

**Plano City Council
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August 30, 2004

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Collin County Community College District (CCCCD) Board of Trustees Chairman Sam Roach and President Cary Israel called the joint meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. immediately following dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 30, 2004 at the Collin County Community College, New Conference Center, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway. All Council Members were present with the exception of Council Members Magnuson and Johnson.

Update on 121 Construction/Toll Road Concept

Collin County Director of Engineering Rubin Delgado reviewed the progress of SH Highway 121 frontage roads and stated that work is on schedule. He stated that while the concept is still sketchy, only the main lanes would operate as a tollroad, and the question remains as to whether or not the road should be a tollroad. Collin County Judge Ron Harris stated that the appropriate Public Hearings will be conducted to obtain input. North Texas Tollroad Authority Chairman Don Dillard spoke to the history of the road, TXDOT evaluation and input, helping with mobility, and stated that the role of the County is to facilitate the process. Mayor Evans spoke to the area of SH HWY 121 beginning at Hillcrest Road to Highway 75 and to keeping potential dollars here. Mr. Delgado stated that the challenge is to answer all these questions and that everything is still very preliminary.

County Homeland Security Update

Collin County Director of Homeland Security Kelly Stone stated that he is the Emergency Management Coordinator for the County. He reviewed responsibilities, spoke to training exercises, addressing health situations, and benefits in working with elected officials. He spoke to working with fire and police chiefs across the County, grants received, being well prepared, and necessary steps to receive state and federal grants.

U.S. 75 Plano Improvements

Transportation Engineering Manager Neal spoke to multi-agency cooperation and to looking at solutions to address traffic congestion. He spoke to the concept of reverse ramps, HOV lane design concepts, existing and projected traffic volumes, and costs associated with addressing these issues.

Legislative Update

Representative Jerry Madden spoke to a possible special legislative session, working to solve the problem of school finance and to the need for a general agreement in the leadership community. He spoke to the business and educational community coming together, reduction in property tax levels, revenues to replace them, and stated that opposition has been received regarding building a tollroad. Representative Brian McCall stated that the main concern is school finance, spoke to others not seeing the urgency, stated that he is not optimistic about a special session taking place and recommended writing the Governor regarding the issue.

Cox Building Update

Plano Independent School District (PISD) Superintendent Doug Otto spoke to the rehabilitation of the Cox Building and the partnership with the City of Plano. Architects from the firm of Good Fulton and Farrell reviewed the construction schedule and site plan for the project.

National Science Foundation Grant, Fundraisers, Enrollment

Collin County Community College District President Cary Israel spoke to being the recipient of various grants and to a \$2.5 million grant from the National Science Foundation. He spoke to participation with other colleges regarding home small business technical integration, and to the designation of living legends in the community. Dr. Israel stated that enrollment is up 7%, there is no room to accommodate additional students, but that with appropriate funding additional students could be accommodated. He requested that input be provided the College with regard to a Strategic Plan.

There being no further discussion, Dr. Israel adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Pat Evans, MAYOR

Elaine Bealke, City Secretary