

**Plano City Council/Plano ISD School Board
Joint Retreat
August 22, 2007**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Pat Evans
Sally Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem
Jean Callison, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
Shep Stahel
Scott Johnson
Loretta Ellerbe
Harry LaRosiliere
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Duncan Webb, President
Melody Timinsky, Vice President
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Mary Beth King
John Muns
Brad Shanklin
Missy Bender
Dr. Douglas Otto, Superintendent

STAFF

Tom Muehlenbeck, City Manager
Frank Turner, Executive Director
Bruce Glasscock, Executive Director
Rod Hogan, Executive Director
Diane Wetherbee, City Attorney
Diane Zucco, City Secretary

Mayor Evans called the joint meeting to order at 8:24 a.m. immediately following breakfast on Wednesday, August 22, 2007 at Plano Station located at 1012 E. 16th Street, Suite 105, Plano, Texas, 75074. All Council Members were present. Mayor Evans advised that the briefing on the police firearms range would be held first.

Briefing/Discussion on Police Firearms Range

Police Chief Rushin spoke to the history of the gun range, advised that monies are available from a 2001 bond election and stated that the range will be both new construction and remodeling. He detailed the location and proximity to area neighborhoods and school property and spoke to additional baffles included for training flexibility. Chief Rushin advised that an indoor range would not meet training needs, spoke to the number of times officers are required to qualify with their weapons and the hours of operation.

Executive Director Turner responded to PISD Board Member Bender, stating that the City is not aware of any other active development proposals in the area and Council Member Stahel spoke to the area being in the Research/Technology district and not zoned residential. Chief Rushin responded to PISD Board Member Shanklin that the range would be used by trained officers and is modeled after those in other locations. He spoke to there not being a safety issue, but rather one of noise and to the lack of complaints the City has received. Chief Rushin responded to Council Member LaRosiliere regarding the effect of conditions on the distance noise travels.

Briefing/Discussion on City’s “Green/LEEDS” Efforts

Director of Sustainability and Environmental Services Nevil spoke to the elements necessary to be successful including leadership, employee involvement, training and education, marketing and goals and performance measures. She thanked the Council and management for support of the program and spoke to employee committees. Ms. Nevil advised that the Green Builder Committee goals are to create a culture within the organization that advances sustainable building practices into City, commercial and residential development as well as future remodeling and redevelopment projects. She spoke to their objectives to increase the number of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) accredited professionals, advance the general acceptance of sustainable building practices in the development community and develop and implement Plano’s Green Builder Program.

Ms. Nevil reviewed the City facility LEED Certification Policy and design addressing water efficiency, energy use, indoor air quality, materials selected, resource conservation and sustainable sites. Council Member Stahel presented details regarding the development of the Oak Point Center and commitment to using environmentally friendly materials including recycled flooring, low solvent paints, and an exterior constructed of materials obtained within a 250 mile radius. He requested the school district consider green materials in their facilities.

Ms. Nevil spoke to the Resource Conservation Committee and their goal to create a culture within the organization that values resource conservation and incorporates sustainable practices into all City operations and programs with objectives to reduce energy consumption, waste, fuel consumption and air emissions and to conserve water and improve storm water quality. She spoke to the *Green Team Pledge* which has been taken by 743 employees and the increase in recycling rates. She spoke to the animal shelter being LEED certified and plans to rate every facility over time with all being considered energy efficient.

Ms. Nevil spoke to the Environmental Education & Community Outreach Committee and their goal to manage an educational program for employees and the community resulting in positive behavioral changes which support *Live Green in Plano* and objectives to educate employees, the community, promote educational programs and needs of other sustainability committees. She spoke to marketing efforts, the 2007 Expo and one planned for April 2008.

Ms. Nevil spoke to the Finance and Capital Appropriations Committee and their goal to research and recommend means of incorporating sustainability into City purchases, community investment projects and departmental operations and to the grants received. She spoke to properly disposing of electronic equipment, offering information regarding “green” products that might be used as alternatives by City departments and thanked PISD for their partnership and continuing efforts. Ms. Nevil responded to President Webb regarding variables for the payback of investments in new and renovation projects.

PISD Training Manager Chip Gray provided the group information regarding the school district’s Green/LEED efforts. He spoke to recycling programs in the schools through common containers, increased capacity for recycling efforts, increased number of schools participating in the organics program, emphasizing ink and toner cartridge recycling and strongly promoting the recycling effort.

Mr. Gray spoke to efforts in the district to implement a metal recycling program, working in tandem with the City's commercial diversion department, promoting ink/toner recycling, and increasing conservation awareness with administrative office staff. He spoke to conservation programs and efforts in the schools including an increased awareness of the efficient use of energy, water and natural resources; reviewing energy audits to evaluate progress; creating a process of reporting, inspection and review; and providing materials to campus staff for student involvement. Mr. Gray spoke to creating an Energy Task Force, partnering with the City's water conservation program, increasing awareness of conservation procedures to reduce water usage, upgrading the central irrigation control system, upgrading the lighting program through use of higher efficiency equipment and improved technology, establishing a database to set benchmarks for comparison of building energy usage, and completion of the cooling tower upgrade project.

Briefing/Discussion on Status of City Wireless Network

Director of Technology Services Stephens spoke to the original goals in providing WiFi access, the selection of a provider through the RFO process and notification of a change in their business model. He spoke to a revised request issued for a trial of three sites, future selection of a vendor and follow-up evaluation to determine expansion to an additional 35 locations. Mr. Stephens spoke to issues regarding costs, technology refreshes, competition with the private sector, and notification to citizens regarding availability of test sites.

Mr. Stephens spoke to implementing a Citywide wireless mesh network allowing mobile and remote connectivity for City employees and redundancy to the existing land-based network. He spoke to connecting the water towers (DragonWave) and access points (Motorola Canopy), stated that one bandwidth would be used for Public Safety with another for other City Services and spoke to planned coverage.

Discussion on PISD/City of Plano Strategic Plan, Mission, Vision

Executive Director Glasscock spoke to the City Council setting strategic plans, developing the vision, plan, execution, mission and core benefits. He advised regarding addressing sustainability and stated that Council agenda items are tied to the City's vision, mission and objectives. Mr. Glasscock spoke to achievements in 2006-07 including "Greening" the City, water conservation, neighborhood revitalization, Legacy Town Center and increasing leisure opportunities. He advised that goals are to be a premier City in which to live; livable and sustainable community; vital neighborhoods and exciting urban centers; "service excellence"; diverse business center; and safe, efficient travel. Mr. Glasscock advised of objectives within each goal, spoke to the policy agenda for 2007-2008 and major ongoing projects.

PISD Executive Director for Government and Community Relations Karla Oliver provided a synopsis of the school district's strategic plan. She identified future realities including an increase in diversity of student and adult populations, social issues creating learning challenges, the declining resource base to meet diversified needs, and understanding how to personalize learning for each student. Superintendent Dr. Otto spoke regarding the effect of the declining resource base.

Ms. Oliver spoke regarding commitment to the process, maintaining strategic areas of development and utilization of a facilitator. She spoke to the process timeline, seeking board approval and communication to the public along with the expressed goal of identifying links to the strategic plan in daily work. Mayor Evans spoke regarding the City's strategic plan encouraging quality schools and recognizing their importance to the community.

The group discussed working together when addressing neighborhood revitalization. Executive Director Turner spoke regarding neighborhood projects throughout the City, monies spent on infrastructure/rehabilitation of housing, and the creation of benchmarks to measure success. He spoke to owner-occupied homes with property maintenance issues. Board Member King spoke to determining the cost of renovating a school versus rebuilding and Board Member Bender spoke to strategic planning to look at the purpose of schools as community facilities.

Discussion on City/PISD 2008/2009 Bond Timeline

Dr. Otto spoke regarding the school district's capital needs and new construction, addressing issues of older buildings, upgrading technology and bringing facilities into compliance. He advised that once the Board has approved plans for the bond referendum, an election will be called for 2008 and the goal of the district to have the same equipment in every school.

City Manager Muehlenbeck spoke to receipt of information from Staff regarding projects that might be included in a City bond referendum and the need for an evidence storage facility, public safety communications center, park improvements and street projects. He advised that the boards/commissions will provide input and spoke to a bond election in May 2009. Mr. Muehlenbeck responded to the group, stating that the replacement and rebuilding of roads is funded from capital replacement funds and that bond requests would be for roadway or intersection widening.

Discussion Joint Capital Project Opportunities

City Manager Muehlenbeck spoke regarding cooperative CIP projects and coordinating roadwork with completion of schools/parks and Dr. Otto spoke regarding the district's plans. Council Member LaRosiliere spoke to the opportunity to utilize schools to address specific needs of a neighborhood.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Evans adjourned the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

Pat Evans, MAYOR

Diane Zucco, City Secretary