



## MEETING MINUTES

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**Project:** Tarrant County College District Master Plan      **No. of Attendees:** 39

**Subject:** Northeast Community Meeting

**Recorded By:** Wendy Shabay and Bill Cotten

**Date:** July 27, 2004      6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Northeast Campus

**Attendees:** Dianna Branigan, Laverne Lairson, Robert Hamilton, Mary Lib Saleh, Karen Parsinen, Bill Ridgeway, Leonard Ehalt, Sean Donnelly, Kelly Bradley, Harry Jeffries, Mary Sue Abernathy, Randy Shiflet, John Chaloupka, Tom Muir, Beth Hatcher, Mike Farhat, Brad Bradley, Joe King, Edna Williams Elliot, Velma Walker, Glenn Porterfield, David Osborne, Van Parker, Charles Scoma, Linda Caram, Mary Frazier, Garry Hamilton, Stephen Waddell, Jay Thompson, Bobby Burns, Priscilla Michalk, Oscar Trevino, John Lewis, Tricia Wood, Dr. Ed Hahn, Dr. Larry Darlage, Bill Cotten, Wendy Shabay

### *Comments:*

Good things about Northeast Campus:

- Facilities are accessible to community
- Easy to get to most buildings
- Parking fairly close
- Good location
- Good job of connecting students to communities
- Like that its imbedded in the community
- Like that it has a campus (collegiate) feel
- TCC is generous with spaces – like being able to use facilities and meeting spaces
- Good job including the community

Things that are needed:

- Wish buildings were taller (higher density)
- Wish parking was closer to building for security reasons
- Need better signage – better wayfinding
- Need lower signs in parking lot, hard to see tall signs in parking lots
- Accommodations need to fit adults



- Commuter rail
- Dental hygiene services are out of space
- Grapevine Highway entrance is very dangerous
- Health Services are out of space and have a limited enrollment
- Language Lab needed
- Not ADA accessible in many cases – need covered walkways
- Physical security of buildings needs to be addressed
- Don't know where you are on campus, wayfinding and signage is confusing
- Need better signage and wayfinding system for all buildings
- Larger signs as you enter campus
- More visitor parking
- Need a Visitors Center
- Names on buildings and names on popular community rooms
- Nursing program would be very beneficial and needed on this campus
  - Nursing programs are largest enrollment
- Technology will always be important
- Want TCC to coordinate with Health Services better
- Ground source HVAC has been very economical in BISD instead of compressors – maybe something to consider for energy management
- Use more business leaders as adjunct faculty
- TCC work with business leaders and with Health Services to see what programs can collaborate on
- New programs suggested
  - Education program
  - FEMA technical training through TCC
  - Air traffic controlling
  - City Government programs
  - Culinary Arts program at NE campus
  - Should consider future programs in the transportation industry
- TCC should partner with 4-year schools to help students set degree plans
- Need lecture hall capable of hosting outside professionals for lectures
- System needs to continually evaluate academic programs
  - There should be no “sacred cows”
  - Need to put more focus on vocational education
  - Need flexibility to partner with business community
  - Do not think people will travel to other campuses – away from home area, if inconvenient
- Not enough people being trained for jobs ‘baby boomers’ will soon vacate
- Need to retrain/ cross train professionals with new skills
- College could use a mentoring program – match students’ interests with volunteers
- International Baccalaureate program (?)
- Train/ retrain women who are late-entering or reentering the workforce
- Continue to develop distance learning capabilities



- There are five school districts in the NE region – great opportunities to share distance learning facilities
- Could share WAN's with school districts, municipalities
- On-line learning is a very good service to the community
- Performing Arts Center needed – future plans in “Hometown” area
- Continue to grow Early Childhood Education program
  - Especially infant care
  - Parenting training needed
- Problem with pedestrian connection
- Talk to NTCOG about plans with Highway 26
- Need better promotion of programs offered – better communication with graduates/ alumni

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*The following reflects our understanding of the items discussed during the subject meeting. Please notify writer of any discrepancies within 10 days.*

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