

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE
DISTRICT FOUR
August 18, 2005**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Scott Johnson, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
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The Plano City Council met informally at 7:11 p.m., Thursday, August 18, 2005, at Vines High School, 1401 Highedge Drive, Plano, Texas. All Council Members were present with the exception of Mayor Pro Tem Lambert and Council Members Stahel, LaRosiliere and Ellerbe. Mayor Evans welcomed those in attendance, introduced members of the Council and identified the Council districts. She spoke regarding Council Members being elected and serving the City at large and the benefits provided.

Director of Budget and Research Rhodes made a brief presentation regarding the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Recommended Budget and Proposed Community Investment Program and responded to questions. Mayor Evans spoke to the large amount of revenue based on sales tax which helps maintain the City's low tax rate and high service rate and encouraged citizens to "Shop Plano First."

Mayor Evans advised regarding the questions for the meeting and those in attendance broke into groups for discussion.

Do you agree that traffic, crime, development and property standards enforcement are still the most important issues? What other issues should be included or replace these?

Under the basic issues of traffic, crime, development, and property standards enforcement identified on the list of discussion questions, citizens spoke to issues of what the City will do to address traffic if the Home Depot is developed at Parker Road and Custer Road, redevelopment of vacant retail areas as multi-family, what will happen when the City is at 100% build out, scaling retail development to the neighborhood and adding more right-hand turn lanes. Citizens spoke to vacant retail centers, neighborhood revitalization, deteriorating screening walls, speeding/traffic in school zones, hazardous material incident response, access to bike trails and to renegotiating the agreement with the North Texas Municipal Water District then urging citizens to conserve.

Citizens stated concerns regarding automobiles/property crimes, synchronization of traffic signals and red light runners, code enforcement issues, cables left unburied in neighborhoods, degradation of alleys, the availability of Verizon services, how to get more street lights, the effect of the Fire Wheel Shopping Center on sales tax revenues, median landscaping, and spoke to having businesses be required to prominently display their addresses. Citizens discussed the long-term viability of neighborhoods, issues of trash, alley speeding, deteriorating screening walls, the process of code enforcement, vehicle noise, street signage, economic development and to finding out more about the process for Section 8 housing.

Can you suggest other ways to improve the existing communications options?

Citizens spoke to receiving information via roundtables, crime watch bulletins, newspapers, water bill inserts, mailings, television, *Plano Profile* and the City's web page. They recommended changes to the web site providing internet portals by neighborhood for use as a bulletin board, spoke to receiving information on starting a homeowners association and to the City collecting e-mail addresses from interested parties to provide information in the future.

Do you feel you are getting a fair return on your tax investment? Where would you like to see additional services? Are you willing to pay for increased property taxes to pay for additional services? If not, would you want services reduced and if so, which services?

Citizens spoke to receiving a good return on their investment and stated they would like to see more spent on Public Safety, speed bumps on feeder streets, and to implementing a "smart" left turn lane on Spring Creek Parkway at Alma Drive. Citizens spoke highly of the City's recycling program, to exploring private funding as well as public for community celebrations, the difficulty for small groups to find meeting places and recommended the City provide information to citizens regarding ordinances to promote awareness.

Mayor Evans thanked those in attendance for their input, advised that Haggard Library will be opening in December to provide relief for the shortage of meeting space and stated that questions regarding Section 8 housing may be addressed to the Plano Housing Authority. She spoke to responses that will be provided. Nothing further was discussed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Pat Evans, **Mayor**

Attest

Di Zucco, Assistant City Secretary