



**Downtown Fort Worth, Inc.  
Fort Worth Public Improvement District #14  
Advisory Board Meeting  
April 14, 2022  
Minutes**

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The Advisory Board for the Fort Worth Public Improvement District #14 met in person at the offices of Downtown Fort Worth, Inc., located at 777 Taylor Street, Suite 100, Fort Worth, Texas on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 9am.

**Advisory Board Members who attended:** Kent Bogle, Anthony Renda, and Tom Struhs.

**Advisory Board Members unable to attend:** Donna Anderson, Debbie Diaz, Jeff Fulenchek, and Tara Pittman.

**DFWI Staff:** Matt Beard, Brandi Ervin, Becky Fetty, Nicole Fincher, Shane Smith, Andy Taft and Barbara Sprabary.

**Also present for today's meeting:** Crystal Hinojosa, PID Administrator with the City of Fort Worth.

With a quorum being present, Chairman Tom Struhs called the PID #14 Advisory Board meeting to order.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES** – Mr. Struhs called the Board's attention to the February 2, 2022 minutes. The minutes were emailed to the Board prior to today's meeting.

*Before the minutes were approved, Matt Beard gave a couple of updates since the February 2 meeting:*

- *Staff is still working with the Pioneers Rest Board to approve the final plans that will replace the damaged ones. Work at Pioneers Rest is about 75%-80% complete.*
- *The PID Board approved some funds in reserves for pole painting. This required a mid-year adjustment that was approved last week by Council.*
- *Debbie Diaz from TownePlace Suites asked us about some pole lights that needed to be replaced. TPW is addressing this.*
- *The litter abatement team is working with BNSF on the litter around BNSF property and the railroad.*
- *We have replaced 20 banners that have ripped due to high winds. We will continue to address this.*

**UPON A MOTION BY Kent Bogle and duly seconded by Anthony Renda, the PID #14 Advisory Board of Directors unanimously approved the February 2, 2022 minutes as presented.**

**2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT 2022** – Ms. Ervin reported the following:

- PID #14 Revenue is at almost 56% of this year's assessments; once we reach the budgeted amount of \$81,050, we will start using last year's assessments.
- The PID is at 50% of expenses for the year; we have not used \$5K in replacements, as we are waiting on Pioneer's Rest Board.
- We will go over budget by \$200 on Tree Lights.
- Security Enhancement will be under budget by \$375.



- We will be using the banner budget in April; this will appear on next quarter's financial report.

**UPON A MOTION BY Anthony Renda and duly seconded by Kent Bogle, the PID #14 Advisory Board unanimously approved the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial 2022 report as presented.**

#### **PID #14 REPORT**

- **Maintenance, Landscaping & Ambassador Program** – Paul Andrade is the Outreach Coordinator in PID #1. He has helped 30 people find housing and an additional 11 are in the process of getting vouchers for housing.
- **Homeless Outreach in PID #14** – The H.O.P.E. Team's new sergeant, Joel Starry, is working on addressing the camping issues on East Lancaster. This may cause a temporary increase in new faces. There have been a few homeless people around TownePlace Suites and this is due to the movement. Starry is sending us weekly update reports.

Anthony Renda talked about the tents and tarps behind Allen Chapel Church property. Mr. Beard said he will report the drooping trees to code which should help clean up that area. (Mr. Renda will send Pastor Matlock's contact information to Mr. Beard.)

Mr. Taft said it would be helpful if the Board from Pecan Place would send a request or recommendation to Sundance Square regarding the trees. Mr. Renda said he would ask the Board of Pecan Place to send a letter.

- **Hospitality, Business Contacts, & Motorists Assists** – Mr. Beard showed the walking paths of the Ambassadors from January – now (2<sup>nd</sup> quarter). The Ambassadors patrol heavily on Samuels during the day and early evenings. Reminder: Anytime the Ambassadors are on duty, they can be called for assistance. Chairman Struhs asked if there is a trend in what we are seeing. Mr. Beard said that hospitality and business contacts are through the roof since the pandemic began easing.

#### **TRANSPORTATION & PLANNING**

- There are 227 residential units planned along Samuels.
- Six units are planned for 1101 Poindexter.
- The Harrison (north of the PID) at 511 Samuels has gone through the DDRB.
- The AVID Hotel is still saying July 2022 as their completion date. They will have a 24-hour coffee service for neighborhood to use.

The board discussed other properties around the area including:

- A rent house on Mayfield and Samuels that would be a good spot for a market or coffee hangout (800 Samuels).
- There are 2 houses and 2 empty lots that have been cleared at Clearlake Avenue behind Arnold Park.

**Road Work** - Beard showed an image with the roads that have been graded and will be resurfaced in April. The other road improvements will happen later this year. Becky Fetty added that the City held a meeting Monday evening and QR codes will be available around the city that will give construction updates and timelines.

**Bond Election** – Andy Taft reported that DFWI has donated \$10K to advocate the passage of the bond proposal for Proposition B, which includes Heritage Park. (These are private funds, not PID funds.) \$13.5M for Heritage Park and \$6.5M for the Water Gardens. Mr. Taft asked the Advisory Board to encourage people who vote in that district, to vote positively.



**STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN, PLAN 2033** – Interface Studios was here yesterday for the kickoff meeting for the Strategic Action Plan, Plan 2033. Hospitality was added as a breakout of Business Development. We would like to encourage property owners in PID #14 to be given the QR code to take the survey, as well as get leaders from the neighborhood to be involved in a committee. Mr. Taft would love for residents from the Rock Island neighborhood to be involved in the process. Kent Bogle said he has a Neighborhood Association email list that he will forward to staff. Mr. Taft asked if there is a person that DFWI needs to meet with that can be cajoled to take action. Mr. Renda said the people are craving someone they can trust. He said Spanish is important and he can have his day laborers speak/translate. He can plan a bbq at the park. Chairman Struhs said it will help to get some action going, if the dialogue is there before the process starts.

Chairman Struhs asked if anyone talked about the current situation in Sundance Square during the SAP kickoff meeting. Mr. Taft said that people spoke very frankly about it.

**MARKETING** – Nicole Fincher announced that the Downtown Neighborhood Alliance will be meeting at Waters next week. Residents and businesses are welcome to join. If there are any owners that want to be added, please contact [Nicole@dfwi.org](mailto:Nicole@dfwi.org).

Mr. Taft announced that Ms. Fincher will be moving to California at the end of May. This has opened an opportunity for a new staffer to join DFWI. If you know anyone that might be interested in this position, please contact [Barbara@dfwi.org](mailto:Barbara@dfwi.org)

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** – There were no future agenda items presented by the Advisory Board.

Mr. Struhs asked about the River Road, although it is not PID business, he wanted to see if we can get some conversation going as three people on the PID #14 Advisory board have an interest. Mr. Renda said once the Corps of Engineers puts out the RFPs, it will open up conversations. Mr. Struhs said that we should lead that with getting the concept to grow some legs. It is time for conversations to go forward and be prepared to have that respect for the people that live there. Mr. Taft said he has reached out to Dan Buhman and will set something up.

**PRESENTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC** – There were no presentations by the public.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING** – With no other matters to come before the Board, Chairman Struhs adjourned the PID #14 Advisory Committee Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Tom Struhs, Chairman

