



**Town Hall Meeting
Minutes
Special Session 6:30 p.m.
February 7, 2008**

Council Present: Mayor Breitenstein, Council Member Walden, Council Member Tallent, Council Member Neely, Council Member Maxfield, Council Member Martini, Council Member Smallwood

Absent: None

Planning & Zoning Commission Members Present: Chairperson Hollarn, Commission Member Howard, Commission Member Isom, Commission Member Reue, Commission Member Bransom, Commission Member Peacock

Absent: Commission Member Connally

4A Economic Development Board Members Present: Chairperson Luck, Board Member Bentley, Board Member Moravec, Board Member McWhorter, Board Member Allen

Absent: None

4B Economic Development Board Members Present: Chairperson Ingram, Board Member Moore, Board Member Smallwood, Board Member Neely, Board Member Bradley

Absent: Board Member Dunn, Board Member Donnelly

There were representatives from Johnson County Special Utility District and representatives from Joshua ISD.

City Staff Present: Paulette Hartman, City Manager; Mary Beth Thomas, City Secretary; Bruce Hewett, Street Department; Dan Boutwell, City Planner; Lawrence Robbins, Management Assistant

I. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Introduction and Overview of Comprehensive Planning.

Paulette Hartman, City Manager, presented this item.

III. Group Participation: Visioning

A. Assets and Liabilities

B. Residential Development
C. Commercial Development

IV. Group Survey

V. Review Action Items, Critical Elements and Schedule for Completing the Update of the Comprehensive Plan.

Dan Boutwell, City Planner, presented these items. The goals discussed for the future of the City of Joshua:

1. Mixture of tax base to sustain city
2. Environmentally safe communities
3. Rural setting/atmosphere
4. Recreational opportunities
5. Preservation of heritage
6. Convenient roadways
7. Maintain schools
8. Development that pays its way
9. Value of quality life for residential and commercial

Assets discussed were:

1. Great schools and people
2. Rural atmosphere
3. Location
4. Bypass
5. Available land

Liabilities discussed were:

1. Availability of land
2. Roadway circulation
3. Sidewalks/safe walking areas
4. Recreational facilities
5. Shopping/restaurant facilities

The *vision* for the City of Joshua is:

1. Rural in flavor with controlled density
2. Safe walking areas/pedestrian oriented
3. Social and commercial amenities that promote quality of life
4. Preserve heritage of area
5. Emphasizing economic responsibility in development with a receptive commercial and industrial climate.

VI. Adjournment.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Merle Breitenstein, Mayor
City of Joshua, Texas

ATTEST:

Mary Beth Thomas, City Secretary
City of Joshua, Texas