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Town Hall Meeting Leads to Creation of New Deep Ellum Task Force

**Mayor Miller, Council members Medrano and Hunt, Chief
Kunkle announce need for Task Force to address issues in
Deep Ellum**

DALLAS- Mayor Laura Miller along with Council members Pauline Medrano and Angela Hunt, Chief of Police David Kunkle, and representatives from various city departments met Tuesday with members of Deep Ellum's business and residential communities at a Town Hall meeting held at the Gypsy Tea Room in Deep Ellum.

"Our vision is to make Deep Ellum a place where people want to come to eat and shop, listen to great music, have a great time, and know that *it is safe*," Mayor Miller said.

For nearly two hours, the city officials and staff listened to and addressed concerns regarding issues like parking, crime, zoning, and special use permits. The audience was made up of more than 150 people who live and work in Deep Ellum.

As the meeting came to a close, Mayor Miller said a task force will be created to address and find solutions to the issues in the area.

The Deep Ellum Task Force will be made up of one representative from each of the following: the Deep Ellum Foundation, the Deep Ellum Association, Deep Ellum Residents Council, a restaurant representative, a live music bar owners representative, and a dance club/bar representative. This new task force will meet monthly at a location in Deep Ellum with representatives from various city departments including Police, Code Compliance, Development Services (Zoning), and Streets.

Gianna Madrini, President of Deep Ellum Association said "We are so delighted that the Mayor, Chief Kunkle, the Council members and city staff took the initiative to be here. We want to get back to our roots-arts, music-and make this a great neighborhood to live in, and we can do that with the city's help."

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Mayor Miller added “Deep Ellum’s biggest issue is its image problem. It *is* a safe place and one of the best entertainment districts in the city. And from the city’s perspective, we want to do what we can to make this a great place to live and own a business,” Mayor Miller said.

Each group participating on the new task force will be choosing its representative shortly. Once chosen, the first meeting will be scheduled in the coming weeks.

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