



FNA Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 24, 2026

Arts Fifth Avenue • 1628 5th Ave, Fort Worth, TX

Neighborhood Safety and Property Issues

The community continues to focus on addressing property crime and unstable rental situations to improve neighborhood safety and accountability.

• Low Violent Crime with Property Concerns

- Officer Clint More reported 41 recent criminal offenses, most of them property crimes and very few violent offenses.
- A notable incident involved a drunk individual firing a gun at 2252 Fairmount Ave. No injuries occurred and the firearms were seized.
- The suspect's guns were removed, but the legal process allows possible repurchase unless a conviction occurs.
- Officer More urged residents to report suspicious activity to help build cases and improve police responsiveness.

• Problematic Rental Property and Landlord Negligence

- The duplex-turned-triplex at 2008 Hemphill continues to raise safety concerns.
- The property houses unstable tenants, including individuals involved in violent incidents, impacting nearby residents and children.
- Neighbors report the landlord has been dismissive of safety concerns and unwilling to improve tenant screening or management practices.
- Residents are exploring ways to hold the landlord accountable through code violations or eviction processes.

• Nuisance Abatement Challenges

- Nuisance abatement in Texas can be a lengthy process due to strong property rights protections.
- Code violations, service calls, and structural issues are key factors but require extensive legal documentation before enforcement can occur.
- The property also has back taxes and liens, complicating the situation further.

- The city continues monitoring the issue while police and code enforcement collaborate on possible solutions.

• **Community Reporting and Police Engagement**

- Residents are encouraged to report suspicious activity using emergency or non-emergency police lines.
 - Visual evidence such as video recordings can significantly help police investigations.
 - Active citizen reporting remains one of the most effective ways to support enforcement efforts and neighborhood safety.
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Southwest Paper Facility Expansion

Frontier Waste Solutions is seeking community support for expanding their recycling facility to reduce landfill waste and create additional local jobs.

• **Conditional Use Permit for Expansion**

- Frontier Waste Solutions recently acquired Southwest Paper, a recycling facility operating since the 1980s near Hemphill and South Main.
- The company is seeking a conditional use permit to expand operations onto seven vacant lots currently zoned heavy industrial.
- The expansion would increase recycling throughput by an estimated 20,000–30,000 tons annually.
- The permit is required because recycling operations were not previously authorized on those additional lots.

• **Traffic and Operational Impact**

- A traffic study indicates less than 2% of vehicles on Mountain Side Drive originate from the facility.
- The expansion is not expected to significantly increase truck traffic.
- Trucks primarily enter and exit via South Main due to train crossings limiting other routes.
- Approximately 10 additional employees are expected to be hired, primarily local workers.

• **Community Communication and Environmental Considerations**

- Company representatives met with neighborhood associations to introduce the proposal and answer questions.
 - Dust and pollutant mitigation remain key environmental considerations.
 - The Fort Worth chapter of the Sierra Club has indicated no objection to the expansion.
 - The company plans continued outreach and information sharing with residents.
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Historic Fairmount Events and Community Engagement

The neighborhood continues organizing events and programs that strengthen community connections and support local businesses.

• Home Tour Planning and Ticket Sales

- The annual Fairmount Historic Home Tour is scheduled for May 9.
- Four of the six featured homes currently have sponsors.
- Presale tickets close May 7, with VIP tickets closing the weekend before the tour.
- Advertising opportunities remain available for local businesses.
- Volunteers receive free tickets and access to a post-tour social event.

• Parade Organization and Community Participation

- The Home Tour parade will include local officials, horseback riders, and children's bike groups.
- Volunteers are needed to place yard signs and assist with event logistics.
- Organizers are exploring musical elements such as a drum or kazoo band.
- A convertible is also needed for the neighborhood officer's parade ride.

• Neighborhood Yard Sale and Fair

- The neighborhood yard sale is scheduled for April 11, with many homes already registered.
- Signs with QR codes linking to the yard sale map will be placed throughout the neighborhood.
- A vendor and art fair will also take place in Fairmount Park alongside the Home Tour.
- The fair will include local artists, food vendors, and coffee.

• Monthly Social and Membership Activities

- The next neighborhood social will take place at Magnolia Wine Bar in partnership with Fairmount Bites.
- Residents can sign up for membership, purchase Home Tour tickets, and buy neighborhood flags.
- Membership runs annually from January through December.

Neighborhood Communications and Publications

The association continues expanding communication tools to keep residents informed and engaged.

• Spring 2026 Neighborhood Magazine

- The upcoming magazine will include a neighborhood resource guide covering recycling, garbage services, library information, and the community garden.

- The issue will run approximately 16–24 pages and include advertising opportunities for local businesses.
- Discounted packages are available for businesses advertising in both the Home Tour booklet and the magazine.

- **Advertising and Sponsorship Strategy**

- Advertising revenue supports neighborhood events and publications.
- Organizers are reaching out to previous sponsors and local businesses to participate.

- **Event Marketing and Online Presence**

- Event registration and information are being centralized on the neighborhood website.
- Email newsletters and social media will continue providing regular updates.

Infrastructure and Traffic Planning

Residents continue advocating for safe transportation and thoughtful infrastructure improvements.

- **Support for Hemphill Bike Lanes**

- The community strongly supports maintaining bike lanes on Hemphill, which have improved safety and supported local businesses.
- Train scheduling conflicts during rush hour contribute to traffic congestion.
- Adjusting train operations has been suggested as a possible solution.

- **Community Engagement in Planning**

- Traffic studies represent planning opinions and can be influenced by public input.
- Continued resident participation in city planning discussions remains important.

Volunteer Programs and Neighborhood Communication

- **Magazine Delivery Volunteers**

- Volunteers will help deliver the neighborhood magazine to reduce distribution costs.
- Families and residents are encouraged to participate.

- **Updated Yard Signs and Communication Tools**

- New yard signs are being produced to update event schedules and improve communication.
- Temporary stickers will be used on existing signs until the new signs are installed.

AGENDA:

General Membership Meeting

- **Call to Order** - Bryant Haertlein, President
- **City of Fort Worth Updates**
 - City Council District 9 Director Anthony Rojas
 - Bond/Charter Election Meetings, March/April
 - Hemphill Corridor Public Meeting, 4/6 @ 6pm, Victory Forest
 - Upcoming Projects and Events
 - Code Compliance Officer Terrica Orr
 - Neighborhood Police Officer Clint Moore
- **Guest Speakers - SouthwestPaper/Frontier Waste**
 - Existing recycling facility at 400 W Jessamine
 - Pending CUP zoning application
- **FNA Board Updates**
 - **Promotions** - Jen Kindschi
 - Home Tour
 - Sponsorship Opportunities
 - Pre-Sale and VIP Tickets for Sale After Meeting and Online
 - Barbara C. - Parade!
 - Home Tour Committee and Volunteers
 - Fairmount Neighborhood Yard Sale - 4/11, 8am
 - **Membership** - Natalie Trimble
 - Neighborhood Social, 3/31, Magnolia Wine Bar
 - **Finance** - Hao Tran
 - Checking: \$3,524
 - Savings: \$9,421
 - **Communications** - Taylor Staniforth, communications@historicfairmount.com
 - Next Magazine - Resource Issue, Please Submit Ideas
 - Looking for Student Intern
 - Fairmount Flags - reordered!
 - Call for Ads - Next Magazine & Home Tour Booklet
 - **Preservation** - Michael McDermott and Kathryn McCarthy

- 22XX 5th Ave Duplex Compliance Issues and Resolution
- 2239 6th Ave - Denied COA for Painted Brick
- **Infrastructure** - Ben Eppstein
- **Public Safety** - Richard Schrade
 - 22XX Fairmount Ave. - Ofc. Moore is aware of the situation. Stay vigilant and call 911 if you see anything suspicious.
- **President** - Bryant Haertlein
 - Call for Volunteers and Past Participants
 - Fairmount Magazine Delivery Late April (“Home Tour Edition”)
 - Hemphill Corridor Development Collaborative
 - Seeking input on proposed Hemphill Vision document
 - Upcoming Meeting Preview
 - Overview of the Texas Historic Landmark Program - Stacy Luecker