

**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED**  
**AS A SUBSEQUENT MEETING HAS NOT BEEN HELD**

**TRI-CITY FIRE DEPT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

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**WEDNESDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 19, 2014**  
**TIME: 6:00 PM**

**SANSOM PARK CITY HALL**  
**5705 AZLE AVENUE**  
**SANSOM PARK, TX 76114**

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**ATTENDEES:**

**City of Westworth Village**

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| Mayor              | Tony Yeager    |
| Councilman         | Kelly Jones    |
| Councilman         | Steve Beckman  |
| Councilman         | Mike Coleman   |
| City Administrator | Roger Unger    |
| City Secretary     | Carol Borges   |
| City Attorney      | Ashley Dierker |
| Fire Chief         | Brian McKinney |
| Senior Fire Chief  | Don Day        |
| Police Chief       | Doug Reim      |

**City of River Oaks**

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| Mayor              | Herman Earwood |
| Councilwoman       | Jo Ann Gordon  |
| Councilman         | Steve Holland  |
| City Administrator | Marvin Gregory |
| Fire Chief         | Chris Hawkins  |

**City of Sansom Park**

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| Councilwoman       | Crystal Harris |
| Councilman         | Willie Roach   |
| Councilwoman       | Tanya Gregory  |
| City Administrator | Greg Hutson    |
| City Secretary     | Codi Delcambre |
| Fire Chief         | Allen Richards |

**CALLED TO ORDER at 6:08pm by Mayor Yeager of Westworth Village.**

Westworth Village Mayor Yeager welcomed everyone, including guests, to the meetings.

**1. Approval of the Minutes**

- **Board Meeting – January 7, 2014 held at Westworth Village Municipal Complex.**
- **Board Meeting – February 4, 2014 held at River Oaks City Hall.**
- **MOTION** to approve minutes from both January 7<sup>th</sup> and February 4<sup>th</sup> meetings made by River Oaks Councilwoman Jo Ann Gordon. **SECOND** by Westworth Village Councilman Steve Beckman. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**2. Discuss and take action with regard to creating and funding a Tri-City Fire Department between Westworth Village, River Oaks, and Sansom Park.**

- Westworth Village Mayor Yeager stated the three cities want to work toward a joint department but that funding issues still need to be hashed out.
- River Oaks Councilwoman Jo Ann Gordon read a letter outlining her Council's position aloud. Ms Gordon asserted that this partnership to create a new department should be funded equally, not by population or a per call formula, as the same services will be available to everyone. She expressed River Oak's desire for an across-the-board one-third split funding plan. Westworth Village Mayor Yeager stated his surprise at this revelation as River Oaks has known from the beginning the WWV Council would not vote for a one-third split. Mayor Yeager stated he was just "chewed out" by River Oaks and asked Westworth Councilman Kelly Jones if he wanted to respond. Councilman Jones was very disappointed in the position statement and reflected how WWV officials and staff have spent numerous man hours working toward a fair funding policy with the understanding that while WWV would be paying more up front, a base and per call formula would be expected for WWV's participation. Sansom Park Councilwoman Crystal Harris was very taken aback by River Oak's position and stated that, while after the last meeting she was hopeful to achieve an agreement between the three cities, now feels that negotiations have slid back to two years ago. WWV Administrator Roger Unger gave his input regarding the history of the meetings and funding discussions that have taken place over the last two years and the ramifications to each city if the joint department is or is not created.
- After a lengthy discussion on each city's position on services and funding, Sansom Park Administrator Greg Hutson recognized and thanked WWV officials for their willingness to initially fund a joint department at a higher rate in order to give SP time to catch up. Both SP and WWV officials were left with low expectations of this agreement moving forward. Mayor Yeager asked each city's Council to regroup, decide where their bottom line would be drawn regarding funding and he would revisit this subject with the other two Mayors.
- **No action was taken.** If/when another meeting is scheduled it will be posted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.
- Recording Secretary Carol Borges requested a copy of the letter read aloud by Ms Gordon. Ms Gordon stated her willingness to email the letter for the record (i.e. minutes). [After several attempts to acquire a copy of the letter, Ms Gordon declined to forward to Ms Borges. Board Chair Mayor Yeager instructed Recording Secretary Borges to transcribe Ms Gordon's statement from the audio tape of the meeting. The transcription is attached to these minutes.]

**ADJOURNED at 7:23pm by Mayor Yeager of Westworth Village.**

**MINUTES taken by Westworth Village City Secretary Carol Borges.**

**MINUTES APPROVED on this, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.**

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**Tony Yeager, Chair**

**SIGNATURE ATTESTED BY:**

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**Carol Ann Borges, City Secretary**