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Vision North Texas Regional Summit

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Agenda

7:00 a.m.

Registration

7:30

Breakfast & Keynote Session

Welcome	Fernando Costa FAICP, Chair, Vision North Texas Management Committee
Introduction of Speaker	James Spaniolo, President, The University of Texas at Arlington
Keynote Presentation	Richard Florida, Senior Editor, The Atlantic, and Professor, Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto
Mayors' Response	Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price, Arlington Mayor Robert Cluck, Cedar Hill Mayor Rob Franke, moderated by Mike Eastland, Executive Director, North Central Texas Council of Governments
North Texas Highlights	Karen Walz FAICP, Vision North Texas Project Manager
Work Session Options	Karen Walz

9:15

Book Signing & Break

9:35

Work Sessions

Room Assignments

1.	Learning from Local Success	Bluebonnet
2.	Tracking – and Predicting – Progress	Rio B
3.	Sustainable Economic Growth	Carlisle
4.	Places People Love	Rio A1
5.	Resilience for a Changing Region	Rio A2
6.	Environment & Infrastructure	Palo Pinto

11:45

Adjourn

More information on Vision North Texas, the *North Texas 2050* vision and today's session is found at www.visionnorthtexas.org.

Keynote Session

Richard Florida

Richard Florida is an internationally known author, thinker and futurist. He is the acclaimed best-selling author of *The Rise of the Creative Class*, *Who's Your City* and *The Great Reset*. He currently serves as a Senior Editor at *The Atlantic* and is a professor of business and creativity at the Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto. He is currently a visiting scholar at the University of Texas at Arlington's School of Urban and Public Affairs. Florida offers a fresh perspective and insight into the current socio-economic trends. His latest book, *The Great Reset*, pronounces that the current economic crisis is a substantial revolution which "new technologies and technological systems arise, the economy is recast and society remade, and the places where we live and work change to suit new needs." Florida provides an encouraging assessment of where we are now, how we got here, and where we are headed.

Dr Florida's books will be available for purchase. After the plenary session, there will be a book signing by Dr Florida.

Work Sessions

The Regional Summit's morning work sessions focus on steps the region must take to achieve the vision described in **North Texas 2050**. All of the sessions are designed for maximum engagement and impact:

- They all offer participants 'hands-on' experience or direct involvement in the region's efforts to achieve this vision – none of them are designed so participants are members of a passive audience listening to a panel of speakers.
- Each of the six sessions is interdisciplinary, integrating more than one technical or professional area of interest and expertise.
- All sessions are action-oriented. By the end of the session, participants and leaders should reach agreement on recommended next steps or priorities for action in 2012.

All work sessions occur at the same time, so participants must select the session that is most appealing or relevant to them. There will not be a 'reporting' session to discuss these results during the Regional Summit. Results will be posted online and shared with all Summit attendees and other regional leaders. They will be used by the Vision North Texas Management Committee to establish the work plan for 2012.

1. Learning from Local Success

Room: Bluebonnet

Vision North Texas believes in learning from experience. This is particularly important when changing market demands and limited resources mean that development and investment must break from ‘business as usual’ approaches. Fortunately, the North Texas region contains many neighborhoods, communities and development projects that provide successful examples of new ways to accommodate the market demands of the future. Vision North Texas assembled a set of Online Case Studies as part of the partnership’s evaluation of alternative futures in 2009. Now, new case studies have been added, existing studies have been updated and the information on each project has been greatly expanded. Join this session to ‘test drive’ the newly-updated case studies and define the next steps in sharing local best practices.

Session Leaders The University of Texas at Arlington, Center for Metropolitan Density
The Urban Land Institute North Texas District Council, Sustainability Committee

2. Tracking - and Predicting - Progress

Room: Rio B

The things that get measured are the things that get done. While there is great support for the vision expressed in *North Texas 2050*, it’s important that action by regional stakeholders actually achieves this vision. A set of indicators – quantitative or qualitative measures that allow the region to track its progress – is needed so decision-makers can understand the cumulative impacts of many specific decisions. Indicators also may be predictive, giving investors and designers a way to make choices that are more likely to achieve this preferred future. In this work session, brainstorming and dialogue will identify indicators that are relevant, credible, useful and practical. The session will recommend ways for North Texas to select indicators, identify baseline values, collect information and assess outcomes.

Session Leaders North Texas Housing Coalition
The University of Texas at Arlington, Center for Metropolitan Density
Vision North Texas Health Research Team

3. Sustainable Economic Growth

Room: Carlisle

Economic growth is really about people – the people who live in North Texas now or will live here in the future. Their education, skills, training and interests shape the region’s labor force and determine whether employers choose to locate here. The region’s appeal to key

groups of people, like those in the “creative class”, is particularly important to the region’s ability to succeed in the global competition to attract and retain companies. This session will begin with the big ideas shared in Richard Florida’s keynote presentation. It will explore the connections between economic opportunity, education, quality of life and global competitiveness.

Session Leaders North Texas Commission
The University of Texas at Arlington, Center for Metropolitan Density
The University of Texas at Arlington, College of Education & Health Professions
The University of Texas at Arlington, School of Urban & Public Affairs

4. **Places People Love**

Room: Rio A1

What is it about places like the Bishop Arts District in Dallas, Southlake Town Square, downtown McKinney and Fort Worth’s Near Southside District that appeals to people? What are the dynamics that keep people coming back year after year? **North Texas 2050** recognizes that ‘Mixed Use Centers’ like these are a vital part of the region’s future. During the past year, a regional dialogue has identified mixed use centers throughout the North Texas area. Stakeholders and experts are debating the ingredients that make these centers viable, and the strategies and tools that can help the private and public sectors work together in their location, planning, development and operation to maximize their chances for sustainability, success and evolution over time. Participants in this ‘hands-on’ session will explore the Mixed Use Centers web pages and set priorities for actions in 2012 to enhance and support the success of such centers throughout North Texas.

Session Leaders North Central Texas Council of Governments, Environment & Development Department
The University of Texas at Arlington, Center for Metropolitan Density
The Urban Land Institute North Texas District Council, Sustainability Committee

5. **Resilience for a Changing Region**

Room: Rio A2

The research conducted by the Vision North Texas partnership over the past several years leads to one clear conclusion – the future of North Texas will not be like the past. The characteristics of people and households will be different. The ability to expand the road and water systems (and other infrastructure) will be constrained by limited financial resources. Changing weather patterns suggest more extreme drought and more flooding due to severe storms. And technology is continually changing the ways people communicate and do business. In this session, discussion of recent research will lead to recommendations about ways to make North Texas more resilient and adaptable in the face of change.

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Session Leaders North Central Texas Council of Governments, Research & Information Services Department
North Texas Housing Coalition
The University of Texas at Arlington, School of Urban & Public Affairs

6. Environment & Infrastructure

Room: Palo Pinto

In the preferred future described by Vision North Texas stakeholders, the region's natural assets create value and enjoyment for residents; they also provide infrastructure benefits. Achieving this vision requires new tools for identifying and managing these natural assets. Work this year has produced just such a tool – a 'greenprint' – for the Lake Arlington and Lake Lewisville watersheds. A variety of transportation/land use projects have also been implemented in 2011. These continuing sustainable development initiatives provide a better understanding of the role transportation systems play in sustainable community design. Participants in this session will work with the new interactive greenprint tools and the information they contain. Additional tools will be demonstrated that look at various funding options for sustainable transportation/land use projects and regional bicycle and pedestrian guidelines for plan development and implementation. Dialogue will focus on the role these tools can play in major transportation and capital facility projects, as well as on the role these major projects should play in creating sustainable neighborhoods and revitalization.

Session Leaders North Central Texas Council of Governments, Environment & Development Department
North Central Texas Council of Governments, Transportation Department

Continuing Education Credits

The Vision North Texas 2011 Regional Summit provides continuing education credits for members of several professional organizations.

- American Institute of Architects (AIA). The AIA Continuing Education System (CES) is self-reporting online.
- American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). AICP Continuing Maintenance (CM) credits are pending. Upon approval, members should record these credits at www.planning.org.
- American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). Members must sign in to receive credit. The sign-in sheet for ASCE credit is located near the Registration Table in the Foyer.

Biographies of Speakers and Session Leaders

Barbara Becker, Ph.D. (Work Session #3)

Dr. Becker is the Dean of the School of Urban and Public Affairs, University of Texas at Arlington and a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners. She joined UTA in summer of 2008 from the University of Arizona where she was Chair of the School of Planning. Over the years, she has directed hundreds of students in outreach projects including a national award winning economic development plan for the Hopi. She has been recognized for her outstanding contributions to the academy and the profession: Distinguished Professional Leadership award from the Arizona Planning Association and Distinguished Academic Leadership from the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. Dr. Becker is co-author of a widely used book, *Community Planning: An Introduction to Comprehensive Planning*, as well as numerous journal articles. As a new professor in Missouri, Dr. Becker created the only university headed Council of Governments in the U.S.

Erin Blackman (Work Session #6)

Erin Blackman received a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies from Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Virginia and a Master of Science in Environmental Studies from Baylor University in Waco, Texas. Erin's graduate work is featured in an article published in the April 2009 issue of *Environmental Progress and Sustainable Energy*. She began her career in 2006 as an erosion/sediment control inspector for an environmental consulting firm. Erin is currently employed with the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) located in Arlington, Texas as an Environment and Development Planner. She works primarily in NCTCOG's water programs in the areas of stormwater, water quality, and watershed protection.

Frank Bliss (Work Session #4)

Frank Bliss is the President of Cooper & Stebbins, L.P. ("C&S"), a privately held real estate investment and development company with offices in Southlake, Texas, and part of the Cooper & Company group of companies headquartered in Newport Beach, CA. Originally from Davidson, NC, Frank graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill before receiving his law degree from the University of Michigan Law School in 1984. Frank has been with C&S since its inception, and moved with the

Company to Southlake, Texas in 1996, to start up Southlake Town Square, a 130-acre master planned development. Frank serves on the Board of Directors of the Metroport Cities Partnership, the Southlake Business Council, the Carroll Education Foundation and the I-35W Coalition; on the Advisory Panel of the North Texas ULI and the Advisory Committee of Vision North Texas; and is an active member of the Southlake Executive Forum, the North Texas Commission and the Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition.

Timothy Bray, Ph.D. (Work Session #5)

Dr. Timothy Bray serves as director of the Institute for Urban Policy Research (IUPR). As the only research institute to be established by a grass roots community building organization, the Institute retains a flavor that makes it unique among its peers. IUPR truly believes that the fruits of research must serve the underserved by motivating the caliber of sustainable change necessary to improve quality of life and build a better world. Dr. Bray is also on the faculty of the School of Economic, Political, and Policy Studies at the University of Texas at Dallas, where he teaches in the political economy and criminology programs. He teaches graduate and upper division courses in quantitative methodologies and structural correlates of social disorganization. He also mentors graduate students, and involves graduate and undergraduate students in the research work of the Institute. Dr. Bray serves on the Board of Directors of the North Texas Housing Coalition and the Executive Committee of the Urban Institute's National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership, in addition, he advises a number of local organizations on issues of equity and sustainability.

Lou Brewer, R.N. (Work Session #2)

Lou is the Health Director for Tarrant County Public Health. She received her BS in Nursing and her Masters in Public Health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She has over 30 years of experience in public health including state and local experience as well as academia and practice. Lou is completing six years on the Board of the National Association of County and City Health Officials and is the past president of the Texas Association of Local Health Officials and the Healthy Tarrant County Collaboration. She is currently on the Board of the YMCA of Greater Fort Worth and the External Coach for their Pioneering Healthier

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Communities project. Lou is the chair of the Vision North Texas Health Research Team and a member of the VNT Advisory Board. She is completing her dissertation for her doctorate in Urban Planning and Policy at the University of Texas at Arlington.

Michael Buckley (Work Session #3)

As President of Halcyon Ltd, Michael Buckley has advised on Strategic Planning for large urban sites such as Washington's Navy Yard, IMC Center in Qingdao China, and the revitalization of NYC's Coney Island. Buckley has prepared disposition strategies for Fortune 50 Corporations such as Pitney Bowes, and for international Pension Funds such as KLM and Phillips. Redevelopment engagements include NYC's East Side Access/ Grand Central project, new Science Cities in Saudi Arabia and Puerto Rico, and San Francisco's Transbay Center, the receiver site for the new LA-San Francisco Fast Train. Former ULI Trustee and Urban Mixed-Use Council Chair, Buckley is now a member of the Real Estate Roundtable's Research Committee and Advisory Board member of Interlink Group in San Juan, and the Texas Institute for Sustainability. He is also a member of the Association of Foreign Investors in Real Estate, the CRE Finance Council, and the Pension Real Estate Association where he co-heads PREA's Development Affinity Group. A former Director of Columbia University's Master's in Real Estate Development, he is now responsible for the new UTA Certificate Program in Asset Repositioning and Turnaround Strategies, and the Center for Metropolitan Density, a new interdepartmental research platform. A frequent speaker on development trends, Professor Buckley has BA and BSc Degrees from Rice University, and a Masters in Advanced Studies from MIT.

Mayor Robert Cluck, M.D. (Keynote Session)

Dr. Robert Cluck, M.D., was elected to the office of Mayor of the City of Arlington in May 2003 after serving two terms on the City Council. He represented Council District 4. Dr. Robert Cluck is currently the Vice President for Medical Affairs at Arlington Memorial Hospital, a position he has held since 2002. Prior to that, he was the Medical Director at Arlington Memorial Hospital and Harris Methodist Health Plan. From 1971 to 1994, Dr. Robert Cluck was in private practice as an Obstetrician-Gynecologist in Arlington. After receiving his medical training from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, Dr. Robert Cluck served in the U.S. Air Force for two years, serving during the Vietnam War as a general medical officer

at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines. He currently serves on many boards and commissions including the Arlington Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Texas Municipal League Board of Directors, the University of Texas Metroplex Council, and the Workforce Solutions Workforce Governing Board.

Fernando Costa, FAICP (Keynote Session)

Fernando Costa has served for the past three years as Assistant City Manager for the City of Fort Worth, overseeing several infrastructure-related departments. He previously worked for ten years as Fort Worth's planning director, eleven years as planning director for Atlanta, and eleven years as a planner and planning director for a regional commission in Georgia. In 2004, Fernando helped the Urban Land Institute and the North Central Texas Council of Governments to establish Vision North Texas as a public/private partnership for promoting sustainable development in the rapidly growing Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area. Earlier this year, the American Planning Association recognized the Vision North Texas partnership with the "2011 National Planning Excellence Award for Innovation in Sustaining Places."

Mike Eastland (Keynote Session)

Mike Eastland is the Executive Director of the North Central Texas Council of Governments. Mr. Eastland supervises the day-to-day activities of the Agency on programs ranging from research and emergency preparedness to transportation and workforce development. Mike's public management career spans over 40 years of service in Texas at communities including Wichita Falls; the Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority in Houston; Richardson; Killeen; Waco; and 8 ½ years as City Manager of Carrollton.

Mike has a Bachelors Degree from the University of North Texas and an MPA degree from Texas State University where he was named a Distinguished Public Administration Alumnus in 1993. He has also attended the LBJ/Texas City Management Association's Public Executive Institute. He has served on the boards of many civic and professional organizations, including the 2011 SuperBowl Host Committee, Congress for the New Urbanism – North Texas, Greater Dallas Planning Council and the North Texas Housing Coalition. He is a past President of the Texas City Management Association.

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Robert Folzenlogen (Work Session #4)

Robert Folzenlogen is Director of Planning and Design for Hillwood Properties, developer of AllianceTexas. Folzenlogen is responsible for oversight of the AllianceTexas masterplan from a strategic planning and design perspective. Prior to joining Hillwood in 2006, Folzenlogen served several executive positions within the IT enterprise applications and business consulting industry. He was responsible for the start-up and management of software development and consulting practices across the United States, as well as Europe and South Africa.

Folzenlogen earned a Masters of Landscape Architecture and a Masters of Land Development from Texas A&M University. Additionally, Folzenlogen received a Certificate in Health Systems and Design from Texas A&M. Folzenlogen also earned a Bachelor's degree in psychology, as well as a Masters of Business Administration in finance, from Texas Christian University.

Ann Foss (Work Session #5)

Ann Foss is a PhD student in the Urban Planning and Public Policy program at the School of Urban and Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Arlington. Her research interests include municipal responses to climate change, increasing environmental and social justice through public policy, and the ways in which planners can contribute to education and outreach for the general public. Ann holds a BA in Anthropology and Environmental Science from Haverford College and a MS in Urban Planning from Columbia University, where her thesis analyzed municipal environmental sustainability practices. Ann worked as a professional planner for a consulting firm in Dallas before joining UT Arlington.

Mayor Rob Franke (Keynote Session)

Rob Franke is the Mayor of Cedar Hill, Texas. He has served the city in various roles for over 18 years and is in his fourth term as Mayor. His community service in Cedar Hill includes service on the boards and committees directing many civic, sports and recreational organizations. Mr. Franke serves on Regional Transportation Council and was President of the Texas Municipal League from 2004-2005. Professionally, Rob has a degree in Chemical Engineering from Kansas State University and is a Registered Professional Engineer in Texas and Kansas. Rob is Executive

Vice President of BWR Corporation, performing civil, environmental engineering and consulting services.

Donald Gatzke, AIA (Work Session #2)

Donald Gatzke is currently the dean of the School of Architecture at the University of Texas at Arlington. Prior to his arrival in Arlington, he was dean of the Tulane University School of Architecture from 1997 -2004. In addition, he has been a member of the architecture faculty at Tuskegee University and practiced architecture in Seattle, Alabama, Louisiana and Texas. He is a graduate of the School of Architecture and Urban Planning at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He is a frequent guest critic at architecture schools in the U.S. and juror on professional awards programs. In 1998, he was appointed by the Mayor of New Orleans to act as a professional advisor to the Citizen's Committee on the Master Plan and frequently consulted on urban design issues with for the City Planning Commission. He also served on the Vieux Carre Commission, the preservation oversight committee for the French Quarter of New Orleans. Gatzke has served as Education Director on the board of the Texas Society of Architects, and is currently a director of the Texas Architecture Foundation. He serves on the Executive Committees of both AIA Fort Worth and AIA Dallas. Since 2005 he has been a member of the organizing committee and management board of Vision North Texas, a regional planning initiative of the Urban Land Institute, North Texas Chapter, the North Texas Council of Governments and the University of Texas Arlington.

Jeanne Gerlach, Ed.D. (Work Session #3)

Jeanne Marcum Gerlach is Associate Vice President of K-16 Initiatives and Dean of the College of Education and Health Professions at the University of Texas at Arlington (UT Arlington). Dean Gerlach began her tenure at UT Arlington in 1997 with a charge to build a School of Education. Under her leadership faculty, administrators, and staff worked to create new curricula, programs, and degrees. School status was granted in 1999; NCATE accreditation was earned in 2003 as was College status. In 2009 with the addition of health related programs, the name was changed to the College of Education and Health Professions. These achievements have been accomplished through a number of strategic initiatives that Dean Gerlach lead, including building partnerships with community stakeholders, Texas Education Agency and The Higher Education Coordinating Board leaders. Further, her work with Texas Legislators has

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been a key to bringing respect and support from that legislative body. Under her guidance faculty developed a P-16 Doctoral Program, the only doctoral program in the US that prepares leaders for all levels (K-16) to conduct research and develop policy across K-12, 2 year college, and university levels. Dr. Gerlach has succeeded in bringing together reform efforts which focus on creating seamless pathways for students in K-16 education.

Albert Martin (Work Session #2)

Albert Martin is president and CEO of the North Texas Housing Coalition (NTHC). He brings more than 22 years of experience in community relations and community development to the NTHC. Martin has extensive experience working with the community to create affordable housing opportunities in North Texas as well as counseling home buyers in an effort to help reduce foreclosure rates. Martin earned an M.B.A. in International Business from the University of Texas at Dallas and a B.S. in accounting from Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA.

Alexandra McCullough (Work Session #5)

Alexandra (Ali) is currently the Research Associate II in the Research and Information Services Department of the North Central Texas Council of Governments. Ali started at COG in April of 2010 as Research Analyst II. Her responsibilities include updating and analyzing several research projects including Small Area Estimates, Development Monitoring and the new Texas Connector project with OneStar Foundation of Texas. Ali has spent the past several years receiving an education; she has earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of North Texas (2010) where she was inducted into Pi Alpha Alpha, the National Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration. She earned a Bachelor's of Science in Economics and Political Science from Texas Christian University in 2007.

Taner Ozdil, Ph.D. (Work Session #4)

Dr. Özdil is an Assistant Professor for the Landscape Architecture Program and Associate Director for Research for The Center for Metropolitan Density in the School of Architecture at The University of Texas at Arlington. He has degrees in both landscape architecture and planning disciplines. He received his Ph.D. in Urban & Regional Science from Texas A&M University (TAMU), MLA from University of Colorado at Denver, and

BLA Degree from Ankara University, Turkey. Dr. Özdil previously held research and teaching positions in the College of Architecture at TAMU and Dallas Urban Solution Center of TAMU System. His professional and scholarly interests lie in the interdisciplinary areas of design and planning fields. His research and teaching activities focus on economical, environmental and social value creation through sustainable landscape architecture, urban design and physical planning with particular emphasis on mixed-use developments and centers, TODs, and high density urban areas. His most recent funded research concentrates on sustainable and green design initiatives in North Texas. He is currently a Board Member of the North Texas Congress for the New Urbanism and active research-team member of Vision North Texas. He leads and coordinates design studios and projects assisting the communities, the cities and the private sector in the region. He is the author of the book "Economic Value of Urban Design", in addition to numerous scholarly presentation and publications.

Mayor Betsy Price (Keynote Session)

Betsy Price, a Fort Worth native, was elected as the 44th mayor of the City of Fort Worth June 18, 2011. A successful business owner for 17 years, Mayor Price began her career in public service as Tarrant County Tax Assessor in 2000 and quickly used her business experience to make her department one of the most efficient in Texas, saving taxpayers millions of dollars. Holding the line on costs and improving customer service, Mayor Price helped the Tax Assessor's office win national and statewide awards for efficiency, innovation and performance. Her office efficiently handled an increasing workload — Tarrant County grew by more than 200,000 people during her tenure — and accomplished that with virtually no increase in her department's budget. Mayor Price's stewardship of a department that collects \$3.2 billion in taxes a year has helped Tarrant County become one of the few governments in the country to live within its means. During her time in office, the county saw no budget shortfalls or deficits. After graduating from Arlington Heights High School, she earned a science degree in biology at the University of Texas in Arlington. Before being elected to office, she owned Price Cornelius Title Service.

Christine Robbins (Work Session #1)

Christine, a Studio Director at 5G Studio Collaborative and licensed architect, heads up sustainable research initiatives and LEED project

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management at 5G. Projects that she has worked on include the Hunt Corporate Headquarters and Melissa City Hall (while at the Beck Group), the Warrior Family Support Center at Fort Sam Houston, the Dallas Convention Center Hotel, the University of Arizona All Saints Catholic Newman Center and Residence Hall Tower, Arlington Music Hall, Living Hope Church, Dallas Chop House, and Holiday Inn Northwest/Sea World. She is currently performing sustainable project management and LEED consulting for the 76-room NYLO Dallas South Side, an adaptive reuse project pursuing LEED Gold certification, as well as the 405-bedroom Edison State College Student Housing, pursuing LEED Silver certification, and the Soldier Family Assistance Center and Warriors in Transition Administrative Facility, also pursuing LEED Silver certification. Christine served as co-chair of the Graphics Committee for the North Texas Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council in 2008, and she is an active member of the Urban Land Institute North Texas District Council's Sustainability Committee. A graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, she is a member of the American Institute of Architects, is NCARB Certified, is Green Advantage Certified, and is a LEED Accredited Professional for three credentials – LEED AP Building Design and Construction, LEED AP Neighborhood Development, and LEED AP Homes.

David Rodriguez (Work Session #1)

David Rodriguez is Vice President / Director of Sustainability for Ware Architecture Studio, whose firm specializes in green, sustainable high performance architectural design and consulting for both commercial projects and private residential commissions. He is a LEED Accredited Professional and a Sustainable/ LEED Consultant. In 2008 he served as Chairman – Board of Directors of the North Texas US Green Building Council, and now as a Chairman Emeritus. In 2010, he held the position of Commissioner of Professional Practice for the Dallas AIA Chapter and in 2011 is now serving as Chairman of the Codes & Standards Committee. His firm is the sustainable consultant for the Woodall Rogers Park Project in addition to having provided pro-bono services for the DCFA. He serves on the Vision North Texas Advisory Board in addition to being active in the Urban Land Institute North Texas Sustainability Committee, Greater Fort Worth Real Estate Council Sustainability Committee, City of Dallas Green Building Task Force, Guest Lecturer at TCU on Sustainability, Collin College Green Advisory Board, North Central Texas Solar Energy Society Advisory

Board, Congress for New Urbanism, Trinity River Audubon Center Stewardship Board, Advisory Board for La Reunion TX, Art After 5 Board Member and Member of Friends the Park (Woodall Rogers Park project).

Rob Seeds (Work Session #4)

Rob Seeds is a Department of Environment and Development Planner with the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG). He holds a B.A. in Public Administration with an emphasis in City Planning from San Diego State University. Prior to coming to NCTCOG, Rob was a planner with the City of Escondido, CA in the San Diego area for four years. During his 2 ½ years with NCTCOG, Rob's work has focused on sustainable development and comprehensive planning. Other professional interests include rural and small town planning as well as historic preservation.

James D. Spaniolo (Keynote Session)

As the University of Texas at Arlington's 7th president, James D. (Jim) Spaniolo has focused on building and strengthening partnerships and instilling Maverick pride among the students, faculty, staff, and alumni who make up the UT Arlington family. Through this attitude of collaboration and inclusion, he has enhanced UT Arlington's strong academic quality to meet today's global needs and beyond.

Before coming to UT Arlington in February 2004, President Spaniolo held positions as dean of Michigan State University's College of Communication Arts and Sciences; Vice President and chief program officer of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation; and practiced law with Knight-Ridder, Paul & Thomson, and the American Newspaper Publishers Association.

President Spaniolo graduated with high honors from Michigan State with a B.A. degree in political science. He earned a law degree from The University of Michigan Law School and a master's degree in public administration from The University of Michigan Institute of Public Policy Studies (now the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy).

Alan Stewart (Work Session #4)

Alan Stewart LEED® AP is Principal of Odyssey Investments, a real estate development and consulting firm specializing in advising landowners and developers on walkable and sustainable developments for family land owners to large companies like Hines, Ltd. He has been active in various

forms of real estate since 1991 ranging from ground-up development of: retail “power center,” residential, retail, commercial, hospitality mixed-use; zoning entitlements; and consulting on projects including a three city arts center project, mountain resort to condominium projects. He has been described as the pioneer of “New Urbanism” in Texas in 1994. He hired internationally acclaimed Andres Duany of DPZ to design The Village of Lakeside overlooking Grapevine Lake. While this project was not accepted it spurred many other projects in this market, including Legacy Town Center and Home Place. New Urbanism or mixed use is now called “form based code.” He uses his diverse business and civic background to develop creative, effective and livable solutions. He is a LEED* Accredited Professional and the Chair of the ULI North Texas Sustainability Committee, (the largest and most active of 20 similar ULI committees in US) to influence real estate decision-makers to take sustainable actions to improve the environment, global warming, energy use and quality of life. He is an active member of the Vision North Texas Advisory Committee, planning for the built environment in 2030 and 2050 for 16 North Texas counties. He is also a member of the Congress for the New Urbanism and the U.S. Green Building Council. He has a BA Economics from Stanford University and MBA from the University of Texas at Austin.

Jack Tidwell (Work Session #6)

Jack Tidwell is a manager of environment & development at NCTCOG and has been with the agency for over 18 years. He is a graduate of Texas A&M University with B.S. degree in Bioenvironmental Science and a M.U.P. in Urban and Regional Planning. He holds certification with the American Institute of Certified Planners and the Association of State Floodplain Administrators. Jack's work at NCTCOG has included the Trinity River COMMON VISION Program and a variety of Development Excellence-related activities, including Vision North Texas. Among Jack's other professional interests include environmental policy and land use law.

Kim Walton (Work Session #3)

Kimberly Walton has been Vice President of Communications for the North Texas Commission since February 2008. In her role, Walton is responsible for the communications and marketing of the Commission and is the program manager for Leadership North Texas. Prior to joining the NTC, Walton was an Account Supervisor for public relations agency MWW Group responsible for the Samsung Mobile account. She also served as a

member of the Global Communications team for EDS charged with announcing all major contracts globally. Walton also spent six years working for Dallas-based public relations agency The Powell Group working with clients such as Starbucks, Blockbuster, the Dallas Museum of Art and Texas Stampede.

Karen Walz, FAICP (Keynote Session)

Karen S. Walz FAICP is the Principal in Strategic Community Solutions, a professional consulting firm that helps clients build successful and sustainable communities. Ms. Walz brings 35 years of professional analysis, strategic planning, community involvement and policy recommendation expertise to her projects. Her work experience includes East and West coast communities, as well as Texas, the Midwest and Western U.S.; client communities range from towns of a few thousand people to cities with over one million residents and counties covering 13,000 square miles. Ms. Walz is the Project Manager for the Vision North Texas partnership. She received a Bachelor of Science degree with distinction in Environmental Earth Sciences from Stanford University and a Master of City and Regional Planning from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Ms. Walz is a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners and a past President of APA Texas.

Karla Weaver, AICP (Work Session #6)

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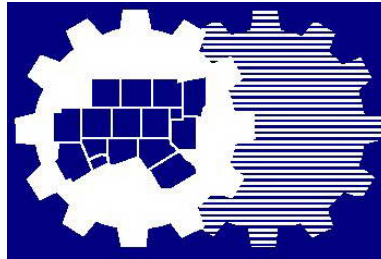
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