

**Plano City Council – Plano ISD Trustees
Plano Chamber of Commerce
Collin County Community College Trustees
Collin County Commissioners
Plano State Legislative Delegation**

April 19, 2004

City Council

Mayor Pat Evans
Steve Stovall, Mayor Pro Tem
Shep Stahel, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
Scott Johnson
Phil Dyer
Sally Magnuson
Jean Callison
Ken Lambert

Plano Chamber of Commerce Chairperson Jean Godfrey called the joint meeting to order on Monday, April 19, 2004 at the Plano Chamber of Commerce, 1200 E. 15th Street at 6:30 p.m. All Council Members were present with the exception of Mayor Evans, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Stahel, and Council Member Lambert.

Report on the Cox Building Project

Plano Independent School District (PISD) Bond Program Director Bruce Larson reviewed the history and uses of the Cox Building and provided a construction update.

Closing the Achievement Gap

PISD Superintendent Dr. Doug Otto spoke to the conduction of a learning summit to discuss closing the achievement gap. He spoke to demographics in the City, ages of students where gaps exist, achievement percentiles, and moving forward with recommendations to raise achievement levels.

School Finance and Current Tax Proposals

Plano Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) Chairperson Jean Godfrey asked for feedback regarding updates of school finance discussions taking place in Austin. Dr. Otto stated that the mood is negative for cities and counties regarding the proposed “plan” recommended by Governor Perry. Collin County Community College (College) President Dr. Cary Israel stated that colleges have been hit second hardest, spoke to the financial impact should the “plan” be enacted and to being penalized for low taxes.

Ms. Godfrey spoke to the Dallas Chamber of Commerce supporting a business activity tax. Dr. Israel spoke to putting together an alliance. Mayor Pro Tem Stovall stated that Texas provides no state dollars to cities. Ms. Godfrey spoke to determining what the plan of action is and what to lobby for. Mr. Stovall spoke to Mayor Evan's address to legislators regarding detriments resulting from the "plan" and stated that it offers no real tax relief to citizens but creates a harmful economic climate overall.

Collin County Judge Ron Harris spoke to committee discussions in Austin not being directed at revenue caps but at appraisal caps and further spoke to revenue neutral scenarios and future losses under the new "plan."

Update on the County Bond Projects

Judge Harris stated that the County remains in touch with the cities, spoke to upcoming projects, and stated that they are moving forward.

Reports from each Entity of Recent Items of Interest

Legislative Delegation

Representative Madden's Chief of Staff Karin Tucker spoke to being committed to working through existing problems. Senator Shapiro's District Director Lisa Smith stated that Senator Shapiro will be asking for another meeting to receive input.

Plano Chamber of Commerce

Ms. Godfrey spoke to a school finance forum held with legislators and business leaders. Chamber President Brad Shanklin stated that the proposed date for a local option election is May, 2005. Ms. Godfrey spoke to looking at renovating the Chamber facilities and to a new marketing plan.

City of Plano

Mayor Pro Tem Stovall spoke to the upcoming Blackland Prairie Festival in downtown Plano and Haggard Park renovation dedication. He stated that May, 2005 is the proposed date for a City Bond election.

Collin County

No comments were provided.

Collin County Community College

Dr. Israel spoke to upcoming events, the Technology Application Award received by the College, a workplace developing grant, and professional development for teachers.

Plano Independent School District

PISD Board President Mary Beth King spoke to a citizen's committee looking at capital needs, future bond items, and a proposed August 21, 2004 PISD bond election date.

There being no further discussion, Ms. Godfrey adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Steve Stovall, MAYOR PRO TEM

Elaine Bealke, City Secretary