement every ~12+ years with newer High Intensity Sign Sheeting now required by Feds for regulatory signs.
 - Replace 1,500 to 2,000 signs per year.
 - Overhead Street Name Signs on Signal Mast Arms – 507 signs

- All Overhead SNS in city have been replaced in past 3 years with high reflectivity sheeting and block numbers.
- Small Street Name Signs – 4,560 signs
 - 64% of signs are 13+ years old and need replacement.
 - Replacing 400 to 500 SNS per year over a 6 year period.
 - Replacing them by area doing 2 Zones per year.
- Facilities Maintenance Background
 - Richardson owns and maintains more than 60 facilities supporting a wide variety of operations
 - Police and Fire, Recreational, Civic Center, Library, Performing Arts, Residential Homes, Historic Farmhouse
 - Construction dates range from 1887 to 2013
 - Average age of 31
 - Totaling more than 1,000,000 square feet
 - About half of Richardson’s facilities are occupied spaces and total approximately 700,000 square feet
- Inventory Assessments
 - Facility Condition Assessments will be performed in three phases to balance existing work load and budget
 - Phase 1 – FY 16 Completed – 8 Facilities evaluated
 - Senior Center – 1964
 - Library – 1969
 - StarTech – 1979
 - City Hall / Civic Center – 1980 (underway)
 - Golf Pavilion & Pro Shop
 - Service Center – 2001
 - Animal Shelter – 2001
 - Eisemann Center – 2002
 - Phase 2 – FY 17 Proposed – 6 Facilities
 - Municipal Court
 - Fire Stations 2, 5 & 6
 - Huffhines Recreation Center
 - Police Substation
 - Phase 3 – FY 18 – Evaluate remaining key facilities
- Aquatics Maintenance Strategy
 - Many aquatics needs could not be addressed in the 2015 bond program.
 - Assessment will focus on pool infrastructure and mechanical systems.
 - Results will complete an overall pool and buildings conditions report which will be used to establish maintenance priorities.
 - Multi year strategy to address maintenance needs for operational sustainability prior to master planning/future capital funding.

Current Events

BUDGET AND TAX RATE ADOPTION

- September 12, 2016 the City Council approved the 2016-17 budget and tax rate
- Lowered tax rate one cent
- Key themes of budget continue to be:
 - An increase in funds dedicated to street maintenance
 - Enhanced infrastructure maintenance
 - A new annual alley maintenance initiative

- Public safety facility and staff enhancements
 - Acceleration of the 2015 G.O. Public Safety Campus project and addition of the Fire Station 1/administration building reconstruction
- Economic development funding
- Enhanced customer and city experiences

COTTON BELT RAIL CORRIDOR UPDATE

- August 22nd Gary Thomas, DART’s President/Executive Director, and Gary Slagel, DART Board Member briefed the City Council Monday on plans for DART commuter rail service expansion via the Cotton Belt Rail Corridor
 - Currently planned for completion in 2035
 - Project is being reworked for new, proposed completion date of 2022
 - Due to requests from several cities and available funds
 - DART Board Meeting in October to vote on budget and financing plan
- DART has continually refinanced and restructured its debt in the last several years, taking advantage of lower interest rates
- Estimated \$994 million budget
 - Will be covered by several sources of funds
 - Richardson plans to contribute a portion of revenues from two CityLine TIF zones directly to the Cotton Belt Rail Project
- Project would stretch east-west from Plano to the DFW Airport using primarily existing track, through northern Richardson
 - Will include adjacent hike and bike trail

Information on how to support the Cotton Belt Rail Line at upcoming DART Meetings is in a separate handout.

RICHARDSON NAMED THIRD BEST REAL ESTATE MARKET IN NATION

- WFAA-TV reported Tuesday, August 30th that Richardson has been named 2016’s third Best Real-Estate Market in the nation according to a recent study from WalletHub.com
 - Frisco was listed as number one and McKinney as number two
- Study created to help prospective homebuyers find the most attractive housing markets
- WalletHub’s analysts compared 300 U.S. cities across 16 key metrics
 - Data set ranges from median homeprice appreciation to housing affordability and job growth rate

FUTURE CAMPBELL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

- City staff briefed the City Council Monday, August 31 on the status of upcoming improvements to Campbell Road between US 75 and Collins Boulevard and improvements to the adjacent southbound US 75 frontage road
- The proposed improvements include:
 - Add a westbound auxiliary lane on Campbell Road from US 75 to Collins Boulevard
 - Extend the eastbound left-turn lane on Campbell Road at Collins Boulevard
 - Extend the southbound right-turn lane on the US 75 frontage road at Campbell Road within existing right-of-way

- Add an additional southbound left-turn lane on the US 75 frontage road at Campbell Road shared with the existing U-turn lane
- Add a traffic signal on Campbell Road at Gateway Boulevard
- Upgrade traffic signals and install barrier free ramps for ADA compliance
- Partial funding for the project (\$255,000) was approved by voters in the 2015 Bond Program and additional funds (\$900,000) are provided by the federal Congestion Management Air Quality program
- Estimated completion date for the project is fall 2018.

FEEDING CHILDREN EVERYWHERE EVENT RECAP

- Richardson Chamber of Commerce and Richardson Interfaith Alliance gathered over 800 volunteers to assemble 65,000 bagged meals on September 11 to distribute in the community and internationally
 - Last year 260 volunteers assembled 20,000 meals
- The “Feeding Children Everywhere” meal-bagging event also recognized first responders and the military
- Of the 65,000 meals packaged, 43,000 went to Richardson's Network of Community Ministries, 2,000 meals to Care Ministries in the South Dallas area, 1,000 meals to Richardson East Church of Christ food pantry, and 20,000 meals went to Syrian refugees in the Middle East

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

- Office of Emergency Management staff presented to the City Council, on Monday, September 12 as part of National Preparedness Month
- OEM staff will speak to a variety of ages in small groups as well as large, from community organizations to businesses about how to be better prepared in case of disaster and how to best respond to community needs
- Twice a year, they provide a three-hour “Partner Planning Symposium” for adult care facilities

INTERIM FIRE CHIEF NAMED

- Richardson’s Assistant Fire Chief of Administration Ed Hotz has been named Interim Fire Chief of the Richardson Fire Department
- Fire Chief Alan Palomba retired at the end of August after almost 29 years of service with the department
- Hotz will fill the role until a successor is selected to fill the position
 - Recruitment and selection process is currently underway
- Hotz joined the Richardson Fire Department as a firefighter in 1986
 - Risen through the ranks serving as lieutenant, captain and battalion chief until being named assistant chief of administration in 2003
 - Hotz does not plan to apply to fill the position permanently as he has announced plans to retire sometime within the next year

SAFETY SIGNS AT SPRING CREEK NATURE AREA

- Crews from the City's Parks and Recreation department installed more than 30 trail locate signs at the Spring Creek Nature Area
- Beneficial feature to the 100-acre park and its network of trails
- Each sign has a letter and number designation unique to its location
 - To help trail users communicate effectively with the City's 911 dispatch system in case of emergency, and guide first responders to their location
- Signs are spaced so that they will be visible in locations along the trail with no other unique landmarks

PARKS AND RECREATION OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN UPDATE

- Parks and Recreation is updating the comprehensive master plan to improve the parks, recreation and open space system throughout the city
- Public meeting held on Thursday, Sept. 15 at the Richardson Civic Center/City Hall to gather community input
Recreation held a public meeting on I Collins Management Air Quality Program local, jail. At the time of transfer City o
- Feedback can be submitted by September 30th (Handout)
- Updated draft plan planned to be presented in the Spring of 2017

COTTONWOOD ART FESTIVAL ARTIST ANNOUNCEMENT

- 2016 Cottonwood Art Festival is scheduled for Oct. 1-2 at Cottonwood Park
- Michael Vistia has been selected as the featured artist for the fall
 - Self-taught, lifelong artist known for his vibrant, colorful paintings of dogs, cats, aquatic life, automobiles and abstracts
 - As featured artist, his work will be displayed on promotional pieces for the festival such as T-shirts and posters
- This year marks the 47th year for the City's Cottonwood Art Festival
- Jurors have selected more than 240 artists to exhibit their museum-quality work at the event, which is open to the public at no charge
- There will also be live entertainment, numerous food and beverage vendors, and children's activity area

WATERWISE LANDSCAPE TOUR

- Mark your calendar for the city's first Water Wise Landscape Tour on Saturday, October 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Meet at the city's Service Center to pick up a tour map, home information, and plant lists as well as meet with experts and vendors
- Tour is self-guided
- Homeowners and master gardeners will be on site to answer questions

OCTOBER LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

- Save the date for the biannual Neighborhood Leadership Workshop on Tuesday, October 18th from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

- Dinner and an exhibitors row will be followed by presentations about the city’s enhanced environmental partnerships initiative, a parks and recreation update, the Chamber of Commerce’s talent attraction campaign and why talent is choosing Richardson
- Invite your entire board to learn more about the City of Richardson and meet other neighborhood leaders throughout the city

Questions & Answers

Q: What percentage of streets are classified as good, fair, and poor?

A: According to the city’s last pavement assessment, 27 percent of streets are classified as good, 38 percent as fair and 35 percent as poor.

Q: How long will it take to replace asphalt patches?

A: The length of time temporary asphalt is on a street or alley before being replaced by concrete varies based on a number of factors. Asphalt patches, while not always aesthetically pleasing, allow staff to quickly alleviate hazards from streets and alleys to ensure the safety of all motorists.

The city has developed an asphalt removal program for residential streets. These streets have been assessed by city staff and are ranked based on the worst asphalt patches.

Staff has begun strategic removal of asphalt patches throughout the city. In the areas that have been visited by the program, necessary asphalt patches are quickly replaced by concrete.

Whereas, in areas that have not yet been visited the program could have asphalt patches that remain until the program can get to that area.

Asphalt patches are used and will remain as a temporary and long term repair strategy in alleys.

The city’s new alley repair program will focus on improving locations that remain hazardous or have reoccurring failures. Patches that are in good condition and providing a safe driving surface, will ultimately be replaced, but will not take priority for removal.

Q: Can we send photos of our concerns with alleys?

A: Of course! You can submit photos by e-mail or with the online issues report or MyRichardson App. The City of Richardson is pleased to offer its residents and visitors the MyRichardson App. This app will allow you to report issues, request brush and bulky item collection (BABIC) service, and keep up to date with the latest news and events right from your Apple or Android smartphone.

You may also report an issue online at the following webpage:

<http://cor.net/index.aspx?page=854>

Closing Comments

Mayor Voelker suggested everyone learn more about the North Texas Municipal Water District’s wetland project by going to their website as follows: <http://www.wetlandcenter.com/waterreuse/default.html> or watching the PBS documentary about the project, *Texas Perspective: Water*. which can be found here: <http://www.pbs.org/video/2365345995/>

Mayor Voelker thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting.

Attendees

Name	Association
MICHELE THORNTON	ARAPAHO HEIGHTS
RON TAYLOR	BRIDGEWATER CROSSING
JEREMY THOMASON	CANYON CREEK
CHIP PRATT	CANYON CREEK
PAUL VOELKER	CITY COUNCIL
SCOTT DUNN	CITY COUNCIL
MARK SOLOMON	CITY COUNCIL
STEVE MITCHELL	CITY COUNCIL
DAN JOHNSON	CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
CHANDLER MERRITT	CITY OF MCKINNEY
JOHN GEESLIN	COTTONWOOD CREEK
TERRY ZIEGLER	CROWLEY PARK
JOHN FRITSCHÉ	FAIRWAYS OF SHERRILL PARK
FRANCISCO "PACO" OTAL	GLENVILLE PARK
JANET DEPUY	HEIGHTS PARK
G. SCOTT WADDELL	JJ PEARCE HOA
GREG IMMEL	JJ PEARCE HOA
NICK ROBINSON	MARLBOROUGH SQUARE
MIKE PROCH	MORONEY FARMS
JANICE GROMADIN	NORTH COLLEGE PARK
MARCIA GRAU	NORTHRICH
MISTY MEADOR	OPNA
LARUTH MORROW	RESERVATION
MICHELLE BROWN	RESERVE AT SHARP LANE
FREDERICK ZACHARY	RICHARDSON CROSSING
SANDRA MICHAELS	SHERRILL PARK
TOM ROHM	SPRING PARK
BOB MACY	TOWN NORTH PARK
LEN FOSTER	TOWN NORTH PARK
JERRY NICHOLS	UENHA
BILL ZEIGLER	WATERVIEW PRESERVATION
RANDY ROLAND	WYNDSOR ESTATES