

City of DeSoto

The Mayor's Quarterly 360° Meeting with homeowners' association/neighborhood representatives and citizens met Thursday, January 24, 2013, in Bluebonnet Room III located in the Civic Center at 211 East Pleasant Run Road, DeSoto, Texas, with the following members present:

Staff: Mayor Carl O. Sherman, Councilmember Sandy Respess, City Manager, Dr. Tarron Richardson, Assistant to the City Manager/Community Initiative Tracie Hlavinka, Assistant Police Chief Lee, Officer Cindy Mendez, and Code Enforcement Officer Charles Humphrey

Attendees:

Connie JeanPierre Roosevelt Williams

Mickey Starling Cleve McFarlane

Randall Motes
Annie Bonner
Duane Otev

Terrance Campbell Claude Turknett

Cvnthia Seav

John V. Sudds

Joel Sontag

Len Starling Jean Holbert

Tem Youngblood Ray Maxie

Holly Otey Robert Brown

Lena Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m.

I. Welcome

- Mayor Carl Sherman introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- The Mayor requested that each representative introduce themselves and their association/neighborhood affiliation.

II. State of the City Address

- The Mayor presented a video showing this year's Veterans Day Appreciation event.
- A presentation of the "State of the City Address" was given by Mayor Carl O. Sherman. The presentation can be found on the City website under "My Neighborhoods", on the Mayor's Quarterly webpage.

III. Comments

- A representative requested the Mayor and Council reconsider sidewalks on Chattey Road. The Mayor requested all representatives to drive Chattey Road between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. weekdays and give their opinion of the conditions to the Mayor's Office.
- Another representative requested a concerted effort be made toward I-35. The Mayor explained the City of Lancaster and DeSoto are in talks of creating a TIF (Tax Increment Financing) for that corridor.

- Tax increment financing is a method of reallocating property tax revenues which are produced as a result of an increase in taxable valuation above a "base valuation" figure within a tax increment area. Until the tax increment debt within an area has been repaid, tax revenues produced by property tax levies imposed on the increased taxable valuation by a city, county, school district, area school or any other taxing jurisdiction are all allocated back to the city or county which has established the tax increment area, and must be spent by that jurisdiction for projects within that area.
- One representative mentioned how it would be nice to have the area near the Kohl's Distribution Center designed for an outlet area. Another representative mentioned a children's venue (i.e. Chucky Cheese, Main Event, etc.).

IV. Adjournment

Mayor Carl Sherman adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Assistant to the City Manager

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