

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE
DISTRICT TWO
November 9, 2006**

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The Plano City Council met informally at 7:10 p.m., Thursday, November 9, 2006, at Plano Sports Authority StarCenter, 6500 Preston Meadow, Plano, Texas. Council Members LaRosiliere and Dunlap hosted the roundtable. Council Member LaRosiliere welcomed those in attendance and identified the Council districts. He spoke regarding Council Members being elected and serving the City at large and the benefits provided.

Assistant Fire Chief Owens presented information regarding the design phase of Fire Station 12 multi-use complex to be located at the northwest corner of Coit and Parker Roads.

Council Member LaRosiliere invited those in attendance to break into groups to discuss the following:

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 traffic as a continuing issue along with development and redevelopment, retail shopping centers, and property standards enforcement applicable to fences, retaining walls, dog litter, bushes growing into the alleyways, and yards in general.

Citizens spoke to drought related issues and to the lack of a water supply source for the City and to looking at other options to address the situation. They spoke to issues regarding drainage system maintenance and trees that fall in. Citizens spoke to park safety, situations where local parks have insufficient parking, and to train noise impacting the community. Citizens spoke to needing more red light cameras, a new version of the left hand turn coming on line, and to safety issues relating to bicycles near the tollroads.

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

Citizens spoke to communicating better with more direct mailings and using portable signage, and further spoke to continued use of press releases, crime watch bulletins, water bill inserts, Plano Television Network, and the City web site. They spoke to using Homeowner Associations to communicate information and stated that City officials provide a friendly response.

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 the City providing a fair return on the taxes paid, possibly paying additional taxes for added services, and stated that the City is a bargain.

Citizens resumed their seats and spoke to providing a better government roundtable and a way to debate the issues and provide answers to the public in one sitting. Executive Director Glasscock advised that list serves were available on the web site as a means to sign up and receive information. Citizens spoke to starting a blog, stated that the City did a poor job of developing a Master Plan, and also that it is hard to hear in the Council Chambers during the Council meetings.

Council Member LaRosiliere thanked those in attendance for their input and stated that issues will be summarized and responses forthcoming from Staff. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Harry LaRosiliere, Council Member

Attest

Elaine Bealke, City Secretary