

**Little Elm Citizens' Bond Committee for 2009-2014
Little Elm, Texas**

December 29, 2008

**Citizens of Little Elm, Texas 75068;
The Honorable Mayor Frank Kastner;
And The Honorable Members of the City Council:**

- 1. David Hillock**
- 2. Stephanie Shoemaker**
- 3. Dee Dee Lear**
- 4. Beverly Hughes**
- 5. Brandon Gerard**
- 6. Brenda Mills**

Subject - Recommendations

A Bond proposal and referendum of \$18,815,000 dollars to be presented to the Voters of Little Elm on the Election Ballot of May 2009. The purpose of obtaining funding for crucial Capital Projects.

Attachments

- A. Addendum: Individual members comments and recommendations.**
- B. Copies of Minutes for each respective Committee Meeting.**
- C. Copies of Agenda for each respective Committee Meeting.**

Committee Members

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| 1. Hal Grant, Chairman | 12. Silva Dietz |
| 2. Charles Platt, Vice-Chairman | 13. Michael Gaffney |
| 3. Nick Apel, Secretary | 14. Dean Hansen |
| 4. Tom Adams | 15. Bill Horner |
| 5. Susan Austin | 16. Michael Janco |
| 6. Gerald Beliveau | 17. Brian Lovelady |
| 7. Cooper Begis | 18. Mike Cook |
| 8. Rick Browne | 19. Jennifer McBride |
| 9. Robert Burke | 20. Joy Paulson |
| 10. Susan Derrick | 21. John Piper |
| 11. Keith Wilson | 22. Linda Topor |
| | 23. Michael Topor |

To The Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

We, the members of the 2009-2014 Town's Bond Committee make the following recommendations (Priority Order) to the Council for their consideration:

- 1. Police and Fire Stations (Both voted as the #1 priority).
Police Facility - \$6,000,000.
Fire Facility - \$2,600,000.**

- 2. Roads: The Five that need matching funding:
(1) Eldorado Pkwy Streetscape - \$3,000,000.
(2) King Road 2 lane concrete - \$700,000.
(3) Lobo Lane Reconstruct - \$1,000,000.
(4) Main Street East & Lakeshore re-alignment - \$2,500,000.
(5) Witt Road - Woodlake Connector - \$600,000.**

- 3. Fire/Rescue Engine replacement - \$650,000.**

- 4. Backup Generators (2) - \$500,000.**

- 5. Animal Shelter - \$775,000.**

- 5. Fire Engine Truck replacement - \$490,000.**

TOTAL: ----- \$18,815,000.

- 6. Library: The Committee's final vote in favor of making the recommendations to the Town Council include "the committee's desire that the Council find money through EDC or the Developer that is developing the new Town Center or other means to fund a Library."**

Background

This committee has met as a group on eight separate occasions. The first meeting was more for a purpose of orientation. A Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary were elected.

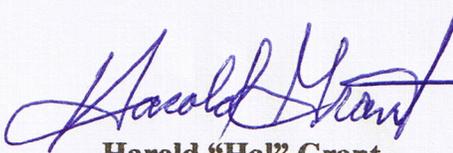
The next three meetings were presentations by the Department Heads and the City Manager. These meetings were conducted in the Council chambers of the Town Hall. In addition, many individual members toured and visited the Town's current facilities, structures and the roads. Also, several members visited other cities' facilities for comparison. This Committee worked admirably together as a team, even though, opinions varied and were different. Every member was dedicated to making a decision that was good for the entire Community-at-large. Speaking for the committee; and for myself, "This was no Cake-Walk."

Three of the meetings were conducted at the Community Building. Prior to finalizing the decisions; many questions with much discussion were made before deliberations were put into our thought process prior to voting on our final recommendations. We hope the Honorable Council will do the same.

Conclusion

We would like to thank all the Department Heads that presented their respective programs to us. Every single one was very professional and demonstrated their loyalty and commitment to the Community. We were impressed and proud they were in service of our Community. We wish to also give "special thanks" to the City Manager, who attended every meeting and was very informative in answering our questions and providing us with the resources that were requested. We also would like to express our special thanks to Alan Dickerson, Finance Director, who was referred to as the "Finance Wizard"; he did an excellent job advising us on the Financial issues. Last but not least, "Special thanks and Appreciation" goes to Laura Avis, who was our Coordinator, for which she did an "outstanding" job.

Respectfully submitted:



**Harold "Hal" Grant
Chairman**



**Charles Platt
Vice Chairman**

**Nick Apel
Secretary**

**cc: Ivan Langford, City Manager
Kathy Phillips, Town Secretary
Laura Avis, Sr. Admin Assistant
Alan Dickerson, Finance Director
All Department Heads/Directors
City Engineer
Each Committee Member
Library - General Public
News Media**

ADDENDUM: Citizen's Bond Committee 2009 - 2014

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Disclaimer: The below listed comments and recommendations are strictly those of individual committee members and are NOT from the Committee as a body.

Hal Grant

**First of all, this Committee worked very hard and diligent at making the recommendations we did. We spent three tiring meetings doing nothing but discussing the priority list. We also discussed the Senior Center. Given the bad economic times, with unemployment on increase, foreclosures increasing, a significant property tax increase in 2008, water rate and trash rate increase, etc. The timing is not right for a "Thrills and Frills" Bond proposal. It is questionable whether or not the voters will even approve what we have recommended. I am NOT in favor of adding anything to the Bond proposal. I think it will fail if you add anything to it. If any changes are considered, maybe think about trimming the amount back. If you want to add a Senior Center, then cut from the bottom and work up the priority list, or consider other funding options such as the \$22M Investment fund, or \$2M from the Valencia by the Lakes Development.....
Thank you.....Hal Grant**

Charles Platt

**I would like to make mention that I do support financial means for a Senior Center. I feel that if funds are needed to support the Senior Center that we should look into current money in the Towns Savings Account or borrow from the Community Center money since there may be an additional \$2,000,000.00 dollars from a bond by Valencia by the Lakes community. If neither funding opportunism above will work then the money will need to be taken from the "bottom items" on our Bond Proposal i.e.; fire truck or generators..
Thank you....Charles Platt**

Gerald Beliveau

I urge members of the Town Council to strongly consider adequate funding for a Senior Center in Little Elm. The facility presently in use by the seniors, the community center, is outdated by any communities' standards. The seniors have been "making do" with this facility for their scheduled monthly activities and the leadership of the organization is to be commended for the programs they conduct there. However, I would invite the mayor and town council members to simply look at other senior centers in the area to gain an idea of how woefully lacking the Little Elm facility is in terms of size, safe and convenient parking, types offered, exercise equipment, modern kitchen, and other amenities. The Frisco Senior Center has at

least 68 of our residents paying non-resident fees to utilize their facility, likewise The Colony Senior Center has several dozens of our citizens registered and utilizing that facility, and a smaller number can be traced to other area senior facilities. It is simply time for Little Elm to step up and do the right thing for that growing segment of our population, that group of senior citizens with strong civic responsibility, community pride and involvement. This is the group that has historically come out to vote for programs benefiting the entire community. I ask that funding for a Senior Center is included in the 2009-2014 Bond package, and/or that other options are considered such as building(s) that become available due to the Eldorado street widening project.

Thank you for your consideration.....Gerard Beliveau

Jennifer McBride

Great marketing can get this bond passed. Most people won't hesitate passing this bond that's a few pennies per \$100.00. I do know the economic impact that these projects can/will make on Little Elm. I'm a firm believer in doing things right the first time around - not cutting corners. The more quality enhancements we add to the town, the more attractive we become not only to residents but commercial business as well. The Commercial business is what will help lower our taxes in the long run. Again, that's why I am in favor of providing all the \$3M to the Eldorado project - this will be a huge investment that will reap great benefit on the side of commercial development.....Thank you.....Jennifer McBride