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Regional Leaders Make Case for Rail Transit at *Tracks to the Future*

The December 11 conference at the Downtown Sheraton attracted 280 attendees for a lively discussion about the future of commuter rail and modern streetcars in Dallas/Fort Worth. All speakers emphasized the urgency of promoting walkable, urban, transit-oriented development to accommodate future growth and remain competitive with other regions for economic development. As former Charlotte Mayor Pat McCrory said, Fort Worth is doing many things very well, but we're behind many of our peer cities on transit. That could change in the near future as a consultant team works this year on a modern streetcar plan to connect the Near Southside to Downtown, the Cultural District, and other central city destinations. For a great recap of the conference, see Kevin Buchanan's [thorough coverage at Fort Worthology](#). The conference sessions will also be broadcast on the City's community cable station later this month, and we'll let you know about the schedule when we get more information.



Vision North Texas Summit - *Tracks to the Future* highlighted many problems associated with suburban sprawl as well as the need for a new development model. Fortunately for the Near Southside, the best model for accommodating 4.1 million new Metroplex residents by 2030 is walkable urbanism. On Friday, January 22nd you can learn more and help shape the region's future at the *Vision North Texas* summit, 8am-3pm at the University of Texas at Arlington. Visit www.visionnorthtexas.org.

February 23rd FWSI Annual Banquet: Tables and Seats Now Available

Our annual banquet and fundraiser will be held at the Masonic Temple at 1100 Henderson Street on Tuesday, February 23rd, 6-9pm. Sponsorship tables and individual seats can be reserved by contacting Michel Stebbins at 817-923-1343 or michel@fortworthsouth.org. Seating is limited so please make your reservations early. The banquet is always a good time and proceeds help sustain FWSI revitalization activities. This year's theme, *People and Places*, will celebrate the Near Southside's amazing community spirit.



Historic South Main blocks added to National Register of Historic Places – Another historic section of the Near Southside achieved landmark status last month as eight buildings within the 100-200 blocks of South Main Street were added to the National Register of Historic Places. A special thanks to the property owners for preserving and honoring these historic buildings and to Susan Kline for her impressive work in documenting the area's history. And stay tuned for more news about South Main as we expect to hear soon from the North Central Texas Council of Governments about a funding application for wider sidewalks, street trees, lamp posts, and on-street parking.

Keep Tabs on Security through New Website – The Police Department is distributing crime information through a user-friendly website. Visit the crimemapping.com site and zoom in on the Near Southside to see the latest reports. Keeping tabs on security and reporting any illegal or suspicious activity helps keep the neighborhood safe.



Cat City Grill Launches Website – The much anticipated opening of a new Near Southside eatery is drawing closer as Cat City Grill launches catcitygrill.com. The site doesn't list a date but gives a preview of what they'll serve at the 1208 W. Magnolia location. Cat City Grill is a joint effort by Vance Martin of Lili's Bistro and former Del Frisco's chef Martin Thompson.

Cowboys of Color Rodeo – Don't miss the debut of the Cowboys of Color Rodeo on Monday, January 18th at the 2010 Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo! Start the day with the 11am MLK Parade, Downtown at 15th & Commerce Streets, free and open to the public. At 2pm enjoy the debut of the Fort Worth Cowboys Of Color Rodeo, tickets \$16, Will Rogers Coliseum, 3401 Lancaster Avenue. The event highlights the rich diversity that various cultures bring to rodeo and the western way of life. This rodeo will also feature special presentations by the Circle L Riding Club, La Guadalupana sidesaddle riding team, and internationally acclaimed vaquero, Jerry Diaz.



Jan. 18th Cowboys of Color Rodeo

FWSI EVENTS...

Member Breakfasts, 8am every First Wednesday. Please contact Michel at michel@fortworthsouth.org or 817-923-1343 if you'd like to host a breakfast and showcase your business to other FWSI members and their guests.

Wednesday, January 6th: Our hosts will be Baylor All Saints and Bright Horizons. The breakfast will be held in the Baylor atrium of the Martin Tower. You may self-park in either parking garage for free, or you can valet park for a fee.



Wednesday, February 3rd: Our host will be The Flying Carpet Café, 1223 Washington, just north of W. Magnolia. This older home was beautifully renovated with loving care and should soon open as a coffee shop unlike any other in town.



Happy Hours, 5:30pm on Fourth Thursdays. Please contact Michel at michel@fortworthsouth.org if you are interested in hosting our January Happy Hour or another in 2010.

HAVE/WANT...



1208-1214 S. Main Office Space – 5,400 sq ft total or four separate offices with 1,350 sq ft each, dedicated utilities, ample parking, \$14/sf. Call Tom Reynolds 817-336-8005.

Tarrant County Medical Society Building – Rooms to lease for meetings, 555 Hemphill Street call 817-732-2825.

207 S. Main Street – Great ground floor space within newly renovated historic Sawyer Grocery Building. Be the next business to join this energized urban village. 2,100 sq ft, call Tom Reynolds 817-336-8005.



MEMBERSHIP... There are now **297 members** of FWSI. Membership dues support the Near Southside's revitalization! Applications at www.fortworthsouth.org. New members:

Tiana & Company, Inc.

8417 Midway Road

Tiana Wages

Vandervoorts' Dairy

900 S. Main

Joe Wayne

Will Northern

Will Northern

Think Fixed

607 W. Magnolia Ave.

Geof Bowie

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