Uptown Fort Worth Neighborhood Association

June Meeting MINUTES By Omar Rosales

June 4, 2025 - 6:00 P.M.

Cowtown Brewery, 1301 E Belknap

1. **Call to Order**
   a. Introduction & Welcome New Neighbors
      i. **BOARD ACTION ITEM**: Approval of Minutes from May 2025 Meeting
         - Motion to approve:
         - Second:
      ii. **MEMBER ACTION ITEM** Approving revised bylaws-cancelling membership fees
         - Motion to approve:
         - Second:
      iii. Welcome to all of our city and local representatives present today
      iv. Motion to nominate Cowtown Brewery as business
         - Motion approved

2. **Introductions**
   i. Shureka Johnson- Community Engagement Liaison/Communications & Public Engagement
      a. One of the main goals is to connect residents with city services. Please reach out for any connections to city services.
      b. Passed out cards for "mycity app"
   ii. Mia Boatner-District Director City Councilwoman Elizabeth Beck, District 9
      a. Anthony Rojas
      b. Last month councilwoman Beck was re-elected for her third term. Her third term will cover 2 more years.
      c. Planning and budgeting bond election for 2026.
         i. The current proposal includes transportation projects, parks, a new animal shelter. It'll be an $800M bond
         ii. Bond balancing act is available to provide feedback on what you want bond money to go to
         iii. Townhalls will be held for additional feedback
      d. Comprehensive Plan for 2050
         i. Connect Fort Worth is the app to be able to provide feedback. Including roads, businesses desired, etc.
      e. Mobility Plan
         i. City of Fort worth has passed 1 million people
         ii. This plan's goal is to find out how to move those people
         iii. It includes driving, bicycles, light rail, etc
         iv. movingamillion.org
      f. Blue line launched this morning
         i. Bus transportation free to use that travels from downtown to the stockyards
         ii. This will take the place of Molley the Trolley
         iii. There are plans to expand to west 7th and other major entertainment districts
      g. Question: Dunaway associates did a survey for water and sewer. Will that update happen soon?
      h. Utility lines, is there an option to have those buried?
         i. Oncor is in charge of decision making for utility lines. A property owner is able to bury their lines. They would have to coordinate with Oncor and make sure they have a permit.
      i. Bond Investor
      j. First four blocks of Hampton haven't been repaired. Would like to hear an update on if there is a plan to have those repaired. Anthony will pass along the information to Mia for a response.
      k. best way to contact is district9@fortworthtexas.gov
   iii. Commander Rob Stewart
      a. Representing Central Division - a newly established division
      b. 817.966.6740. Personal number, please respect calling times
      c. UPS is using this Samuels Ave as a by-pass even though it's a non-truck route.

i. Rex met with the city to try to get attention for this and mention that FWPD would start writing tickets going forward.
ii. Rex has stopped several directly and written tickets. Telling Rex the times and days is the best approach to assist Fort Worth Police Department.
iii. It is legal for truckers to use Samuels Ave as an alternative route if there is an issue with the main route and their destination is on Samuels Ave.

d. Each week crime is monitored. There was a growing trend of package thefts in Samuels. The burglar was caught a week ago and charged on multiple accounts.
e. Aware of the difficult battle with "illegal camping". Use the Fort Worth app to report "illegal camping". Calling 911 for "illegal camping" will put it on the bottom of the list for priority.
f. Wine Bar:
i. No parking. Customers are parking up and down Samuels.
ii. Residents asked for additional lighting. There is a current issue with low lighting and customers crossing the street in the dark to get to and from the location.
1. Commander Rob mentioned that lighting is not part of the authority of the Fort Worth Police Department
iii. If any part of a residents driveway is blocked, Fort Worth PD can come by and have the customers vehicle towed

iv. NPO- Officer Rex Layton.
a. 817.999.6278
b. walter.layton@fortworthtexas.gov

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vi. Code Compliance Officer
a. Tiwanna
i. Any code compliance issues regarding waste and trash, report it in the myfortworth app. You are able to upload pictures with the report to provide photographic evidence.
ii. It takes about two days to respond if an issue is reported on the weekend.

vii. Animal Control Senior Officer
a. Saldana - Animal Control
i. Summer issues include
1. "animals at large" for example animals hit by a car, or attacked by another animal.
2. Animals tethered outside
3. Animals outside without a shelter
4. Animals left in a vehicle over 85 degrees
ii. All animals including dogs, cats, livestock, coyote sightings are in the purview of animal control.
iii. The city does not loan traps.
iv. As long as coyotes do not approach people or properties, they are considered a non-issue.

viii. ACT Representative- no show

ix. Meals on Wheels Representative- left flyers on table for residents

3. Officer Reports

a. Liz Padilla
i. Nash Elementary closing summer 2026
ii. Meet-and-greet at Traders Oak Park on June 7, 2025 12pm-1pm.
iii. **MEMBER ACTION ITEM**: Motion to elect a local business of the month.
iv. Secretary position remains open. We also need a Treasurer as Tim is looking to retire.
v. Leading subcommittees- various opportunities to lead committees. In need of infrastructure & communications committee leads.
vi. July Meeting time and location-See Facebook Page for updates. Add your phone number and email to sign-in sheet for email updates.

NOTE: Ran out of time and the meeting was adjourned at this point.

b. Vice President – Omar Rosales
c. Secretary – Open
d. Treasurer – Tim LaPoint

4. Committee Reports

a. Tracey Marks- Safety Committee
b. Dave Pannell- Real Estate Committee

c. Andy Nold-Historic Resources

5. Adjournment 7:00PM– Next Meeting: July 2, 2025 @ 6:00PM

a. Meeting will be moved to July 9th due to 4th of July holiday week.