UPTOWN FORT WORTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes

Date: September 2, 2026
Time: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Location: Fort Worth Black House, 1105 E. Peach St., Fort Worth, Texas

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM.

Opening Prayer

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2. Board Business

Board Action Items

Approval of June 2026 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by **Tim LaPoint** to approve the June 2026 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by **Cyd Byrd**.

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of August 2026 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by **Cyd Byrd** to approve the August 2026 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by **Allen Cejka**.

Motion carried unanimously.

Member Review Item — Updated Bylaws

Members were presented with the updated Uptown Fort Worth Neighborhood Association Bylaws, incorporating revisions that were previously discussed and voted upon during the May 2026 meeting. No vote required as it was previously approved in May 2026.

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3. Guest Presentations and City Updates

Mia Boatner — District 9 City Council Director

Mia Boatner provided updates regarding several matters affecting the Uptown area.

Community Center and Aquatic Center Planning

Ms. Boatner reported that the City is currently evaluating master plans for a community center and an aquatic center. The current phase of the planning process involves data analysis.

Elizabeth Padilla referenced a previous discussion with Eric Lopez and Joel McElhany (August 2026 NA Meeting) concerning the potential acquisition of the former Nash Elementary School campus. She noted that the association had previously been informed that the City did not have sufficient funding to purchase the property.

Ms. Boatner confirmed that the City is experiencing a budget shortfall and indicated that this was likely the issue previously referenced.

A question was raised regarding whether an aquatic center was also being considered. Ms. Boatner confirmed that an aquatic center is part of the City's planning discussions.

Animal/Pet Facility

A question was raised regarding a potential pet center or animal facility. Ms. Boatner stated that she believed the matter involved District 7 and indicated that there had been discussion regarding the potential closure of a shelter. Additional discussion indicated that the facility may not ultimately close.

Traders Oak Park / Railroad Property

Discussion was held regarding property adjacent to Traders Oak Park that is believed to be owned by the railroad despite questions regarding whether the property has been abandoned.

Members discussed an existing fence, property boundaries, easements, and portions of the park that may have been donated.

Ms. Boatner asked whether the Neighborhood Association was still pursuing adoption of the area.

The Uptown FWNA does not have the funds to sustain such a large project without financial support or a City Partnership at this time.

Ms. Boatner stated that there may be an opportunity to coordinate with the Neighborhood Association regarding additional mowing or maintenance, subject to current City budget constraints.

PTZ Cameras

Elizabeth Padilla asked whether additional PTZ security cameras could be installed in the Uptown area.

Ms. Boatner stated that she did not have an immediate answer but would look into an appropriate City contact. Debbie Branch was identified as a possible contact.

Construction and Traffic Safety at Pavillion St and Samuels Ave

Cyd Byrd raised concerns regarding construction at Pavillion St and Samuels Avenue that has reduced the roadway to one lane.

She noted that the area is intended to be managed by flaggers; however, there have been periods when no flagger was present.

Cyd described a recent incident involving a resident waiting to meet and escort her children across the street. Due to construction, the southbound bus was unable to stop at its normal location, and traffic conditions made it difficult for children to safely cross the street.

The concerns regarding traffic control, pedestrian safety, and access during construction were noted.

Ms. Boatner also acknowledged the Neighborhood Association's ongoing attention to City budget matters.

Officer Walter Layton — Neighborhood Police Officer

NOT PRESENT AT THIS MEETING

Officer Lisa Cleveland — Code Compliance

Officer Lisa Cleveland provided an update regarding Code Compliance activity in the Uptown area.

She reported that there are approximately **50 active violations** in the area, with the majority involving **illegal dumping and property-management-related issues**.

The Pavillion At Samuels Ave Apartments

Elizabeth Padilla provided an update regarding complaints received from residents concerning conditions at The Pavillion.

Elizabeth stated that she had provided residents with information regarding the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) complaint process and had personally contacted TDHCA. She stated that she was informed that an Uptown resident could submit a complaint (for the exterior of the property) and that she subsequently submitted a complaint on behalf of residents. However, complaints on the interior of a resident’s property must be submitted by the resident.

Elizabeth reported that she subsequently experienced what she believed to be retaliatory conduct related to the complaint.

Cyd Byrd characterized the communication received as essentially instructing the Neighborhood Association to stay out of the property's affairs.

Elizabeth stated that an individual subsequently visited her residence and spoke with her husband, Dave Pannell. Elizabeth attempted to contact the individual afterward but did not receive a response.

Elizabeth reported that she later received written communication stating that she and Dave were not permitted on the property and would be trespassed.

Elizabeth stated that her intent was to advocate for Uptown residents and not to create conflict with property management.

Elizabeth further reported that, following another resident complaint, she attempted to contact property management directly. She stated that she was initially told that residents were not permitted to participate in the Neighborhood Association and that property management would not participate with the association.

After requesting that the position be provided in writing, Elizabeth stated that management subsequently clarified that residents could participate in the Neighborhood Association, but that association members could not be present on the property.

Tim LaPoint recommended that Fort Worth Housing be reminded that the neighborhood had previously been asked to welcome residents of the property into the community and that the Neighborhood Association had done so.

Tim offered to send an email addressing the matter.

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4. Code Blue Update

Tracey Marks — Uptown Code Blue Representative

NOT PRESENT AT THIS MEETING

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5. Street Representative Updates

David Ortiz — Peach Street

David Ortiz reported observing notices regarding water shutoffs in the area.

Elizabeth Padilla also reported that a streetlight had been installed on Waterman Avenue and Poindexter St.

Carl — Nichols Street

NOT PRESENT AT THIS MEETING

The association was informed that **speed cushions have been approved for Nichols Street**. The Neighborhood Association recently received a petition for Nichols Street residents to sign in support of the project.

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6. Community Discussion

An open forum was held for residents and members to discuss neighborhood concerns, identify priorities, and provide feedback regarding issues the association should focus on addressing.

Discussion also included the effectiveness of current Neighborhood Association meetings, including meeting times, structure, speakers, and areas where issues may not be receiving sufficient attention or traction.

Traders Oak Park

Discussion was held regarding maintenance of the Traders Oak Park area and adjacent property.

Ms. Boatner stated that the front portion of the area is expected to have a mowing schedule. She offered to connect the Neighborhood Association with City staff to discuss what additional vegetation removal or maintenance might be possible given current budget constraints.

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7. Board and Committee Reports

Elizabeth Padilla — President

President Elizabeth Padilla provided the following updates:

- The Uptown FWNA will participate in **National Night Out (NNO)** on **Tuesday, October 6, 2026, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**.
- Updates were provided regarding the **Uptown Issue Tracker**.
- **Former Nash Elementary Campus:** The property is currently available for bids. Depending upon the property's future use, rezoning may be required.
- The Neighborhood Association is currently seeking a **volunteer Secretary**.
- The association is seeking a lead volunteer for the **Monthly Community Cleanup Day** initiative.
- A **Pioneers Rest Cemetery Cleanup Day** was discussed.
- Residents were reminded to use the **Fort Worth App** to report street-lighting issues and to retain the case number associated with each report.
- Recruitment for the **Resident Resources Committee** is ongoing.
- The association continues to seek speakers for future monthly meetings.

Meeting Speaker Discussion

Members discussed the number and format of guest speakers at monthly meetings.

Tim LaPoint proposed limiting presentations to approximately one hour for a single primary speaker.

Allen Cejka noted that the association regularly receives updates from Mia Boatner, Officer Lisa Cleveland, and Officer Walter Layton and suggested limiting additional presentations to one outside speaker.

A proposal was discussed to move guest speakers toward the end of the meeting agenda.

Omar Rosales — Vice President

No additional report was recorded.

Secretary — Open Position

The Secretary position remains vacant.

Current administrative responsibilities include:

- Member sign-in.
- Collection and maintenance of updated member email addresses and telephone numbers for association communications.

Andy Nold — Treasurer

Andy Nold- NOT PRESENT AT THIS MEETING

Allen Cejka — Historic Resources Committee

Updates regarding the **Traders Oak Park property line map** and related property-boundary questions were noted.

Cyd & Jim Byrd — Parks Committee

Committee responsibilities and updates include:

- Parks-related updates.
- Pet resources.
- Neighborhood safety.

Dave Pannell — Real Estate Committee

No additional report was recorded.

Wendy Blanton — Neighborhood Signage

NOT PRESENT AT THIS MEETING

Evan Escher — Infrastructure & Transportation Committee

NOT PRESENT AT THIS MEETING

Tim LaPoint — Business & Local Engagement Committee

No additional report was recorded.

Elizabeth Hernandez — Events Planning Committee

No additional report was recorded.

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8. Action Items and Follow-Up

The following follow-up items were identified:

1. **PTZ Cameras:** Follow up with an appropriate City contact regarding the potential installation of additional PTZ cameras in the Uptown area.
2. **Traders Oak Park:** Continue discussions with the City regarding mowing, maintenance, and the condition of adjacent property.
3. **The Pavillion at Samuels Ave Apartments:** Continue documenting resident concerns and communications with property management and appropriate housing authorities. Direct residents of that property with concerns to contact management prior to escalating the matter, per Adrianne Luper, property manager.
4. **Nichols Street:** Distribute and collect resident signatures on the speed-cushion petition.
5. **Community Cleanup:** Identify a volunteer to lead the Monthly Community Cleanup Day initiative.
6. **Secretary:** Continue recruitment for a volunteer Secretary.
7. **Resident Resources Committee:** Continue recruitment of committee members.
8. **National Night Out:** Continue planning for the October 6, 2026 event.
9. **Meeting Format:** Continue discussion regarding the number, length, and placement of guest speakers on future agendas.
10. **Fort Worth App:** Encourage residents to report infrastructure and street-lighting issues through the City application and retain their case numbers for follow-up.

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9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at **7:15 PM**.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 7, 2026
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Fort Worth Black House

1105 E. Peach St.
Fort Worth, Texas

Attendees

- Elizabeth Padilla
- Dave Pannell
- Omar Rosales
- Tim LaPoint
- Cyd Byrd
- Lisa Cleveland
- Mia Boatner
- Allen Cejka
- David Ortiz
- Elizabeth Hernandez