



Spring Creek Parkway Estates Neighborhood Meeting Notes (10/23/08)

City Staff in attendance

<p>Live Green in Plano Casey Eckert Environmental Education Coordinator caseye@plano.gov (972) 769-4216</p>	<p>Neighborhood Planning Program Monique Coleman Neighborhood Planner moniquec@plano.gov (972) 941-5397</p>
<p>Safe Streets Program Richard 'Rick' Berry, Sr. Transportation Engineer Transportation Engineering Division richardb@plano.gov (972) 941-5464</p>	

The meeting started at 7:00 pm

Monique Coleman, Neighborhood Planner, introduced Casey Eckert, Environmental Education Coordinator to the neighborhood.

Casey gave residents a brief personal introduction including how long she had been with the City of Plano, why she loves her job, and why the information she's going to provide is so important.

Casey informed residents she is going to promote [litter prevention](#) and environmental health at the meeting. Casey provided the following pieces of information:

- Cigarettes are the most littered item in America and the world. Casey provided a demonstration of different size clear boxes indicating how many cigarettes are littered in different quantities depending on how much a smokers smoke and litter their butts. View <http://www.cigarettelitter.org/>
- Casey informed residents she administers the [Adopt-a-highway Program](#) as well as the [Neighborhood Dumpster Program](#)
- Please feel free to contact Casey Eckert if you have questions or would like to participate in the fight against litter.

Monique then introduced Rick Berry, Sr. Transportation Engineer. Rick walked the residents through the [Safe Streets Program presentation](#). Rick explained the following information to the residents:

- This neighborhood has actually gone through the Safe Streets Program a couple of years ago.
- According to the traffic study (an equation computing volume and speed in the study area), in 2006, this neighborhood qualified to participate in the program.
- Temporary devices were installed but later removed in December 2006 because residents rejected the permanent plan for calming device installation for the neighborhood.
- Residents expressed a concern that devices are needed but we residents will not get involved in the process. Rick Berry and Monique explained to the residents that this program has to be resident/neighborhood driven. Residents have to lobby for the program for it to be successful.

- Rick then discussed some other transportation related topics with residents such as:
 - Driver behavior – at the meeting we discussed driver perception and the possible implications of speeding and cut-through traffic. Issues far exceed the Safe Streets Program (i.e. population growth, sprawl, and traffic congestion).
 - Unintended consequences of the Safe Streets Program – correct problem at one area and it will shift or divert to another. This goes back to driver behavior.
 - Mission Ridge is more of a volume problem than a speed problem but Transportation Engineers will continue to assess this area as much as possible. Engineers need information and feedback from residents in the area as changes occur (for better or worse).
 - Rick and Monique explained possible solutions:
 - Educate drivers as much as possible
 - Use innovative traffic management techniques to lessen or alleviate problem as much as program.
 - One upcoming relevant traffic management technique was discussed with residents. This technique (or traffic maneuver) is called a Median Left-Turn (MLT). Plans to implement the MLT in specified locations will be rolled out in 2009.
 - Please click [HERE](#) to watch a presentation made to the Plano City Council regarding the MLT – **PLAY PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING PART 1 OF 2**.
 - Lloyd Neal, City of Plano Transportation Engineer, presented MLT to City Council. This presentation should provide a good foundation to help residents understand the technique, implementation schedule, and the benefits of the MLT.
 - If you have traffic questions, please visit www.planotraffic.org

Monique closed the meeting at 8:40pm after reminding residents of the next meetings:

- **REMINDER – NO MEETING ON THURSDAY OCTOBER 30**
- **Date:** November 6, 2008
- **Location:** City Hall – Building Inspections Training Room
- **Time:** 7pm – 8:30pm
- **Topics:** Plano Police Department – Neighborhood Police Officers and Crime Prevention Units – see [schedule](#)

Please review the [Spring Creek Parkway Estates](#) Web site for meeting and project details!