



North Area Council Board Meeting  
March 3, 2010  
Byron Nelson High School / NWISD  
11:30 – 1:00

### **Transaction Notes**

**In Attendance:** Chair Natalie Parish, Mark Presswood, George Westby, Truitt Leake, Marcia Schmitz, Sal Adamski, Craig Lloyd, Erayne Hill, Jay Long, Charles Campbell

**Special Guests:** Linda Parker, Principal, Bryan Nelson; Kathleen Eckert, Assoc. Principal, Bryan Nelson; Haily Summerford, FWISD

**Staff:** Pennie Blossom

Chair Natalie Parish opened the meeting and turned the floor over to Marcia Schmitz to welcome the board to NWISD's newest high school, Bryan Nelson. Schmitz introduced Principal Linda Parker and Associate Principal Kathleen Eckert. Parker gave the board an overview of the school, which opened in August. They opened with freshman and sophomore classes. At this point their student population is 840 and will eventually grow to approximately 2,400. The campus has 500,000 square feet. Every student has a computer and they are a wireless campus. Dual credit courses will start next year, i.e., college courses while in high school. The end of course exams will start in 2012; no more TAKS testing after that. They start their academy classes next year, which will be medical and culinary arts. The students in culinary arts will operate a restaurant on campus at least one day per week. The medical students will be interning in hospitals and can earn some certifications by graduation.

Parish continued with agenda:

### **Action Plan**

- **Education – Adopted School – J. P. Elder Middle School** – Parish reported that the Junior Cadet team raised the \$6,000 for their competition in Kansas. The NAC Board deserves a big pat on the back because they contributed over \$2,000 of those funds. The board will continue raising money for their uniforms through the sale of artwork from the school. The board will also continue supporting the Teacher Reward Program. Several prizes were donated at today's meeting. Erayne Hill will let everyone know when the presentations will be made. There is still time to donate.
- **Retention**
  - The new members were divided between board members, who will send an email and welcome them to the North Area Council.
  - There was little change in Membership for the NAC this reporting period.
- **Programming**
  - It was decided we will ask J. D. Granger with Trinity River Vision, to be our next speaker at the NAC Membership Luncheon. Date TBD.
  - Upcoming Programs:
    - 3/12 – Gold / Preferred Member Quarterly Breakfast Series
    - 3/26 – Employment Law Update
    - 4/14 – Chamber Day at the Speedway

- **Monitoring Items**

- I – 35 Corridor – Presswood said the I-35 Coalition meeting is next week and he will have several things to report at the next board meeting.
- Trinity River Vision – There are still a couple of land disputes that are being dealt with now. They just settled two disputes and are moving forward to settle the rest. The estimated completion of Trinity River Vision is 2021.
- Stockyards – The 13<sup>th</sup> annual Cowtown Goes Green is on March 13, starting at 1:00 p.m. It is family friendly with pony rides, petting zoo and face painting among some of the activities for kids. The parade starts at 4:00 p.m. If you have ever dreamed about being on Wheel of Fortune, this is your chance. Tryouts are at Billy Bob's on Sunday March 9.

**Other Business**

- Replacements on board – William Giron has left the Hispanic Chamber, therefore no longer a board member; Earl Mahar had to resign due to a conflict with another obligation he has with the T. Shannon Watt has been nominated as a replacement to fill one position. Natalie Parish will follow-up and get back to the board.
- This is Natalie Parish's last board meeting as chair. She will continue to attend meetings as immediate past chair. The board gave her a round of applause and all agree that she has been an outstanding chair. Craig Lloyd will step into the chair position beginning April 1.
- There will not be a full retreat this year for all area council board members. However, the immediate past chairs and new chairs will meet on April 8. This meeting is designed to discuss responsibilities of the incoming chairs and to give a big thanks and appreciation to the outgoing chairs.

- **Business from the Floor**

- Unity One just merged with a credit union in St. Paul, Minnesota. St. Paul is their home office. It increased their asset size by \$18 MM.
- EECU is opening a new branch in Southlake at the end of July.
- TCC's dual credit classes are becoming a very large program for them. For the first time since the school opened, the spring enrollment was larger than the fall enrollment this year. A full 50 percent of all incoming freshmen have to take remedial courses - mostly English and Math.

With there being no other business Parish adjourned the meeting.

Next Meeting:            May 5, 2010  
                                  Location TBD  
                                  11:30 – 1:00