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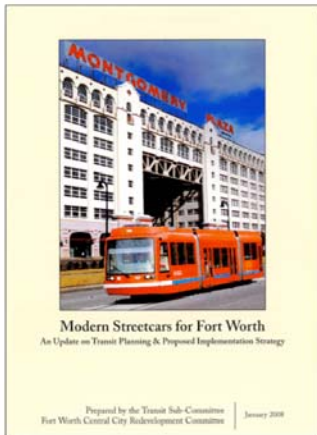
Report to Members & Partners
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Fairmount Tour of Historic Homes – It is that time again for the 26th Annual Tour of Historic Homes, scheduled for May 10th and 11th from noon till 6 p.m. Presented by the Fairmount Neighborhood Association, the tour is the neighborhood’s primary fundraising effort. Recently, the association used proceeds from past Home Tours to help offset the cost of capital improvement projects such as installing period-style streetlights, replacing neighborhood ID signs marking the boundaries of the Historic District, and enhancing area landscaping. If you would like more information, contact Tour director Tabitha Burns, 817-207-8450 or tab_dan@sbcglobal.net.



Homelessness Plan – Congratulations to Mayor Moncrief and the City for addressing chronic homelessness, one of the most challenging issues facing the Near Southside and other areas within the city’s “High Impact Zone”. The Mayor’s Advisory Commission on Homelessness, chaired by Reverend Brooks Harrington and staffed by Homeless Coordinator Otis Thornton, presented their draft 10-year plan to eliminate chronic homelessness on April 22nd. The plan’s vision is to make homelessness rare, short-term and non-recurring by the year 2018. A primary recommendation is to increase the supply of permanent supportive housing with on-site services that help people stabilize their lives, including health care, psychiatric care, job training and social skills training. The plan also includes recommendations to reduce impacts on neighborhoods and businesses. Review the draft plan at www.fortworthgov.org.

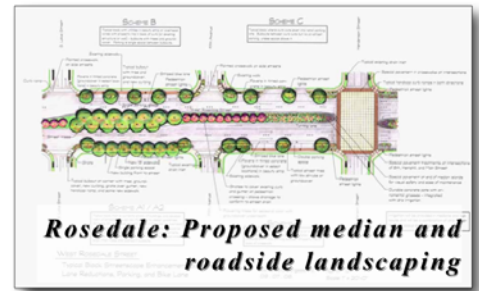


Modern Streetcar Report – In the summer of 2006 we reported that rising gasoline costs and the city’s population growth had spurred a resurgence of interest in light rail for Fort Worth. (Little did we know that \$2.50/gallon would reach \$3.50 so quickly!) The Central City Redevelopment Committee, chaired by Fran McCarthy, took the lead in reassessing the potential of a modern streetcar system for Fort Worth’s urban core. The committee’s report is now complete and available for download at www.fortworthsouth.org. Read about how things have changed significantly over the past five years to create favorable conditions for a modern streetcar system similar to successful systems in Portland, Oregon and other cities. In addition to expanding transportation choices, modern streetcars have proven to be a major stimulant for economic development. The report is being widely distributed, and the initial response from community leaders has been favorable. Of course, the work is just beginning, so stay tuned.

Congratulations to Rahr’s Bucking Bock! – The Near Southside brewery’s latest beer won the Bronze Medal at the 2008 World Beer Cup – “The Olympics of Brewing” – in San Diego on April 19. This traditional German maibock lager is a blend of the first batch of beer J.B. Flowers made after joining Rahr & Sons in December and another he made with microbrewery founder Fritz R. Rahr. In addition to distribution throughout Fort Worth, Rahr is now distributed in Dallas and Collin counties, which managing partner Tony Formby predicts will greatly expand the brewery’s reach. Rahr will also produce special beers for the Fort Worth Cats and the Grand Prairie Air Hogs minor league baseball teams and is in talks with Central Market.



West Rosedale's Future Looking More Promising – We are getting closer to the community's longstanding goal of making Rosedale an attractive, pedestrian-friendly street that helps attract high-quality urban development. A series of productive meetings with Mayor Moncrief and staff from the City and the North Central Council of Governments has put the Rosedale "retrofit" streetscape improvements on a faster track. The City hopes to execute a final design contract within the next few months and begin construction in 2009. Fortunately this project will be far less disruptive than the recent expansion project and should not require street closures or major detours.



Arts Fifth Avenue presents TCU production "Stages Apart" – Make plans to attend this showcase of student achievement in theater and film at Arts Fifth Avenue this Sunday, May 4th at 5:00 p.m. Free admission, refreshments, and a jazz combo during intermissions. A great way to salute the best and brightest of the next generation.

NEW BUSINESS...

Pro-Source Insurance Agency, LLC – Al Piper has opened his agency at 2120 Mistletoe Blvd., 817-533-3400. Stop by and welcome him to the neighborhood.

FWSI EVENTS...

Members Breakfast: Wednesday, May 7, 8 am – Quorum, 707 W. Vickery. Every May Quorum invites us to breakfast to celebrate their anniversary, and this year marks eleven. Don't miss seeing what a group of talented architects can do for a building.

We have 2008 breakfast dates open for hosts. Contact Michel at michel@fortworthsouth.org or 817-923-1343.

Member Host Happy Hour: Tray Chic Catering at 1612 Park Place will host our Happy Hour on Thursday, May 22nd, 5:30 till 7:30 pm. What better place to sample some of their work for your next party. Please contact michel@fortworthsouth.org if you are interested in hosting a Happy Hour.

THANK YOU...

Chadra Mezza & Grill for hosting our April Breakfast. Pizza for breakfast is always a plus.

HAVE/WANT...

For Sale – New custom built bungalow at 1325 College Ave. in Historic Fairmount. All the bells and whistles of a new home including granite counter tops and walk-in closets, while maintaining the charm of old world style. Master suite, open family room with fireplace and ½ bath downstairs, three bedrooms and full bath upstairs. Additional 450 sf unfinished bonus room over the 2-car detached garage. For more information call Sandi Thomas at 817-781-0342.



For Sale & Lease Book – If you have property for sale or lease, bring a picture and all pertinent information to our office and we will add it to our book. We have people in the office looking for property almost every day.

MEMBERSHIP...

There are now **330 funding members** of Fort Worth South, Inc. New Members:

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| Park Place Pharmacy | 1601 Park Place | Craig & Monique Nichols |
| LSA Pensions Services | 200 Hemphill Street | Vicki Ryall |

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