

**MEETING INFORMATION**

Date April 13, 2021
Location Virtual Meeting
Time 6:00 PM

IN ATTENDANCE

- Lawrence Sweeney; Ivy Sweeney; Shawn Hejke; Rico Roberts; Willard's ipad; Nick Colletti; Karen Piere; Martin Kramer; Amy (MD); Alex "Justin" Henry; Brenda Snitzer; Mark Ruibal; Jesse Moreno; Jody Rivera; Christopher Arnold; Jesse Holmes; Albert Sanchez; Travis Bonick; Adrian Pittman; Amy Aamond

MINUTES

1. Guests - Lawrence Sweeney introduced Jesse Moreno and Justin Henry
2. Jesse Moreno -
 - a. Third generation Dallasite, business owner and father, with 20 years in public service
 - b. Has family business in Shed 2 at the DFM
 - c. Has Adam Medrano' s endorsement
 - d. # 1 importance - public safety; he has a 3 year old, lives adjacent to Deep Ellum, was on the parks board, and implemented the Park Ranger Program
 - e. #2 importance - public infrastructure - streets/sidewalks/cross-walks/crossing lights
 - f. #3 importance - economy - he wants to bring more businesses to Dallas to stabilize taxes
 - g. Schools and public parks = 2 things people look for in a neighborhood
 - h. He hopes for a deck park joining the DFM and Cedars districts
 - i. West End Square Park opening and Harwood Park coming soon
 - j. Chief Development Officer for the Bridge, Nick Colletti, inquired about the \$20 million Dallas City Council was to put into the homeless housing - Jesse will check into it and let us know
 - k. The Good Neighbor Agreement has been successful
 - l. Re public safety/police officers in the news, Jesse says they need to be given resources
 - m. Re city campers/tents/homeless taking people's items, Jesse says they need to be treated with compassion, but if they're breaking the law, they're breaking the law
 - n. Jesse will be doing a meet and greet next week 4/22 at the Green Door Public House
3. Justin Henry-
 - a. DISD Trustee for District 9 (City Lab & Booker T Washington schools in his district)
 - b. Is a parent of 2 kids in DISD, and works for McKesson (pharmaceutical company)
 - c. Is passionate about public education, racial equity, community engagement, elevating the teaching profession, expanding early learning
 - d. He has an engineering degree, taught middle school math, went to law school and got into policy
 - e. He's working on increasing the size & expanding the grade levels from pre-k through the 8th grade at the new Montessori school in the UNT building downtown
 - f. He's working on balancing socio-economics for downtown employees & residents

4. Officer Shawn Hejke (Sr. Corporal / CBD Neighborhood Police Officer)
 - a. Went over the crime stats, offenses are up 23% (residence property thefts, stolen cars, graffiti vandalism, thefts from motor vehicles)
 - b. Protest is going on at DPD headquarters at 7 pm by Next Generation Action Network (first one under new policy chief), with more going on for the next week around downtown; police will be in the background letting them protest peacefully
 - c. The graffiti taskforce (ran by his lieutenant) has pinpointed the tagging groups and are working on catching them, no warrants issued yet
 - d. Speed racing hasn't slowed down; new chief Herrera seeking ideas on solutions, trying to figure out how to stop it; we are encouraged to report incidents to 911; the police surveillance towers are solar powered, but not always working depending on the charge status; there are only 4 or 5 for the whole city, moving around from place to place; people are removing their plates before stunts; DPD can impound/seize their cars; officers are trying to get on the racers' social media, but it's a slow process
5. Code Compliance - Johnny Garcia -
 - a. Ninf Lopez is leaving this week; our new code officer will be Juan Contreras, phone number 469-704-2683
 - b. Key focus area is the graffiti vandalism in the CBD and DFM areas; the property owner has to remove it immediately; a notice of violation will be issued with a consent form for abatement; covers will be put over the graffiti is abatement is denied; 7-10 days are allowed for abatement; they use dcad.org to figure out who the property owners are; they can extend the time to fix it by SLA (Service Level Agreement), communication is key; contact Johnny Garcia or our area inspector
 - c. Albert Sanchez (VP of public safety field operations with DDI) coordinated with Lieutenant Connolly & arrested a tagger today, close to obtaining another one; they recommend taking photos of the graffiti before abatement so they can add up damages amounts
 - d. Code Compliance works closely with DPD, DDI and the Office of Homeless Solutions
6. The Stewpot - Brenda Snitzer -
 - a. People are living on the street at Canton/Park, trying to address the best way to manage that group; these people have mental health challenges and a lot are services resistant
 - b. There are 15 pairs of shoes hanging over the power lines by the Stewpot, which means drugs are sold there; Johnny Garcia is to contact the appropriate authorities (Oncor possibly?) to remove them
 - c. May 12 they are doing the annual feeding the emergency responders; the Bridge meal services team does the cookout; we are encouraged to come greet the emergency responders