

TRANSITION & REVITALIZATION COMMISSION

Minutes from Meeting of October 25, 2006

Attendance:

	MEMBERS		OTHERS
X	Stan Adler	X	Joyce Beach, incoming member
X	Russ Kissick, Chair	X	Marty McGee, incoming member
	Bob Masengill	X	Monique Coleman, Planning Dept.
X	Larry May	X	David Ellis, PEDB
	Pat Miner, Vice Chair	X	Nancy Nevil, Sustainability & Environmental Services Dept.
X	Craig Perry	X	Kate Perry, Planning Dept.
X	Matt Shaheen	X	Jeff Zimmerman, Planning Dept.
	Tino Trujillo		

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Kissick called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Mr. Kissick praised the work of Mr. May and Mr. Perry who were attending their last meeting as members of the commission. He noted that Mr. Perry will join the Planning & Zoning Commission in November and wished him the best of luck in his new position. Mr. Kissick stated that Mr. May was the last remaining original member of TRC since it was established in 2000 and that he had also served as a P&Z Commissioner and City Council Member. Mr. Kissick commended Mr. May for his leadership and long term service to the community. Mr. Kissick also recognized newly appointed members Marty McGee and Joyce Beach who is completing three terms of service with P&Z. They will officially begin their terms in November.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no requests to address the commission.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Mr. Perry and a second Mr. May, the September 20, 2006 minutes were approved with corrections to the motion for adjournment by a vote of 5-0.

V. QUARTERLY REPORT

Ms. Perry presented a draft memorandum from Mr. Kissick to the Mayor and City Council summarizing TRC's activities for the final quarter of the fiscal year. On a motion by Mr. Shaheen and a second by Mr. May, the quarterly report was approved, 5-0.

VI. SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM BRIEFING

Ms. Nevil made a short presentation on the City's new sustainability program. She noted that sustainability is more than recycling and turning off lights when leaving a room; it represents a long term commitment to the responsible use of resources. She said that sustainable work practices can improve employee productivity. Ms. Nevil outlined the committee structure that would be used to develop and implement Plano's program and noted that a successful program required:

- Leadership from the top down;
- Employee involvement;
- Education and training;
- Measurable goals; and
- Extensive communication and interaction.

VII. PLANO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD UPDATE

Mr. Ellis said that PEDB recently honored a broad range of recipients for notable development projects over the last year. PEDB staff also arranged a field trip of the Research/Technology District in southeastern Plano for members of the Planning & Zoning Commission. It included on-site visits to three businesses. In addition, PEDB held a "roundtable" discussion with the Plano Developers' Council that may become an annual event. The economic impact of the new Children's Medical Center in western Plano was highlighted during the roundtable.

PEDB is in the process of moving its offices from the Courtyard Campus of Collin County Community College to Granite Park III near the Dallas North Tollway and S.H. 121.

VIII. WORKFORCE HOUSING STUDY

Ms. Perry presented the final draft of the Workforce Housing Study and noted that staff was seeking authorization to move forward with the adoption process which will require action by the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council. The commissioners indicated their general satisfaction with organization and content of the document. Upon a motion by Mr. Shaheen and a second by Mr. May, the final draft was approved, 5-0, with the following stipulations:

- Provision of examples of current workforce housing initiatives such as state programs for police officers and school teachers; and
- Further explanation of the housing trust fund scenarios on Page 11.

IX. FUTURE MEETINGS

Ms. Tovell indicated that she would inform the commissioners when the dates were determined for presenting the Workforce Housing Study to P&Z and City Council. She noted that TRC would meet again on Wednesday, November 15 at 5 p.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Mr. May and a second by Mr. Shaheen, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m. by a vote of 5-0.