Uptown Fort Worth Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, October 7, 2026
Time: 6:00 PM – 7:20 PM
Location: Tia's on the Bluff, Fort Worth, Texas

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order. Attendees were welcomed, and introductions were made. New neighbors and guests were recognized.

2. Board Business

Approval of September 2026 Meeting Minutes

- The September 2026 meeting minutes were presented for board review and approval.

  Motion to approve: Allen Cejka

  Seconded: Tim LaPoint

  All In Favor/No Opposition

Neighborhood Association Secretary Election

- The Secretary position remains vacant.
- Elizabeth Hernandez had expressed interest in volunteering for the position but was unable to attend due to a last-minute scheduling conflict.
- The position remains open for consideration at a future meeting.

3. Guest Presentations and City Updates

Transportation and Public Works (TPW) – Marisa Conlin

Marisa Conlin of the City of Fort Worth Transportation and Public Works Department attended to hear residents' concerns regarding traffic safety along Hampton Street and at the Hampton Street and Pharr Street intersection.

- Residents discussed ongoing speeding, visibility restrictions, and traffic safety concerns.
- Three previous traffic-calming requests involving the intersection and surrounding streets have been denied over the past 18 months.
- Marisa clarified that the original request had been evaluated specifically as a request for a four-way stop sign. The intersection may not meet the applicable City and State requirements for that treatment.
- Residents and association representatives will forward and resend photographs, videos, the original formal request, and prior correspondence to Marisa Conlin and the TPW team for further review.
- Additional meeting details are documented in the accompanying Zoom AI meeting notes.

District 9 City Council – Mia Boatner

- Mia Boatner was unable to attend.

Fort Worth Police Department – Officer Walter Layton, Neighborhood Police Officer

- Officer Layton announced his retirement, effective February 1, 2026. His final meeting with the association is expected to take place in November 2026.
- Residents and the Safety Committee have requested Pan-Tilt-Zoom (PTZ) cameras in specific areas of Uptown to help address theft, vandalism, and other neighborhood safety concerns.
- The camera request has not yet been entered or processed as requested.
- The next step is to contact City Council for assistance in advancing the request.

Code Compliance – Officer Orr

- Officer Matthew Hayes has been reassigned to the Uptown Fort Worth area.
- Officer Lisa Cleveland has transferred to the Multifamily Department.
- Officer Orr attended in place of Officer Hayes and reported 64 violations in the neighborhood.
- Additional details are included in the accompanying Zoom AI meeting notes.

Code Blue – Traci, Uptown Representative

- Traci reiterated the need for PTZ cameras to help deter theft and vandalism in the neighborhood.
- A request was submitted by email to the Fort Worth Police Department; however, no response has been received.
- The next step is to contact City Council for assistance with the request.

Street Representatives – David Ortiz, Peach Street

- No street-specific updates were reported.
- David reminded residents that a proposed name change for the neighborhood association will be brought forward for a vote at the November 2026 meeting.

- Residents are encouraged to submit name suggestions to **liz@uptownfortworthna.com**.

4. Community Discussion

Hampton Street and Hampton Street/Pharr Street Intersection

- Residents shared concerns regarding speeding, restricted visibility, and traffic safety along Hampton Street and at the Hampton Street and Pharr Street intersection.
- Marisa Conlin of TPW attended to hear residents' concerns and discuss the City's evaluation process.
- Residents and association representatives will submit photographs, videos, the original formal request, and previous correspondence to TPW to support further review.
- Additional discussion details are documented in the accompanying Zoom AI meeting notes.

Samuels Avenue Traffic Concerns

- Residents also raised concerns regarding traffic conditions along Samuels Avenue.

5. Board and Committee Reports

President – Liz Padilla

Provided the following updates and announcements:

- **Neighborhood Newsletter:** The Uptown Fort Worth Neighborhood Association newsletter was expected to be ready in early October.
- **Nichols Street Speed Cushions:** Residents completed and signed the required petition. The petition was returned to TPW representatives, including Marisa Conlin, William, and Chelsea.
- **Uptown Issue Tracker:** Updates regarding neighborhood issues were shared.
- **Committee Volunteers:** Volunteers are needed to fill open committee positions and support association initiatives.
- **Pioneers Rest Cemetery Cleanup:** The neighborhood cleanup initiative was highlighted.
- **City Service Requests:** Residents were encouraged to report streetlight issues through the MyFW app and email the resulting case number to liz@uptownfortworthna.com and safety@uptownfortworthna.com.
- **Fundraising and Operating Expenses:** The association continues to seek donations to support its operations. Monthly expenses are approximately $100 for Google business email and Zoom services.
- **Local Business Appreciation:** The association thanked Tia's on the Bluff for hosting the October 2026 meeting. Residents were encouraged to support the business, which

offers space for gatherings, meetings, and parties and has been supportive of the neighborhood association and community.

Vice President – Omar Rosales

- Absent. No report was provided.

Secretary

- The position remains vacant.

Treasurer – Andy Nold

- Andy Nold submitted the Treasurer's Report, which is attached to these minutes.

Historic Resources Committee – Allen Cejka and Andy Nold

- Neighborhood Historian Allen Cejka encouraged longtime residents to share their recollections and historical information about Uptown.
- Requested information may include the original community center, former grocery stores, historic homes, multigenerational families, street changes, and neighborhood development.
- Residents are encouraged to submit information to **ceji8@aol.com**.
- The goal is to develop a historical timeline and document the story of the neighborhood.

Parks Committee – Cyd and Jim Byrd

- No updates were provided.

Real Estate Committee – Dave Pannell

- No updates were provided.

Neighborhood Signage – Wendy Blanton

- Wendy requested assistance locating a neighborhood meeting sign that went missing approximately one month ago.
- Residents who may have information about the sign are encouraged to contact the association.

Infrastructure and Transportation Committee – Evan Escher

- No updates were provided.

Business and Local Engagement Committee – Tim LaPoint

- No updates were provided.

Events Planning Committee – Elizabeth Hernandez

- Absent. No report was provided.

6. Action Items and Follow-Up

1. **Traffic Safety:** Forward and resend resident photographs, videos, the original formal request, and previous correspondence regarding Hampton Street and the Hampton Street/Pharr Street intersection to Marisa Conlin and the TPW team.
2. **PTZ Cameras:** Contact City Council for assistance advancing the neighborhood's camera request with the Fort Worth Police Department.
3. **Nichols Street Speed Cushions:** Follow up with TPW regarding the completed resident petition.
4. **Association Name Change:** Collect resident suggestions before the proposed vote at the November 2026 meeting.
5. **Secretary Position:** Continue seeking a volunteer and revisit the election at a future meeting.
6. **Historic Documentation:** Encourage longtime residents to submit neighborhood history to Allen Cejka.
7. **Missing Meeting Sign:** Seek information regarding the missing neighborhood association sign.
8. **Fundraising and Volunteers:** Continue recruiting committee volunteers and seeking donations to cover association operating expenses.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at **7:20 PM**.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 4, 2026
Time: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Location: 1105 E. Peach Street, Fort Worth, Texas

Attachments:

- Treasurer’s Report
- Zoom AI Meeting Notes