

Mayor's Southern Dallas Task Force
Area #5: North Oak Cliff Team
Minutes - Meeting #4
April 30, 2009
Southern Dallas Development Corp. Dallas, TX

In attendance:

Linda S. Brown, Chair
Pam Veshia, Dallas Office of Economic Development
Cole Daugherty
Ray Morris
Phil Morley
Danell Lichtenwalter
Jason Roberts
Luis Salcedo
Michael Himnett
Ryan Rogers, Dallas Budget and Management Services
Luis Tamayo, Dallas Development Services
Ron Patterson, Dallas Office of Economic Development

Notes:

Item #1: Meeting Commencement:

- Call to Order
- Thanks to Southern Dallas Development Corp.
- Approval of 3/26/09 minutes
 - o Group voted to approve proposal

Item #2: Briefing to speakers about our teams and subcommittees:

- Discussed topics of how often we meet, how often our subcommittees meet.
- Gave background as to why this task force was formed

Item #3: Committee Reports:

- Economic Development
- Education Committee
- Quality of Life Committee Report
 - o Meeting with Code Compliance
 - Code is supporting youth courts that make graffiti offenders clean their violations
 - Interested in demolishing and/or boarding up vacant homes which become centers for vice.
- Transportation Committee
 - o Overview of past discussion topics (land use, trolleys, trail systems)
 - o Introduction of Jay Kline, DART

Item #3: Guest Speakers

- Jay Kline (DART) Discussion of street car system
 - o Ownership of street car system
 - City of Dallas, maintained by DART
 - o Funding for system
 - City: Taxing districts, parking revenue, bonds
 - Federal involvement
 - o What Federal Funding Means
 - Fiscally more feasible, but double the time

 - o Current Projects
 - Currently implementing a line in the Central Business District

 - o Construction Process
 - Significantly less invasive than light rail
 - Less possibilities for complications
 - Consideration given to businesses affected by construction
 - Letting business know time frame of construction

 - o The Next Step
 - Selection of pathway
 - Selection of vehicle
 - Selection of payment
 - Construction plan

- Jason Roberts (Oak Cliff Transit Authority)
 - o Overview of his organization
 - Origins of 2000 formation
 - Goal of creating a comprehensive transportation plan for Oak Cliff
 - o Discussed history and benefits of street cars
 - Historical streetcar lines in Oak Cliff
 - Discussion of businesses both growing and dying due to the implementation and extinction of the street cars in Oak Cliff.

Item #4: Closing Items

- o Next meeting May 26th at Dallas City Hall, 7th floor.