

# Chapel Creek NA General Meeting Minutes

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**Thursday, October 26, 2010**  
**Normandale Baptist Church**

**7:10pm Meeting called to order by Jeff Galle.**

## **Introduction**

Jeff Galle – President, Gary Hogan – VP, Brenda Hogan – Secretary, Marcy Galle – Treasurer (absent)

**Approval of minutes from August, 2010:** Available on-line.

**President's Report** – Early August Park update – talked to David Creed and arranged to pick up the paperwork to start the planning stages with him. We want the City to get moving on this project. Our dedicated park money is growing and is being rolled over for one year at a time so it will be available for us to use on the park when the City development is underway. There will be a joint effort so the work will be completed at one time. Poor attendance was noted for this meeting. Ways to improve attendance were discussed. We will send out e-mails and put it on our webpage, but also put out the notices on doors.

**Treasure's Report** - \$811.83 (Some bills outstanding; Web poster \$2.30) CD - \$55,020.00

**The report on National Night Out** at the Redeemer Bible Church was that everyone that attended had a good time, but attendance was very poor. People should have attended, as the Fort Worth Police Chief came by just as we were packing up and we had a nice visit with him. He told us how much they appreciate the help the Police Department receives from Citizens on Patrol. Our NPO Officer, Ken Jacobs, was still there helping us up things away. Councilman Zim Zimmerman's office was represented by his Council Aide, Sandi Breaux. CCNA is now on Facebook. Everyone needs to join as a friend.

**Report on Gas Well Activity** – Chesapeake has sent us another request form, a Divisional Order form to get signed. We will put a detailed explanation on the website, but this is a small check for the 6 months of drilling that has been done since our site was merged with another drilling site near here. Our site has not actually been drilled yet, but when it is, our returns will remain about the same. The price of gas has gone down a lot since our leases were signed.

**Councilman Zimmerman** made a short report concerning the budgets for the city since the last meeting. The shortage for the city is a little smaller than originally thought, but it is still large.

The Budget for the year was approved and all the libraries will remain open for 6 months. There may be some changes to hours of operation and personnel needed for this time period. We are studying the possibility of operating the libraries as public/private units. This has worked for the Botanical Gardens and the Fort Worth Zoo, and it may work for the libraries. We need to keep libraries open in the lower economic areas for the kids to use.

The bridge over I-30 was discussed as the oldest bridge needing replaced in Fort Worth. The City will have to partnership with other organizations, like the Federal and State Governments, to get this bridge replaced.

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Buses in town are being studied as to being fueled by Bio-gas or natural gas and also the issue of Street Cars in the cultural district is being discussed by City Council. There is a big debate as to how much use the Street Cars would have and who would benefit most from their installation.

The City is looking for ways to cut down on the money it spends on everything. Cuts are being made so there will be fewer cuts necessary next year. We are looking at 40 million next year. Pensions are still a problem. The work force has been cut and will be cut more, but they are trying to keep the services up to par with current standards. Retiring employees are not being replaced, if it is at all feasible to do without their positions.

**Zim and other Councilmen go to all the Neighborhood Association meetings they can, and they are seeing the same thing all over the City, neighborhoods of 400 to 1000 homes with memberships in the Associations of 30 to 40 people. They try to get the pulse of the city at these meetings, and it is hard when the meetings are so poorly attended and the memberships are getting smaller.** What is the answer to getting more people concerned about what is going on in the city? How do you get people out to vote in elections and work on projects that need to be accomplished for the good of the neighborhood? Your City Council is more responsible for making your daily quality of life better than any national or state election you may vote in. People need to become more aware of who is responsible for the street repairs, trash pick-up, safety and fire protection in their own towns. This is what really affects them the most. They need to become involved with the city government, and that in turn will cause a change in the State and Federal governments.

**Officer Jacobs reported that Home Break-ins are on the increase in our area.** They are breaking in front doors after ringing the bell to be sure no one is home. If you are home, please let the people at the door know you are there. You do not have to open the door; just make enough noise to let them hear you in the house. Do not do business with door to door salesmen. Most of them do not live in your neighborhood and are selling Magazines to make money for a trip somewhere. All salespeople have to have a permit to be selling inside the city limits of Fort Worth. Ask if they have one on their person, they are supposed to have it. Make sure your doggy doors are locked when you leave, if you have one. If you see anything, like people roaming the streets and driving by slowly several times, call the police and have them check it out. Better safe than sorry. Also, mark all your belongings with your driver's license number so if it does get stolen it can be identified. The question was asked by Officer Jacobs, is it against the law to park within 30 feet of a Stop Sign? It is. A report that the house at the corner of Old Weatherford Road @ Rolling Creek Run has quieted down and cleaned up their yard, not sure if a visit from the Police or the Code has the desired effect.

**A special meeting will have to be held at a later date for the election of new CCNA officers. There are not enough members present to elect a board tonight.** Next year is important to get our membership up. The City Council needs to see people out and interested in helping with all our projects, from the park to cleaning up the streets to voting. City can put sweat equity into the park work which can equal paid help. We need to get out and get people involved in the park issue and in CCNA. Lost Creek has 70-80 people at every meeting. We need to know what will work, let us know what would get you involved in the neighborhood. The dues are \$10/person or \$20/family per year. That cannot be a problem. Would door prizes help? What topics for speakers at the meeting would bring out people? Home Safety? **Next Meeting will be 11-16-10 for the vote on new officers.** Neighborhood clean-up will be 11-15-10.

**Jeff dismissed meeting at 8:10**