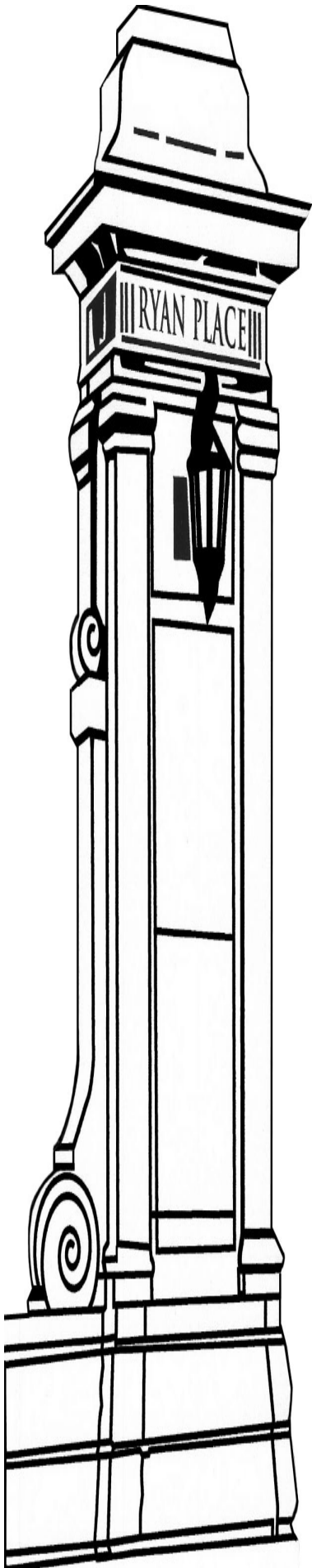


Historic Ryan Place



**Nomination of
Ryan Place Neighborhood
for the
*Community Collaboration Award***

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2008 Neighborhood Awards

Neighborhood(s) you are nominating: Ryan Place

Nomination Category (Choose one):

- Community Collaboration
- Fort Worth Pride
- Spirit of Fort Worth

Neighborhood Formation, Accomplishments, and Obstacles:

1. Please describe your neighborhood group, including information about its formation, accomplishments and obstacles it has overcome.

In the late '60's a handful of Ryan Place homeowners realized that it would take a collaborative effort to revitalize their decaying homes and neighborhood from neglect, the popularity of suburbs, and crime. The Ryan Place faithful homeowners united, to become one voice, against the decline of their neighborhood, and pioneered the formation of Fort Worth's first neighborhood association: Ryan Place Improvement Association commonly referred to as RPIA. The initial obstacle they overcame was a proposal by the City to change two neighborhood streets into one-way, North- and South-bound thoroughfares.

The residents also recognized a need to stabilize their neighborhood to prevent commercial encroachment, re-zoning to multi family dwellings, and worst of all, further demolition of magnificent architectural features and the mansions along Elizabeth Blvd. An extensive, long-term process ensued to research the history of the Elizabeth Boulevard homes and nominate them for historical recognition. In 1979, all of the forty-four historic homes along Elizabeth Boulevard were entered into the National Register of Historic Places. This designation made us all aware of the unique place our neighborhood holds in the heart of the near Southside. The Elizabeth Boulevard Historic District was the first registered residential historic district in the City of Fort Worth.

Members of RPIA continued to rehabilitate Ryan Place by creating a non-profit organization to raise funds for historical neighborhood revitalization, preservation, and improvements. In 1983, a few residents met to explore the possibility of replacing the grand gates at the corner of Elizabeth Boulevard and Eighth Avenue that had been declared "hazardous" and demolished by the City during the '50's. A Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place, Inc. (CCRP) was the result of that meeting. The first Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place Holiday Home Tour was held in December of 1983. The magnificent gates at Elizabeth Boulevard and Eighth Avenue and the gates at the east entrance to Ryan Place were restored to their former splendor as the first accomplishment of CCRP.

The Ryan Place Improvement Association and Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place, Inc. associations continue to be active volunteer neighborhood organizations that are as strong today as they were at their inception. The original goals of the associations, revitalization and preservation, are always the foundation of every plan and action undertaken by the current residents and the singleness of vision, hard work, and dedication to a dream are the ties that bind Ryan Place neighbors.

Questions 2 through 7:

PROJECT 1: Gas Drilling Initiative

2. What was the project or initiative accomplished in 2008?

On behalf of Ryan Place, a committee of residents identified priorities, and options, and ultimately developed a process with supporting legal documents (leases) to allow for the safe, secure, and environmentally sound drilling of gas wells within the city limits of Fort Worth. The project was focused, specifically on protecting Ryan Place and other nearby historic neighborhoods. These efforts, started in 2007, were completed in 2008 with the final ruling by City Council, supporting safe, secure, and environmentally sound drilling within the City limits of Fort Worth. The City's support was demonstrated when they unanimously voted down an 8th Avenue drill site, and revised city ordinances in regards to any future gas drilling.

3. What prompted your group to develop this project?

The homeowners and neighbors within Ryan Place overwhelmingly supported the City of Fort Worth's efforts to secure additional revenues from gas and oil drilling within the city limits. Over 80% of the homeowners ultimately signed some type of gas lease for their mineral rights. The key component of the lease, that the majority of the homeowners signed, was that there would be no drilling along 8th Avenue. However, it was clear that the city did not have a solid process for planning for a large-scale development within the urban environment, and many loopholes existed within the original city ordinance. The neighborhoods were swamped with landsmen hired by the gas companies to secure leases for unidentified sites, often close to schools, churches, and residences. This resulted in the formation of a joint neighborhood committee of interested citizens from all walks of life, who developed a list of criteria that they believed to be the best approach to drilling in the immediate area. The list included safety, security, environmental, and quality of life issues that were not adequately addressed in the city ordinance.

Did your group initiate this project, or was it initiated by a governmental entity or some other agency, foundation or corporation?

The Ryan Place group was one of the first organized committees in the area. We soon learned about similar groups being formed in Mistletoe, Park Hill, Berkeley, University West, and other nearby neighborhoods. We began to work collectively for the good of our own neighborhoods and that of the entire area.

What were you trying to accomplish?

Our goal was to create a consistent position across the neighborhoods for the safe, secure, and environmentally safe drilling of gas wells within the urban environment, where one neighborhood did not benefit at the expense or detriment of the others.

4. Please list the key people involved in this project, including name, organization and address.

Ryan Place Gas and Oil Committee

William Conley, Chairman

Dan Roberts
Lianne Janovski
Steve Mosher
Dave Frye
Rita Utt
Megg Kenny
Kevin Prigel
Bob Blake
Larry Borne

Key Members: Joint Neighborhood Committee

Bill Hall, Park Hill
Bill Conley, Ryan Place
Bryan Livingston, University Place
Patti Randal, Fairmount
Norm Stemple, Mistletoe Heights
Dan Freundlich, Berkeley
Mary Dulle, Berkeley
Randy Means, Berkeley

Note: Addresses were not available for all of the names.

Mr. Conley was recognized by Historic Fort Worth received the *Certificate of Preservation Achievement* for his work in helping to develop a Comprehensive Gas Lease Agreement for use by Fort Worth neighborhoods.

Please describe in detail the steps you took to complete this project or initiative.

- Organized a committee representing a cross-section of the RPIA homeowners
- Committee met to determine the facts surrounding the problem
- Committee established a list of issues and priorities for resolving them, with reference to safety, security, environmental and quality of life standards
- Committee met bi-weekly, dividing the work to be accomplished
- Committee set up and participated in meetings with other neighborhoods
- Committee set up and participated in meetings with city leaders
- Committee set up and participated in meetings with gas companies and landmen
- Committee continually solicited from and provided feedback to the neighborhood through various communication channels
- Committee drafted legal/lease documents using feedback from and collaboration with several neighborhoods, and negotiated a lease with key gas firms that became the template for future leases in the city with regard to safety, security, and environmental issues.
- Committee provided feedback to City Council and the Fort Worth Gas Drilling Task Force on key issues and/or concerns missing in the existing ordinance and that required revision.

How did you involve neighborhood residents in the project?

Since Ryan Place covers 175 acres within the city limits, and contains over 850 homes, the task of communicating was significant. The Committee that was formed represented the neighborhood culturally and economically. . The gender-inclusive, multi-race, and multi-ethnic committee was made up of residents from all walks of life (lawyers, landmen, geologists, business people, insurance sales people, homemakers, laborers, etc.).

Ryan Place used multiple avenues for resident participation, comments, and feedback:

- Monthly RPIA meeting updates.
- Two special RPIA meetings focused on the gas drilling issue, with representatives from the drilling companies, presenting data to the membership/homeowners.
- Special section on the Ryan Place web site, HistoricRyanPlace.org, under Discussion Forum
 - 74 separate articles posted to update residents
 - 302 specific questions or comments raised
 - Thousands of individual readers' observations

- Several door-to-door, hand delivered newsletters, specifically dealing with the gas and oil-drilling subject.

5. What obstacles did your group have to overcome to be successful with this project?

The list of obstacles was significant, to name a few:

- The size of the neighborhood;
- The lack of a clear information vehicle to spread the word to the neighborhood besides USPS mail;
- Not all home owners had an email ID;
- Misinformation spread from landsmen and misinformed neighbors;
- Initially, a lack of process or support from the city of Fort Worth; and
- RPIA did not have any money to fight the big dollars being spent by the gas companies.

How did you deal with the obstacles?

- Due to the size of Ryan Place, the RPIA street directors were used to help communicate information to the residents on their streets, in addition to using the communication vehicles listed above. The committee agreed upon one key principle at the beginning of our efforts as related to outward communication, specifically, we would stick to validated facts and information, and challenge any misinformation being circulated if it could not be substantiated.
- Working with the RPIA officers, we continued to build an effective e-mail list of homeowners, which at one time only reached about 25% of Ryan Place. Today the e-mail list reaches the majority of the homes in Ryan Place.
- Committee members donated not only their time, but also personal funds to help disseminate information during the process to ensure that all homeowners in Ryan Place were kept abreast of the ever-changing conditions of the gas drilling process, leases and resultant royalties and incentives, and effectively used all the tools available to the them to spread the word.
- The committee immediately recognized that the problems being encountered in Ryan Place were also being felt in other nearby neighborhoods. By combining forces with other neighborhoods, the "best of the best" ideas surfaced, those that benefited all neighborhoods. Together, we became a force to be recognized by the City Council, the gas companies, and their representatives.

6. What are the results of the project or initiative?

- A standardized lease/legal document that incorporated all the key terms and conditions identified by the Ryan Place Committee and later the JNC in dealing with gas/oil drilling within urban areas has been developed and circulated to additional neighborhoods. The lease provided for proper processes to ensure that the neighborhoods near the gas wells were secure, safe, and environmentally protected in relation to the activities associated with gas drilling.
- The City of Fort Worth passed a more stringent gas-drilling ordinance, reflecting many of the suggestions that came through the committee process, and passed on to representatives of the Gas Drilling Task Force.
- Some previously proposed drill sites within the city considered unsafe were duly noted, and voted against by the City Council.
- A master plan for gas drilling and pipeline placement is now being developed by the City and the gas companies to reflect a more organized, logical, and safe approach to drilling in high-density population areas; such a plan did not exist previously.

7. Did your project involve community collaboration? If so, please describe your partnerships.

RPIA worked with the members of the Joint Neighborhood Committee, the League of Neighborhoods, members of the City Council, plus civic and business leaders in Fort Worth.

Please attach a listing of income and expenses for the nominated project. List sources and amounts of income (donations, grants, volunteer commitments, etc.) and categories of expenses (supplies, postage, printing, etc.) plus amounts expended in each of these categories.

Accounting: Gas Drilling Initiative

	EXPENSES	INCOME
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS (donations):		400.00
RPIA APPROVED BUDGET:		0.00
Printing of neighborhood gas drilling information documents:	400.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:		400.00
NET PROFIT:		0.00

Volunteer Hours: 175+

PROJECT 2: Neighborhood Traffic Management Program

2. What was the project or initiative accomplished in 2008?

After four (4) years of effort centered on a variety of street and traffic issues, the most outstanding related accomplishment in 2008 was the RPIA area's vote in favor of the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) and the City's decision to fund all of the facilities in the proposed plan. After four (4) years of effort, the Street and Traffic Committee structured a campaign to reconstruct approximately 45 sidewalks and obtained commitments from the City to reconstruct 11 blocks of streets.

3. What prompted your group to develop this project?

Immediately prior to the formation of the Street and Traffic Committee Mr. Bart Bradford, a long-time resident, prepared a report on the Ryan Place neighborhood entitled "Opportunities and Constraints." This report identified, in general terms, many of the neighborhood's street and traffic problems and suggested some solutions. The report provided only the first level of data needed to make decisions regarding specific projects and implementation.

This report was presented to the newly elected RPIA Board of Directors and to the RPIA general membership a few months after the 2004 City of Fort Worth Bond Election had been approved. Many of Ryan Place's streets were badly deteriorated. When the new Board of Directors realized that only two (2) minor neighborhood streets were included in the 2004 Bond Issue, they appointed a Street and Traffic Committee to start working on the problems.

Did your group initiate this project, or was it initiated by a governmental entity or some other agency, foundation or corporation?

It took some time and effort before the Street and Traffic Committee realized that the City of Fort Worth had existing programs dealing with some of the problems that RPIA was facing.

After several meetings with the Transportation and Public Works Department's Traffic Engineering Division, the Street and Traffic Committee undertook two (2) of the City's programs:

1. Sidewalk Replacement
2. Neighborhood Traffic Management Program

As the Street and Traffic Committee proceeded with formulating a plan for these programs, it became necessary to coordinate with the City and rely on it for guidance. At no time did the RPIA or the Street and Traffic Committee call on any government entity to initiate any project.

What were you trying to accomplish?

The Street and Traffic Committee's goals were based on the results of a survey of the neighborhood, which asked the question, What are the street and traffic problems? This survey resulted in the Committee's "Problem Statement" and therefore, its goals, as follows:

1. Reduce the amount of "cut through" traffic.
2. Reduce the speed of traffic.
3. Create safe sidewalks for pedestrians and cyclists.
4. Reconstruct those approximately two-thirds of the streets in Ryan Place which are deteriorated.

4. Please list the key people involved in this project, including name, organization and address.

- John Kline, Chairman, RPIA Street and Traffic Committee, 2317 Willing Ave.;
- Bart Bradford, RPIA – 2919 6th Ave.;

- Dan Roberts, former RPIA President – 2716 Ryan Ave.; and
- Keith Head, RPIA President – 1316 Elizabeth Blvd.

Please describe in detail the steps you took to complete this project or initiative. Because of the diverse nature of the three (3) elements accomplished by the Street and Traffic Committee, each had its own process, as follows:

1. Sidewalk Replacement Program:

- A. Organized a group of “mothers” with young children in strollers to place one of more flags on those sidewalks within the neighborhood, which were hazardous and created problems for pushing the stroller.
- B. Hand delivered a “flyer” to approximately 150 homes explaining the City’s 75%/25% cost participation program with an accompanying sample “petition to the City requesting sidewalk replacement” for duplication.
- C. Announced the Sidewalk Replacement program several times in the RPIA Newsletter along with a sample “petition to the City requesting sidewalk replacement” for duplication.
- D. Processed approximately seventy-five (75) petitions and delivered them to the City. (Only 45 homeowners qualified for the cost-sharing program.)
- E. Served as a “Sidewalk Superintendent” to assure each homeowner received quality workmanship and value.

2. Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) (Traffic Calming):

- A. Examined the neighborhood and prepared a list of 24 proposed traffic-calming projects.
- B. Presented the 24 traffic calming projects to four small, “focus” groups and asked each person to rate each proposal as “good idea,” “bad idea” or “no opinion.”
- C. Presented the same information as above to the RPIA general membership for their input.
- D. Presented the 24 traffic-calming projects to the City’s Traffic Engineering Division for review and comment. The Traffic Engineering Division reduced, for various reasons, the list to seven projects that they could support legally and financially.
- E. These seven traffic-calming projects were presented at many formal and informal meetings. Some of these meeting involved the City Traffic Engineering Division.
- F. As each preliminary project was discussed, new questions were asked, and the Street and Traffic Committee responded. For example, four Street and Traffic Committee members spent several mornings and afternoons on Ryan Place streets, counting traffic and following cars to determine their destination.
- G. Several meetings were held regarding the impact of traffic circles within the Elizabeth Blvd. Historic District and in the adjacent Fairmount Historic District.
- H. The City’s rules for the adoption and funding of a Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) required that 25% of all residents participate in the voting process and that 66% of those participating vote “in favor” of the proposals. After an extensive newsletter and internet information campaign and door-to-door visits by members of the Street and Traffic Committee, the RPIA Neighborhood Traffic Management Program was overwhelmingly approved; the neighborhood had 37.7% participation with an 85% approval rate.

3. Street Reconstruction

- A. An “on-site” investigation of every street (approx nine miles) within the boundaries of the RPIA was conducted. The conditions of pavement, curbs and gutters were rated.
- B. Each block of each street was rated as follows:
 - i. Requires Reconstruction
 - ii. Requires Major Maintenance
 - iii. Requires Normal Maintenance

- C. A series of meetings with the City were held to discuss solutions to the RPIA street conditions.
- D. Based on information provided by District 9 City Councilperson, the Street and Traffic Committee re-examined each street to determine the number and area of street “patches” created by the Fort Worth Water Department in its repair of deteriorated water and sewer main breaks.
- E. This survey information was reported to the Water Department along with a request for funding street reconstruction. As a result of the survey, the Water Department committed to pay for reconstruction of eleven (11) blocks of streets, beginning in 2009.

How did you involve neighborhood residents in the project?

The intensity of RPIA resident’s involvement varied in each of the Street and Traffic Committee’s goals; however, in each case, as shown above, the neighborhood was deeply involved. No record was kept as to how many meetings were held or how many residents spoke or asked questions, but in general:

- A. At almost every RPIA monthly meeting the Street and Traffic Chairman made a report and sought questions.
- B. Small groups of residents meet with the Committee to discuss traffic calming proposals on their street.
- C. Volunteers solicited the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program vote.
- D. Mrs. Angela Crum organized the neighborhood mothers to walk the neighborhood with their baby strollers to mark deteriorated sidewalks.
- E. Volunteers were part of the “traffic counting” activity.
- F. Approximately 32 residents participated in the early “focus” session dealing with traffic calming projects.

5. What obstacles did your group have to overcome to be successful with this project?

The major obstacle faced by the Street and Traffic Committee was the fact that many citizens were resistant to change. However, over a long period of time and with national and international traffic engineering reports and papers on such subjects as increased automobile safety, property values, and crime reduction, the resistance factor was greatly reduced.

The other major obstacle that any neighborhood committee faces is the perception that almost every resident believes that he/she knows about traffic. They seldom realize that Traffic Engineering is a study and profession that is based in research.

There was a minor obstacle in convincing some residents of Elizabeth Blvd. that traffic-calming devices constructed in the street do not violate the guidelines protecting and governing Historic Districts.

There were no obstacles other than time and manpower in the Sidewalk Reconstruction and Street Reconstruction programs.

How did you deal with the obstacles?

This was a first project for the Street and Traffic Committee members and they had little or no experience in the dynamics of “citizen involvement,” therefore, the Committee had to discipline its thinking process to concentrate on “facts.”

The Chairman provided a great deal of research information about other cities and traffic calming in general. This data was disseminated through the neighborhood via the web site and emphasized as often as possible.

6. What are the results of the project or initiative?

The Street and Traffic Committee efforts have resulted in the following:

- A.** Sidewalk Reconstruction – Approximately 45 deteriorated sidewalks (3,400 linear feet) were reconstructed. In addition, approximately 500 linear feet of sidewalk leading to the Daggett Elementary School were reconstructed. The City of Fort Worth estimated that more than \$200,000 was expended (by residents and City) on this sidewalk program.
- B.** The City has agreed to reconstruct eleven blocks of streets starting in 2009. This cost is estimated to be \$3,000,000.
- C.** The City has adopted the RPIA Neighborhood Traffic Management Program and agreed to construct all devices and facilities. The cost of the project is estimated to be \$600,000.

7. Did your project involve community collaboration? If so, please describe your partnerships.

The Street and Traffic Committee sought advice, guidance and concurrence from the following:

- 1. Fairmount Neighborhood Association (adjacent to the Ryan Place area on the north)
- 2. Berry Street Initiative (RPIA's south boundary)
- 3. Fort Worth South Inc.

Please attach a listing of income and expenses for the nominated project. List sources and amounts of income (donations, grants, volunteer commitments, etc.) and categories of expenses (supplies, postage, printing, etc.) plus amounts expended in each of these categories.

Accounting: Traffic Management Program

	EXPENSES	INCOME
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS:		1,060.00
RPIA APPROVED BUDGET:		0.00
Printing cost donated:	1,060.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:		1,060.00
NET PROFIT:		0.00

Volunteer Hours: 1,750

RPIA Street and Traffic Committee (because of the long duration of the Committee's work, its membership varied. The following persons were active at various times from 2004 to 2008:

John Kline – Chairman

Bart Bradford	Andy Taft
Lucy Conley	Joan Kline
Raul Pena	Linda Clark
Charles McGuire	Ben Loughry
Ross King	KT Hernandez
Carol King	Jon Shipley
Francisco Hernandez	Mariann Taccia
Penny McCook	Michael King
John Block	

PROJECT 3: Hemphill West Quiet Zone

2. What was the project or initiative accomplished in 2008?

Ryan Place is bordered on the east by railroad tracks with several crossings. When trains pass across the streets at the crossings, as a matter of safety, they are required to sound their horns, long and loud, to alert anyone near the crossing of their presence. The sound of the train horns, throughout the day and night, is very loud and disruptive to the quality of life for residents of Ryan Place. Residents worked with City staff in the development of the Hemphill West Quiet Zone. The implementation of the proposed quiet zone will improve the quality of life for the neighborhood.

The Hemphill West Quiet Zone was approved by the City and a timeline for completion was given from the City.

3. What prompted your group to develop this project?

In 2005 RPIA contacted the City's Transportation and Public Works Department to request a Railroad Quiet Zone to be implemented at several train crossing along the southeast border of Ryan Place.

Did your group initiate this project, or was it initiated by a governmental entity or some other agency, foundation or corporation?

Yes, John Kline, RPIA Street and Traffic Chairman, initiated this project.

What were you trying to accomplish?

To improve the quality of life for residents of Ryan Place by limiting any unnecessary train horns.

4. Please list the key people involved in this project, including name, organization and address.

John Kline, RPIA Street and Traffic Chairman – 2317 Willing Ave.

Please describe in detail the steps you took to complete this project or initiative.

- Initiation of project was in 2005;
- City's representative, Russ Wiles, Railroad Project Manager, Traffic and Public Works department, attended an RPIA meeting to explain the process of creating a Quiet Zone and the feasibility of a Quiet Zone being installed;
- Continued communications with the City expressing the need for the Quiet Zones;
- Continued communications with Ryan Place residents regarding the progress of the Quiet Zone's approval;
- In October 2008, Russ Wiles met with area neighborhoods that the Hemphill West Quiet Zone would affect. At that meeting, the presidents of each neighborhood association were requested to review the Quiet Zone closure options with residents and return the neighborhood's preferences to Mr. Wiles by January 8, 2009.

How did you involve neighborhood residents in the project?

- Informed and discussed at RPIA monthly meetings;
- Published information in Ryan Place Newsletter;
- Information published on neighborhood web site;
- Posted information on neighborhood discussion forum; and
- Sent information e-mails to neighborhood residents.

5. What obstacles did your group have to overcome to be successful with this project? How did you deal with the obstacles?

Two homeowners were opposed to the closure of Capps St. The homeowners, RPIA President Keith Head, City employees, and Councilman Burns met and discussed the approval of the street closure, making sure that it met with all of the City and Federal guidelines, and that the majority of the neighborhood had, in fact, approved the closure.

6. What are the results of the project or initiative?

The timeline for the completion of this initiative is:

- Legal contract for Wayside Horn System / street closures accepted or rejected – April, 2009;
- Finalize plans and project budget – May, 2009;
- Obtain TxDOT plan approval – 3 months – August, 2009;
- TxDOT environmental clearance obtained – August, 2009;
- TxDOT/Federal approval of construction phase – December, 2009;
- Initiate railroad construction contracts – March, 2010;
- Initiate roadway construction contracts – March, 2010;
- Railroad and roadway construction complete – March, 2011;
- Complete Quiet Zone and place into service – April, 2011

7. Did your project involve community collaboration? If so, please describe your partnerships.

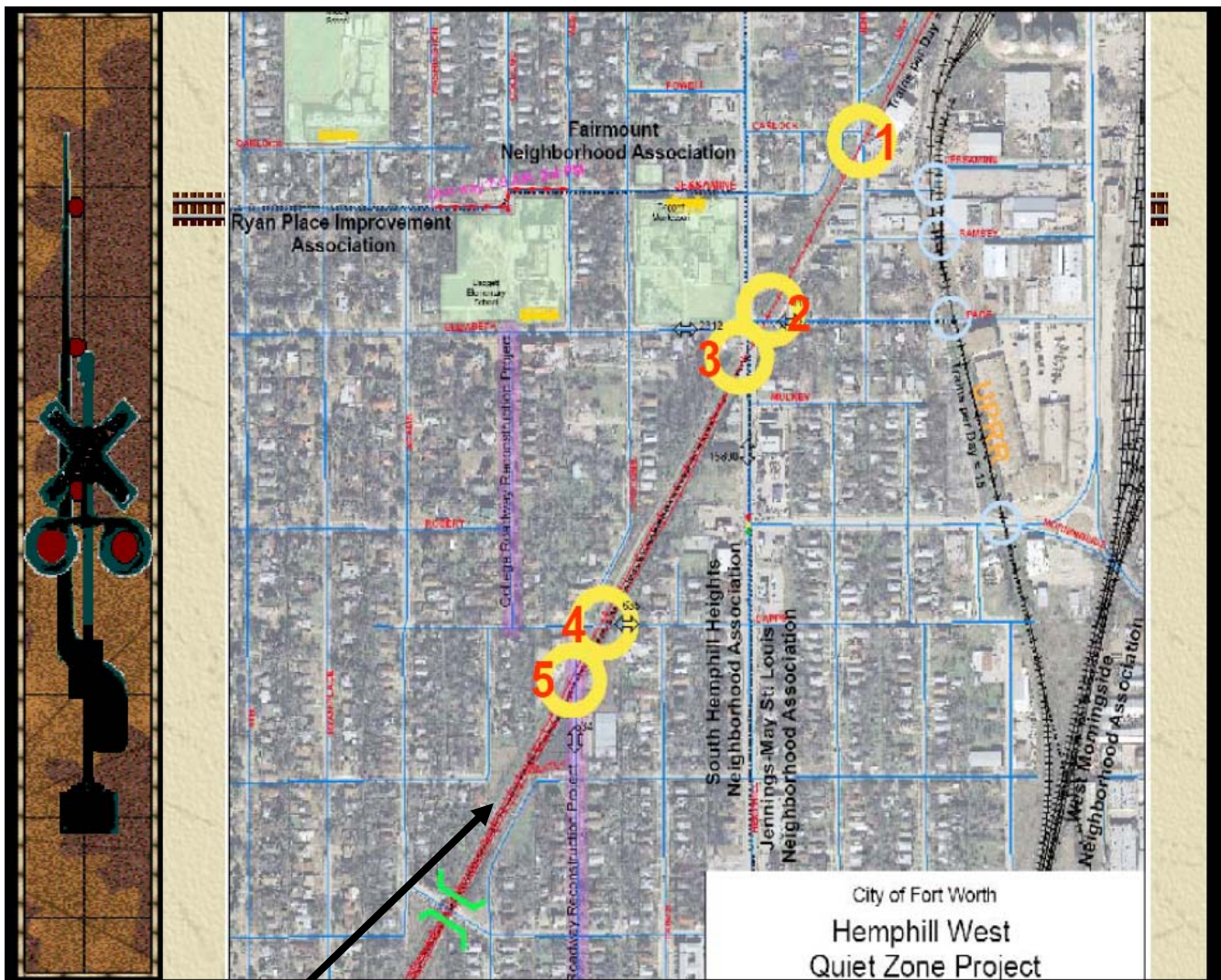
Yes, RPIA representatives worked closely with nearby neighborhoods and with Mr. Russ Wiles, Railroad Project Manager, T/PW, extensively through the course of this project.

Please attach a listing of income and expenses for the nominated project. List sources and amounts of income (donations, grants, volunteer commitments, etc.) and categories of expenses (supplies, postage, printing, etc.) plus amounts expended in each of these categories.

Accounting: Hemphill West Quite Zone

	EXPENSES	INCOME
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS:		100.00
RPIA APPROVED BUDGET:	0.00	
Printing:	100.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:		100.00
NET PROFIT:		0.00

Volunteer Hours: 25



- Railroad track is the southeast boundary line of Ryan Place.
- Quieter Zones 2, 3, 4, and 5 are within Ryan Place boundaries.

PROJECT 4: Ryan Place Historic Overlay

In 2000, RPIA recognized the current movement in other Fort Worth neighborhoods where smaller homes were being demolished and replaced with modern housing inconsistent with their historic character. With the realization that the historic character of Ryan Place could be significantly altered should this redevelopment accelerate, a Historic Overlay committee was formed. The process of implementing a historic overlay for a Fort Worth's largest historic neighborhood has been a long, and sometimes controversial, process. The City's Historic Preservation staff has been working with the committee to develop an overlay that will address the diversity of architectural styles that exist in Ryan Place. The goal is to preserve what is historically significant while allowing the improvement of non-contributing areas to protect, beautify, and increase the value of the neighborhood as a whole.

2. What was the project or initiative accomplished in 2008?

- The City of Fort Worth did a detail inventory of the homes in Ryan Place including photographs;
- The Ryan Place Historic Overlay Committee solicited input from residents and met to draft proposed guidelines;
- These ideas and suggestions were reviewed by the Historic Preservation staff and returned to the committee with proposed changes;
- The committee reviewed again and resubmitted to the City; and
- The City staff subsequently developed a draft guideline document of over 50 pages with a goal of not only using for the implantation of a Ryan Place Historic Overlay but also to use as a template for other historic neighborhoods to use. The City plans on entering this document in a 2010 statewide historic preservation contest

3. What prompted your group to develop this project?

The recognition that without guidelines all of Ryan Place, except for Elizabeth Boulevard which has its own set of guidelines, would be subject to encroachment of new development. The belief was that this would ruin the character and significance of Ryan Place.

Did your group initiate this project, or was it initiated by a governmental entity or some other agency, foundation or corporation?

RPIA initiated this project.

What were you trying to accomplish?

To protect the character of Ryan Place.

4. Please list the key people involved in this project, including name, organization and address.

- Kevin Prigel, RPIA Committee Chairman – 2512 College Ave. ;
- David Tumlin, Committee member – 2614 5th Ave.;
- Mike Lindner, Committee member – 2728 Willing Ave.;
- Jon Shipley, Committee member – 1010 Elizabeth Blvd.;
- Mario Perez, Committee member – 2744 5th Ave.;
- Bill Conley, Committee member – 2900 6th Ave.;
- Allisen Prigel, Committee member – 2512 College Ave.;
- Larry Abrigg, Historic Preservation, City of Fort Worth;
- Randy Hutchenson, Historic Preservation, City of Fort Worth; and
- Julie Lawless, Historic Preservation, City of Fort Worth, former staff

Please describe in detail the steps you took to complete this project or initiative.

- The City of Fort Worth did a detail inventory of the homes in Ryan Place including photographs
- The Ryan Place Historic Overlay Committee solicited input from residents and met to outline proposed guidelines.
- The Ryan Place Historic Overlay Committee reviewed other Historic Overlay documents for Fort Worth neighborhoods as well as historic neighborhoods throughout the country.
- These ideas and suggestions were reviewed by the Historic Preservation staff and returned to the committee with proposed changes.
- The committee reviewed again and resubmitted to the City
- The City staff subsequently developed a draft guideline document of over 50 pages with a goal of not only using for the implantation of a Ryan Place Historic Overlay but also to use as a template for other historic neighborhoods to use. The City plans on entering this document in a 2010 statewide historic preservation contest

How did you involve neighborhood residents in the project?

- By soliciting input on the proposals as they evolved.
- By leveraging those with expertise in this area.

5. What obstacles did your group have to overcome to be successful with this project?

- Finding residents willing to invest the significant amount of time needed to work on the project;
- Stopping rumors started by those wanting to prevent the overlay from happening; and
- A delay in progress of the project due to turnovers in City staff.

How did you deal with the obstacles?

- Recruited residents with a passion for the character of the neighborhood as well as historic preservation to serve on the committee. By dividing the work required to develop proposed guidelines, they were able to minimize group meetings;
- Publish information on the website, in the newsletter and via email with accurate information. We also provided periodic updates at the monthly RPIA meetings; and
- Quickly engaged the new City staff in the project.

6. What are the results of the project or initiative?

With the significant work behind us, we are poised to make the Ryan Place Historic Overlay a reality in mid to late 2009. Many hours of resident and City staff time has been spent in providing a quality draft, which will be further refined, by the committee and staff. These refinements will be based on input from residents in a series of public hearings on the proposed overlay. Once these hearings are completed, the Overlay guidelines will go through the approval process as defined by the City. More importantly, once completed, these guidelines can be leveraged and serve as a template the City can use in conjunction with other neighborhood groups to protect other beautiful and significant historic Fort Worth neighborhoods.

7. Did your project involve community collaboration?

Yes.

If so, please describe your partnerships.

The committee solicited ideas from other areas with historic overlays, including the Elizabeth Boulevard Historic District, as well as the Fairmount Historic District, as well as leaders of historic districts throughout the country. Most importantly, the committee leveraged the excellent expertise of City staff.

Please attach a listing of income and expenses for the nominated project. List sources and amounts of income (donations, grants, volunteer commitments, etc.) and categories of expenses (supplies, postage, printing, etc.) plus amounts expended in each of these categories.

Accounting: Historic Overlay

There were no expenses incurred with this project.

Volunteer Hours: 400+

PROJECT 5: CCRP Streetlight Project

A: Period Streetlight Project

2. What was the project or initiative accomplished in 2008?

In the late 90's Ryan Place residents, and CCRP, initiatives were dedicated to installing period streetlights throughout the neighborhood. After many years of successful home tours, this drive was completed in 2008 when CCRP celebrated its 25th anniversary holiday home tour. The total raised over the period of the project was \$400,000. This enabled Ryan Place to purchase over 300 period streetlights, which should all be installed by the end of 2009.

3. What prompted your group to develop this project?

As a non-profit association, CCRP's mission is to raise funds to restore historic and architecturally significant features of Ryan Place. In the early 1920's the "William and Mary Refractive" style streetlights were installed along 5th Ave. within the Ryan Place boundaries. Because of World War I and the Depression, installation of the streetlights throughout the neighborhood was not completed. Ten years ago the CCRP Board of Directors felt that it would be historically correct and beautify the neighborhood at large if the same style period streetlights were installed.

Did your group initiate this project, or was it initiated by a governmental entity or some other agency, foundation or corporation? What were you trying to accomplish?

The installation of period streetlights in Ryan Place was solely initiated by the CCRP organization for illuminating our streets to provide a safer neighborhood at night and for the beautification of the neighborhood by selecting a historic period style light fixture. Once the project was initiated, CCRP did receive a grant of \$400 per light from the City of Fort Worth. The total cost of each light throughout the years varied from \$1,500 to \$2500.

4. Please list the key people involved in this project, including name, organization, and address.

Mariann Taccia, CCRP 2008 President, 1315 Elizabeth Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76110

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Brenda White, 2519 Willing Ave.

Note: Addresses are not available for all of the above names.

Please describe in detail the steps you took to complete this project or initiative. How did you involve neighborhood residents in the project?

CCRP located a manufacturer with the capability to duplicate the same light fixture and pole design as the “William and Mary Refractive” streetlight. Once this task was completed, the CCRP Board worked with City staff to develop a purchasing and installation plan. City Councilwoman Wendy Davis awarded the project a grant that would apply \$400 per light; and that the City would install the streetlights at no cost to CCRP. Each year the proceeds of the Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place Holiday Home Tour are applied to the purchase of the streetlights.

CCRP initiated a “matching fund” program where neighborhood residents were asked to raise half of the cost of the mid-block streetlights in their block and CCRP would match their funds. Six neighborhood blocks participated in this program.

In 2006, the last 35 streetlights needed to be ordered but the manufacture had increased the cost. This increase created the need to conduct two additional tours. In 2008, the Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place home tour raised enough money to purchase the remaining streetlights needed.

There have been ten different Board of Directors that oversaw the streetlight project; 60 homeowners that opened their homes for approximately 25,000 people to tour; and hundreds of neighborhood volunteer docents in homes during tour hours.

5. What obstacles did your group have to overcome to be successful with this project?

The obstacles that are faced and overcome each year are securing the tour homes. Once the homes have been secured it is determined how many docents are needed for each house. Approximately seventy to one hundred volunteers are needed to serve as docents during the three days. Signing up volunteers and the scheduling is a very time consuming process that involves countless hours of phone calls to neighborhood residents.

The sheer magnitude of raising \$400,000 was daunting, but Ryan Place is well known for its dedication to accomplishing its goals.

How did you deal with the obstacles?

Perseverance overcomes all obstacles.

6. What are the results of the project or initiative?

The Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place Holiday Home Tour is the personification of expressing how proud Ryan Place residents are of their homes and neighborhood. Each year the tour homes are open for three days, for a total of 14 hours, to approximately 2,000 people.

For the past ten years, the proceeds of the annual tours and contribution raised \$400,000 that was used to purchase 300 streetlights to be installed throughout the neighborhood.

The streetlight project will be completed in 2009 with the final 35 streetlight being installed by the City, bringing the 300 streetlights throughout the neighborhood.

7. Did your project involve community collaboration? If so, please describe your partnerships.

- The City of Fort Worth had forty “William and Mary Refractive” streetlights in inventory prior to the beginning of this project. The City donated the forty lights to Ryan Place and they were installed at intersections throughout the neighborhood.
- The City’s Transportation and Public Works Department has been instrumental in the project from the beginning. T/PW collaborated with CCRP in the design planning; working with the manufacturer; purchasing streetlights; installation; and maintenance.
- Many local businesses have supported CCRP by being a sponsor and purchasing advertisement space in the tour brochure, which is the tour ticket.
- Two major corporations, Radio Shack and Hewlett Packard, participated in an employee matching fund program, with \$10,000 and \$2,000 respectively.
- Neighborhood churches also participate in the tour. St. John’s Episcopal Church opens their doors for the church to participate in the tour as well as hosting a Holiday Craft Sale and a Tea Room.
- St. John’s Episcopal Church and First United Methodist Church choirs volunteered to perform during the tour with concerts in the historic St John’s sanctuary.
- Rothermel’s Flowers contributed flowers arrangement for all of the tour homes.
- Interior decorating businesses have volunteered the talents and time to assist tour homeowners in decorating the homes.
- Daggett Elementary has also participated in the tour allowing tours of one of the original schoolrooms.

B: Streetlight Maintenance

2. What was the project or initiative accomplished in 2008?

The Streetlight Committee worked closely with the Transportation and Public Works Department requesting that streetlights to be painted, light bulbs replaced, and electrical malfunctions to be repaired. The Forestry department was requested to trim trees away from streetlights so that they would illuminate the streets better.

3. What prompted your group to develop this project?

The 25th anniversary of the Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place Holiday Home Tour is the first week of December, the Committee wanted to make sure that the lights were working properly, and that they looked nice.

Did your group initiate this project, or was it initiated by a governmental entity or some other agency, foundation or corporation?

Yes

What were you trying to accomplish?

With an anticipated attendance of over 2,000 for the home tour the neighborhood wanted the streetlights to look their best.

4. Please list the key people involved in this project, including name, organization and address.

- Keith Head, RPIA President – 1316 Elizabeth Blvd., initiated the project;
- Mariann Taccia, CCRP President and RPIA 2nd Vice President – 1315 Elizabeth Blvd., oversaw the project;
- Brenda White, CCRP Trustee and Streetlight Committee – 2519 Willing Ave.;
- Michael and Olivia Flynn, Ryan Place resident, - 2831 5th Ave.

Please describe in detail the steps you took to complete this project or initiative.

- A.** In September 2008, Mr. Head contacted Kristi Wiseman, District 9 Council Aid, to ask for assistance in having the streetlights painted;
- B.** Ms. Wiseman forwarded the request to Mr. Mark Mathis, Traffic Services Manager, Transportation and Public Works Depart;
- C.** Mr. Mathis contacted Mr. Head to inform him that work orders had been initiated for the streetlights to be painted;
- D.** Mr. Mathis contacted Mr. Head to inquire if the silver streetlights on 5th Ave. should be painted black to match the lights in the rest of the neighborhood;
- E.** Mr. Head conveyed Mr. Mathis' inquiry about the 5th Ave. streetlights and Michael and Olivia Flynn volunteered to poll the 5th Ave. residents to obtain permission for the lights to be painted;
- F.** Ms. Taccia worked with Mr. and Mrs. Flynn with historical information and the silver light fixtures and a petition for the 5th Ave. resident to sign;
- G.** Results of the poll were that the majority of the 5th Ave. residents wanted the lights painted black;
- H.** Ms. Taccia provided Mr. Mathis documentation to support the paint color change on the 5th Ave. streetlights;
- I.** Ms. Taccia communicated with Mr. Mathis requesting maintenance of replacing light bulbs, painting, and correcting electrical malfunctions on 146 streetlights. The Forestry Department was requested to trim trees away from 26 trees so that the streetlights would illuminate the streets better.

How did you involve neighborhood residents in the project?

- Circulated petition for 5th Ave. residents to sign if they wanted the silver lights painted black; and
- Published announcements in the Ryan Place Newsletter, and sent emails to residents, requesting them to report malfunctioning streetlights.

5. What obstacles did your group have to overcome to be successful with this project? How did you deal with the obstacles?

There were no obstacles in regards to the maintenance of the streetlights.

The painting of the silver 5th Ave. streetlights was contentious for some of the residents, long time residents of 5th Ave. did not want them painted.

6. What are the results of the project or initiative?

Currently the streetlights in the neighborhood look nice and are functioning properly.

7. Did your project involve community collaboration? If so, please describe your partnerships.

Yes, this project was completed by the Transportation and Public Works department. Mr. Mathis was extremely nice to work with and very accommodating to our request.

C: Streetlight Installations

2. What was the project or initiative accomplished in 2008?

The CCRP Streetlight Committee worked with staff from the Transportation and Public Works (T/PW) department to install and continue maintenance of neighborhood period streetlights.

The installation of period streetlights is a continuation of a ten-year project.

3. What prompted your group to develop this project?

The installation of period streetlights was for the improvement and beautification of the neighborhood, by providing better-illuminated streets resulting in safer neighborhood streets.

Did your group initiate this project, or was it initiated by a governmental entity or some other agency, foundation or corporation?

Yes, CCRP initiated the project 10 years ago.

What were you trying to accomplish?

To continue the installation of period streetlights in the neighborhood.

4. Please list the key people involved in this project, including name, organization and address.

Brenda White, CCRP Trustee and Streetlight Committee – 2519 Willing Ave.; and
Mariann Taccia, CCRP President, 1315 Elizabeth Blvd.

Please describe in detail the steps you took to complete this project or initiative.

Mrs. White and Ms. Taccia met with staff from T/PW to discuss the status of streetlight installations and to request the installation of 15 lights installed in certain areas of the neighborhood prior to the holiday home tour the first week of December.

How did you involve neighborhood residents in the project?

Published announcements in the Ryan Place Newsletter that the streetlights were to be installed and volunteers went door to door requesting homeowners to sign a City of Fort Worth consent form for the lights to be installed.

5. What obstacles did your group have to overcome to be successful with this project? How did you deal with the obstacles?

The City had several major projects in the City that they were committed to prior to us contacting them and they had to work our project into their schedules to make sure that the streetlights were installed before the first week of December.

6. What are the results of the project or initiative?

The streetlight installations were completed prior to our Candlelight Christmas Holiday Home Tour so the neighborhood would be well-lit and safer during the tour.

7. Did your project involve community collaboration? If so, please describe your partnerships.

Yes, CCRP representatives worked closely with City staff.

Please attach a listing of income and expenses for the nominated project. List sources and amounts of income (donations, grants, volunteer commitments, etc.) and categories of expenses (supplies, postage, printing, etc.) plus amounts expended in each of these categories.

Accounting: Period Streetlight Project

The accounting for this project spans ten years and it would be an astronomical undertaking to provide a breakdown of the accounting. The cost of the streetlights even becomes tedious because there were three prices during the ten years. Originally, the cost was \$2,500, and then it was reduced to \$1,500, and then increased to \$1,800.

The CCRP budget sheet for 2008 tour will provide you with a basic idea of the expenses and income of the project.

	Number of Streetlights	Cost
Donated by City of Fort Worth:	40	0.00
CCRP purchased:	300	400,000
Total streetlights to be installed at the completion:	340	

Volunteer Hours: 2008 volunteer

14 CCRP Board Members:	725
Printer – Brochure Layout :	26
7 Participating Tour Homeowners:	760
Docents:	1,600
Church Volunteers for Tea room and Church tours:	400
Church Choirs:	2
TOTAL Volunteer Hours:	3,513*

*Over the lifetime of the project, 10 years, 35,130 volunteer hours.

Accounting: Streetlight Committee

Project A: Maintenance

Project B: Streetlight Installation

There were no expenses incurred with these projects.

Volunteer Hours:

Project A: Maintenance – 10

Project B: Streetlight Installation – 10

PROJECT 6: Public Service Announcements

Provide public service announcements free of charge in our neighborhood newsletter for Historic Fort Worth; Arts Fifth Avenue; Fort Worth South, Angle Montessori School, Joe's Run, Arts Goggle; City of Fort Worth Public Relations Department..

2. What was the project or initiative accomplished in 2008?

The RPIA Newsletter is published ten times each year, monthly with combined issues in June and July and in December and January. The costs of printing the Newsletter and distributing it are paid by advertising in the Newsletter. Through the year, various organizations offer information to promote their causes and raise funds. When such organizations provide promotional material to the Newsletter, those materials have been included in the publication at no cost.

3. What prompted your group to develop this project?

The purpose of the Newsletter is to provide information to the residents of Ryan Place. When organizations sponsor an event that may be of interest to residents of the neighborhood or when an entity or organization contributes to the quality of life in our neighborhood, we believe it is appropriate to inform the residents of Ryan Place. We also believe that we are contributing to the quality of life in Fort Worth when we support the arts, cultural events, schools, etc., by informing our residents and encouraging them to attend and participate in quality offerings.

Did your group initiate this project, or was it initiated by a governmental entity or some other agency, foundation or corporation?

Many organizations provide the Newsletter with information about themselves and their events, via e-mail. The decision to print the information rests with the Newsletter editor.

What were you trying to accomplish?

To inform the residents of Ryan Place of events and programs that would generally appeal to our diverse demographic. To support organizations with limited funds in their fund-raising activities. To encourage the participation of Ryan Place residents in the greater Fort Worth community.

4. Please list the key people involved in this project, including name, organization and address.

Olivia Flynn, Editor, RPIA Newsletter, 2831 5th Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76110

Please describe in detail the steps you took to complete this project or initiative.

When information on public service oriented events, programs, etc. was received via the Newsletter e-mail account, much of that information was published, free of charge, in the newsletter.

How did you involve neighborhood residents in the project?

The decision to offer space in the newsletter, free of charge, was a Ryan Place Board decision.

5. What obstacles did your group have to overcome to be successful with this project?

Some members of the Board were not in complete agreement about free advertising.

How did you deal with the obstacles?

At the annual RPIA budget workshop, the issue was discussed and it was agreed that some of the organizations receiving free promotion were worthy of our consideration; others had money to pay to advertise.

6. What are the results of the project or initiative?

Events, programs, projects of community interest are presented to the Ryan Place residents through the newsletter.

7. Did your project involve community collaboration?

Yes

If so, please describe your partnerships.

We provided free promotion for:

- Historic Fort Worth, Inc.;
- Arts Fifth Avenue;
- Fort Worth Botanic Gardens;
- Arts Goggle;
- Angel Montessori School;
- Joe's Run;
- City of Fort Worth; and
- Fort Worth South

Please attach a listing of income and expenses for the nominated project. List sources and amounts of income (donations, grants, volunteer commitments, etc.) and categories of expenses (supplies, postage, printing, etc.) plus amounts expended in each of these categories.

Accounting: Public Service Announcements

	RPIA LOST REVENUE
TOTAL PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:	685.00

Volunteer Hours: 10

PROJECT 7: Fort Worth Weekly's Best of 2008

2. What was the project or initiative accomplished in 2008?

Participation in the *Fort Worth Weekly's* Best of 2008 polling.

3. What prompted your group to develop this project?

Ryan Place residents wanted to express the spirit, pride, and accomplishments of RPIA by voting for their neighborhood association as the best neighborhood group, and to support local businesses.

Did your group initiate this project, or was it initiated by a governmental entity or some other agency, foundation or corporation?

Yes, RPIA president, Keith Head, initiated this.

What were you trying to accomplish?

To be chosen as the Fort Worth Weekly's Best of 2008 Readers Choice Neighborhood Group of the Year – a real pat-on-the-back to our hard-working residents. We wanted to bring attention to our interesting, historic, much-loved neighborhood, as well as to our local businesses.

4. Please list the key people involved in this project, including name, organization and address.

Keith Head, RPIA President, 1316 Elizabeth Blvd.

Please describe in detail the steps you took to complete this project or initiative.

- Published announcements in Ryan Place Newsletter;
- Posted announcements on neighborhood discussion forum;
- Sent announcement e-mails to neighborhood residents; and
- Announcement at RPIA monthly meeting.

How did you involve neighborhood residents in the project?

Asked residents to submit their votes in the Fort Worth Weekly's Best of 2008 poll for Neighborhood Group; and to vote for local businesses in the proper categories.

5. What obstacles did your group have to overcome to be successful with this project? How did you deal with the obstacles?

There were no obstacles.

6. What are the results of the project or initiative?

RPIA was chosen, as *Fort Worth Weekly's* Best of 2008 Readers Choice Neighborhood Group of the Year and many of our local businesses won in their category, also.

7. Did your project involve community collaboration? If so, please describe your

partnerships. Notified local businesses that Ryan Place residents were being encouraged to vote for their business in the appropriate category. The goal was to bring attention citywide to Ryan Place and Fort Worth southside businesses.

Please attach a listing of income and expenses for the nominated project. List sources and amounts of income (donations, grants, volunteer commitments, etc.) and categories of expenses (supplies, postage, printing, etc.) plus amounts expended in each of these categories.

Accounting: Fort Worth Weekly's Best of 2008

There were no expenses incurred with these projects.

Volunteer Hours: 0



PROJECT 8: 8th Annual Trick-or-Treat on Elizabeth Boulevard

2. What was the project or initiative accomplished in 2008?

The 8th Annual Trick-or-Treat on Elizabeth Blvd. provided a safe and secure area for children from all over the City of Fort Worth to trick-or-treat.

3. What prompted your group to develop this project?

With over 3,000 children that come to Ryan Place to trick-or-treat, this event was established to provide a safe and secure area.

Did your group initiate this project, or was it initiated by a governmental entity or some other agency, foundation or corporation?

Ryan Place resident Mariann Taccia initiated this project in 2000.

What were you trying to accomplish?

To provide a safe and secure area for children to trick-or-treat.

4. Please list the key people involved in this project, including name, organization and address.

- Mariann Taccia, RPIA Elizabeth Blvd. Street Director, 1315 Elizabeth Blvd.; and
- Officer Ron Andriotto, NPO, Fort Worth Police Officer

Please describe in detail the steps you took to complete this project or initiative.

- Beginning in September, we published announcements in the neighborhood Newsletter and sent e-mails to residents asking for volunteers to help out on Halloween night with the barricades and road closure signs;
- Contacted neighborhood police officer to schedule police presence for the event;
- Obtained signatures of 80% of the Elizabeth Blvd. residents on the City's Block Party permit;
- Submitted Block Party permit to the City's Street Management/Special Events department;
- Rented barricades and "Road Closed Ahead" signs;
- Published event announcements in Ryan Place Newsletter;
- Event information and announcements published on neighborhood web site;
- Published event announcements on neighborhood discussion forum;
- Sent event announcement e-mails to neighborhood residents;
- Announced event at RPIA monthly meetings;
- At 4 pm on Halloween night, the barricades and road closure signs were put into place and Elizabeth Blvd. resident are assisted into and out of the barricaded area;
- At 9 pm the barricades and road closure signs were removed;
- Volunteers and participating police officers were invited to organizer's home for a dinner of beef stew and cornbread as a thank you for the assistance.

We work with the Fort Worth Police Department during the Trick-or-Treat on Elizabeth Blvd. event. Elizabeth Blvd. is barricaded off to vehicle traffic from 4 to 9 pm and the Fort Worth Police Department provides officers to patrol the street during the closure to prevent vehicles from driving around the barricades and to be present if there is a need for crowd control.

How did you involve neighborhood residents in the project?

Residents signed the City's Block Party permit, and asked to volunteer with the barricades and road closure signs.

5. What obstacles did your group have to overcome to be successful with this project?

How did you deal with the obstacles? There were no obstacles.

6. What are the results of the project or initiative?

A safe and secure area was provided for neighborhood children the many other children who come to Ryan Place to participate.

7. Did your project involve community collaboration?

Yes, our Neighborhood Police Officer and two or three additional police officers are present during the street closure hours.

Barricades and Road Closures signs are rented from Cowtown Traffic Control, Inc.

If so, please describe your partnerships.

Officer Ron Andriotto, Ryan Place NPO, has been involved with this event for the past 8 years and he has always assisted us by making sure that there are enough officers and that their presence is known. In addition to patrolling Elizabeth Blvd. on their bicycles, they also park police units at each end of Elizabeth Blvd. with their lights flashing so that vehicular traffic will see that the street is closed. The officers patrol additional streets in Ryan Place to make sure that there are not any traffic situations or criminal activity, and to make their presence known throughout the neighborhood.

The owner of Cowtown Traffic has worked closely with the event organizer every year. The delivery staff is instructed to deliver the barricades and signs to each intersection instead of one drop off location, which eliminates the need for volunteers to distribute them.

Please attach a listing of income and expenses for the nominated project. List sources and amounts of income (donations, grants, volunteer commitments, etc.) and categories of expenses (supplies, postage, printing, etc.) plus amounts expended in each of these categories.

Accounting: 8th Annual Trick-or-Treat on Elizabeth Boulevard

	EXPENSES	INCOME
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS:		86.00
RPIA APPROVED BUDGET:		100.00
Barricades and Road Closure		
Signs:	86.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:		86.00
NET PROFIT:		0.00

NOTE: Contributions funded this project and the RPIA approved budget was not needed.

Volunteer Hours: 10

PROJECT 9: Cowtown Clean-up

3. What prompted your group to develop this project?

The spirit and pride of Ryan Place residents is evident by the participation in the City of Fort Worth sponsored “Cowtown Cleanup” each year to promote the cleanliness of Ryan Place and Fort Worth.

Did your group initiate this project, or was it initiated by a governmental entity or some other agency, foundation or corporation?

The City of Fort Worth sponsored the Cowtown Cleanup in March 2008, and Ryan Place participated in the event.

What were you trying to accomplish?

Ryan Place residents banded together on March 29, 2008 to promote the cleanliness of Ryan Place in an effort to further beautify the neighborhood. Our group worked to raise awareness throughout the neighborhood and encouraged residents to take a stand against litter. Some participants focused on cleaning the alleyways, while others worked in our neighborhood parks and collected trash throughout the neighborhood.

4. Please list the key people involved in this project, including name, organization and address.

Allisen Prigel, RPIA 2nd Vice-President and Committee Chair – 2512 College Ave.

Please describe in detail the steps you took to complete this project or initiative. How did you involve neighborhood residents in the project?

- Published event announcements in Ryan Place Newsletter;
- Event information and announcements published on neighborhood web site;
- Published event announcements on neighborhood discussion forum;
- Sent event announcement emails to neighborhood residents;
- Announced event at RPIA monthly meetings;
- Received T-shirts, rubber gloves and trash bags from the City, and distributed them to each Ryan Place participant.
- Approximately 25 residents worked together on March 29, 2008 to participate in the annual Cowtown Cleanup and worked in various areas throughout the neighborhood to promote cleanliness and further beautify Ryan Place.
- At the end of the day, residents took the trash and debris that had been collected and delivered it to the City of Fort Worth’s drop off location, in addition to utilizing a private dumpster.

5. What obstacles did your group have to overcome to be successful with this project?

Our group encountered the challenge of transporting the collected trash and debris to the drop off location.

How did you deal with the obstacles?

Our group recruited volunteers to participate in the event who had trucks and trailers available to transport the collected trash and debris to the drop off location. We also utilized a private dumpster to dispose of the trash that was collected after the drop off location had closed.

6. What are the results of the project or initiative?

Ryan Place residents collected truckloads of trash and debris, and we successfully transported the trash to the City of Fort Worth's trash drop off site. All residents in Ryan Place benefited through this beautification effort.

7. Did your project involve community collaboration? If so, please describe your partnerships.

Our project involved the residents of Ryan Place Improvement Association.

Please attach a listing of income and expenses for the nominated project. List sources and amounts of income (donations, grants, volunteer commitments, etc.) and categories of expenses (supplies, postage, printing, etc.) plus amounts expended in each of these categories.

Accounting: Cowtown Clean-up

	EXPENSES	INCOME
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS:		0.00
RPIA APPROVED BUDGET:		0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:		
NET PROFIT:		0.00

Volunteer Hours: 200

PROJECT 10: Free Tree Planting Program

2. What was the project or initiative accomplished in 2008?

In an effort to begin a replacement program for aged trees, which are dying off in Ryan Place, a committee was formed to accomplish this goal. Along with the City's free five-gallon trees, the committee decided to offer larger trees (15- and 30-gallon) to residents at a discounted price. Professional tree planting was also offered at greatly discounted price.

3. What prompted your group to develop this project?

When Ryan Place was developed in 1911, John C. Ryan relied upon his friend George Kessler, a world-renowned Landscape Architect, to design his neighborhood. Mr. Kessler, a strong advocate of the City Beautiful Movement, implemented a layout of rows of trees flanking the streets, terraced yards, and strict construction setbacks to create a flow of open space that combined both the public parkway and private yards into a park-like expanse of green.

The trees that were originally planted in the early 1900's have lived a long life, but the trees have aged and disease and weather have taken their toll, leaving many parkways and front yards without trees. Realizing the importance of trees to the beautification of the neighborhood, property values, and the environment, Ryan Place organized a Free Tree Program Committee. In 2007, 45 homeowners and the Committee, spearheaded by John McFarlane, planted 46 trees along the parkways. The committee has continued the program into 2008/2009 and another 50 trees will bring the total to 110 new trees planted in Ryan Place within two years. Approximately 25 larger trees were planted as well..

Did your group initiate this project, or was it initiated by a governmental entity or some other agency, foundation or corporation?

Yes, RPIA initiated the Ryan Place Free Tree Program, working with the City's Forestry department to provide the free trees.

What were you trying to accomplish?

Beautify the neighborhood, increase property values, and improve the environment.

4. Please list the key people involved in this project, including name, organization and address.

John McFarlane, RPIA Secretary, Free Tree Program Committee Chair – 3017 Willing Ave.

Committee members:

Jennifer Renta	Ian Lobreto
Angela Crum	Larry Borne
Michael and Olivia Flynn	Tim Humphrey

Please describe in detail the steps you took to complete this project or initiative.

- John MacFarlane volunteered to head the committee. He had eight volunteers who volunteered for the committee. After an initial meeting, a flyer was produced for distribution to the neighborhood. Committee members walked the neighborhood and handed out flyers to each residence. The neighborhood was divided into two participation groups, with the first group to receive trees in 2007/2008 and the second group to receive trees in 2008/2009. After a list of trees and residences were compiled, the list was sent to the city Forestry Dept. The City delivered trees to Mr. MacFarlane's house and committee members distributed trees on a Saturday. The committee arranged to have the trees planted for a small fee if the resident so desired.

- Published announcements in the Ryan Place Newsletter, Ryan Place discussion forum and web site promoting the benefits of planting trees in the parkways, guidelines of the Forestry Department and the types of trees offered;
- Announced the program at RPIA monthly meetings;
- Received orders from residents;
- Placed tree order with the Forestry department;
- Organized delivery and distribution of trees;
- Assisted homeowners in planting trees;
- Published reminders to water the trees in the Newsletter.

How did you involve neighborhood residents in the project?

- Some residents served on the committee, while others planted trees on their own property.
- Published announcements in Ryan Place Newsletter promoting the benefits of planting trees in the parkways, guidelines of the Forestry Department and the types of trees offered;
- Published announcements in Ryan Place web site promoting the benefits of planting trees in the parkways, guidelines of the Forestry Department and the types of trees offered;
- Published announcements on Ryan Place discussion forum explaining the guidelines of the Forestry Department and the types of trees offered;
- Sent announcement e-mails to neighborhood residents;
- Committee hand delivered “flyers” to residents about the tree program;
- Announced the program at RPIA monthly meetings;
- Committee members helped distribute the trees, loading them into vehicles.

5. What obstacles did your group have to overcome to be successful with this project? How did you deal with the obstacles?

Despite all of the efforts to communication about the program, it was difficult to inform every resident about the project. However, the committee used every resource available to inform residents.

6. What are the results of the project or initiative?

After the second planting of trees, 110 trees have been planted in the neighborhood’s parkways.

7. Did your project involve community collaboration? If so, please describe your partnerships.

- Yes, the RPIA Free Tree Program Committee Chairman worked closely with the City’s Forestry Department.
- Jennifer Renta, landscaper and Ryan Place resident, used her landscaping contacts to order and plant several large (15 and 30 gallon) trees to help beautify and enhance the neighborhood.

Please attach a listing of income and expenses for the nominated project. List sources and amounts of income (donations, grants, volunteer commitments, etc.) and categories of expenses (supplies, postage, printing, etc.) plus amounts expended in each of these categories.

Accounting: Free Tree Planting Program

	EXPENSES	INCOME
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS:		25.00
RPIA APPROVED BUDGET:		0.00
Miscellaneous:	25.00	25.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:		
NET PROFIT:		0.00

Volunteer Hours: 150

Please attach a listing of income and expenses for the nominated project. List sources and amounts of income (donations, grants, volunteer commitments, etc.) and categories of expenses (supplies, postage, printing, etc.) plus amounts expended in each of these categories.

ACCOUNTING: 2008 Overall Projects Income and Expense Report

	DONATIONS/ INCOME	EXPENSES	NET PROFIT
Gas Drilling Initiative:	400.00	400.00	0.00
Neighborhood Traffic Management Program:	1,060.00	1,060.00	0.00
Hemphill West Quiet Zone:	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ryan Place Historic Overlay:	0.00	0.00	0.00
Streetlight Project – A and B:	0.00	0.00	0.00
Public Service Announcements:	685.00	685.00	0.00
Fort Worth Weekly’s Best of 2008:	0.00	0.00	0.00
8 th Annual Trick-or-Treat on Elizabeth Blvd.:	86.00	86.00	0.00
Free Tree Planting Program:	25.00	25.00	0.00
TOTALS:	2,256.00	2,256.00	0.0

VOLUNTEER HOURS: 2008 Overall Projects Volunteer Hours

Gas Drilling Initiative:	175
Neighborhood Traffic Management Program:	1,750
Hemphill West Quiet Zone:	25
Ryan Place Historic Overlay:	400
Streetlight Project – A, B and C:	3,533
Public Service Announcements:	10
Fort Worth Weekly’s Best of 2008:	0
8 th Annual Trick-or-Treat on Elizabeth Blvd.:	10
Free Tree Planting Program:	150
TOTAL Volunteer Hours:	6,053

For clarification or explanation, the judges may need to contact you. Please give us your contact information below.

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