

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL  
NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE  
DISTRICT FOUR  
August 19, 2004**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

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

**STAFF:**

Thomas H. Muehlenbeck, City Manager  
Frank Turner, Executive Director  
Bruce D. Glasscock, Executive Director  
Rod Hogan, Executive Director  
Diane C. Wetherbee, City Attorney  
Elaine Bealke, City Secretary

The Plano City Council met informally at 7:02 p.m., Thursday, August 19, 2004, at Vines High School Cafeteria, 1401 Highedge Drive, Plano, Texas. All Council Members were present with the exception of Council Members Callison and Johnson. Mayor Evans arrived at 7:35 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Stahel welcomed those in attendance, introduced members of the Council and identified the Council districts and the discussion questions.

At the request of Mayor Pro Tem Stahel, those in attendance broke into groups to discuss questions given them after which time they reconvened to report the following findings:

**Important Issues Facing Plano**

Citizens spoke to the need for addressing issues of public safety; traffic as it relates to speeding and speeding in school zones, red light runners, red light (signalization) timing, and traffic management; infrastructure; parks and trail maintenance; code enforcement issues relating to problems with rental properties, older neighborhoods, maintaining neighborhood integrity and property standards as the City grows; making the City more attractive; empty retail space, storefronts, and big box vacancies; limiting billboards; City services; animal control; door to door solicitors; and the issue of being penalized via the water conservation program.

**Better Service from the City Council/Staff:**

Citizens spoke to the need for expanded areas of zoning notice; more police presence in neighborhoods; Staff getting out of their office and walking around the neighborhoods to see what is going on in the City; better Staff response and follow-up on complaints; holding more meetings like the Neighborhood Roundtable, more frequently, with a provision of separate rooms for the groups to break out in, and further providing more available meeting space for recurring group events without being charged a fee; more information in the utility bills; a temporary library location during the Haggard Library renovation; addressing property development; addressing the ordinance than bans door hangers (solicitation); group support for homeowner associations; alley repair and renewal; screening wall maintenance repair. and work on the City web site

**Most Important Things Making Plano a Good Place to Live:**

Citizens spoke to Plano providing a good form of City government; responsiveness to tax payers; public safety; clean City; good schools, libraries, parks, medical facilities, code enforcement, zoning with good Master Plan, all around City services (trash/water), shopping, and entertainment; getting citizens out there; access to wine and beer; low crime rate; good infrastructure and maintenance; water conservation; no smoking ordinance; and a good place to raise a family in a City with a progressive attitude.

A citizen spoke to the good Fire, Police, and Citizen Academies and stated that these were all good opportunities.

Mayor Evans commended the level of professionalism of City Staff. She spoke to the Homeland Security Drill which took place last year in Plano simulating a terrorist strike and stated that this year representatives of the City have been chosen to participate in advanced terrorist training funded by the Federal Government outside Washington D.C.

Mayor Pro Tem Stahel thanked those in attendance for their feedback. Nothing further was discussed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

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Pat Evans, **Mayor**

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Shep Stahel, **MAYOR PRO TEM**

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Elaine Bealke, City Secretary