

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
MEETING WITH ASIAN COMMUNITY TO DISCUSS CONCERNS
May 1, 2007**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Diane Zucco, City Secretary
Kristy Land, Assistant, City Secretary

The Plano City Council met informally at 7:15 a.m., Tuesday, May 1, 2007 at Plano Station, 1012 16th Street, Suite 105, Plano, Texas. All Council Members were present with the exception of Council Member Stahel. Mayor Evans welcomed those in attendance and stated that the Asian community represents sixteen to twenty percent of Plano's population. Mayor Evans expressed a desire to work with the Asian community to identify areas of importance and what can be done to make the City better for all.

Mayor Evans introduced the Council, Staff in attendance, and Elaine Hamm, Director of Business Retention & Expansion. She also introduced, Plano Police Department's 2006 Civilian of the Year Award Winner, Liu Yuan and stated that Chief Rushin would like to recruit police officers from the Asian community. Mayor Evans then invited those in attendance to break into groups after which they reconvened to review discussions.

Issues discussed included language barriers, lack of Asian translated publications, transportation issues, and the low percentage of Asian community involvement, particularly with volunteer opportunities within the City of Plano. In addition to these topics, a citizen expressed the need for more long-term benefit relationships between the Asian community and the City of Plano and non-profit organizations such as Plano Sister Cities, Inc. A citizen stated he would like the City of Plano to reach out to the each ethnic group and educate them on what is available. The Multi-Cultural Outreach Roundtable was mentioned as a source.

Further topics discussed included the bridge between the Senior Asian community and Plano Senior Center, a request for additional table tennis tables at the recreation centers, and the importance of proper Section 8 Housing and health standards administration. In closing, future events including AsiaFest and the Multi-Cultural Outreach Roundtable Meeting were mentioned.

Mayor Evans thanked those in attendance for their input and adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Pat Evans, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Kristy Land, Assistant City Secretary