

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

February 20, 2006

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Pat Evans
Scott Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem
Sally Magnuson, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
Shep Stahel
Loretta Ellerbe
Harry LaRosilieri
Jean Callison

Plano Independent School District Board President Duncan Webb called the joint meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. immediately following dinner on Monday, February 20, 2006 at the Sockwell Center – Dallas Room located at 6301 Chapel Hill Boulevard, Plano, Texas, 75093. All Council Members were present with the exception of Mayor Evans and Council Member Stahel.

Sci-Tech Discovery Center Presentation

No presentation was made.

Current Community Substance Abuse Issues

Police Chief Rushin reviewed overdose statistics for the last four years and advised that the “drug of choice” changes over time and stated that there have been more deaths related to heroin and cocaine than with other drugs. He described the forms of heroin and methods of targeting young people; spoke to the history of deaths caused and stated that in the case of an overdose, the medical examiner makes the determination of a cause of death. Chief Rushin reviewed the Police Department’s approach which includes aggressive enforcement, demand reduction education and coordinated prosecution to include asset seizure. He spoke to partnering with the county, area cities and federal agencies, reviewed education efforts and referenced the Collin County Substance Abuse Coalition and their upcoming forums. Chief Rushin spoke to the partnership between local, state and federal governments resulting in coordinated aggressive prosecution.

Chief Rushin responded to questions regarding abuse of prescription drugs. Sergeant Terry Holway spoke to the processing of drugs in Mexico and Chief Rushin spoke to having a coordinated effort with many agencies to track their movement. Officer Courtney Pero responded to questions regarding the cost of drugs and how addicts fund their habits. Chief Rushin spoke regarding the wide range of drug purity.

Pandemic Flu Response

Collin County Bioterrorism Coordinator Karen Kaighan spoke to the development of an influenza response plan for Collin County. She spoke regarding prevention techniques including hand washing and flu shots and spoke to local agreements from health care providers that they will offer their services if needed. Ms. Kaighan spoke to challenges and concerns including working with hospitals on contingency plans and having cities provide alternative care sites. She advised that the state has received funding for pandemic flu planning and stated that the entire region is working together.

Environmental Health Director Collins spoke regarding plans to develop a City of Plano operational guide based on a possible absentee level of 30-50%. He advised that there are no human-to-human cases at this time, but once this occurs the conditions for the pandemic to become widespread include the introduction of a new virus, the virus causing serious illness or death and there being easy and sustained human-to-human transmission. Mr. Collins spoke to assumptions that there will be universal susceptibility, a two-day incubation period, lack of medical supplies or personnel and that there will be two to three waves with an attack rate of 30-50%. He reviewed the status of hospital and morgue capacity, spoke to government at all levels being affected and urged development of personal as well as professional plans.

Updates/Announcements

Collin County Commissioner Jack Hatchell spoke to continued work on S.H. 121 and advised that one way or another there will be a facility within five years.

Collin County Community College Board of Trustees Vice-Chair Robert Collins advised that enrollment is over 40,000 students and spoke to the strategic goals of the college to emphasize the creation of a scholarly community, expand centers of excellence in health care, implement new software systems and technology, identify and design programs to meet the needs of the business community and create a campus of destination. He spoke to the concurrent enrollment, receipt of a skills development grant and an upcoming scholarship fundraiser.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson spoke regarding the retirement of Fire Chief Bill Peterson who will be going to work at the Federal Emergency Management Agency. He spoke regarding continued improvements at the Cox Building and a dedication to be held on March 1, 2006 and plans for the Tom Muehlenbeck Recreation Center.

Chamber of Commerce Chair Mary Jo Dean advised that the Chamber currently has 1,400 members and spoke regarding the March 17, 2006 Citizen of the Year event. She spoke to the development of a young professional's organization and to continuing to work with all groups to build the business community in Plano.

Plano Independent School District Superintendent of Schools Dr. Douglass Otto spoke to partnering with the Collin County Community College to address college readiness.

There being no further discussion, President Webb adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Scott Johnson, **MAYOR PRO TEM**

Diane Zucco, Assistant City Secretary