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March Meeting

We're back to our regular meeting schedule in March.

Join us at the Park Cities Club on March 17th for breakfast and our guest speaker, Tom Dunning, Dallas' Homeless Czar.

First Ring Suburbs Symposium

Our First *First Ring Suburbs Symposium* was a great success.

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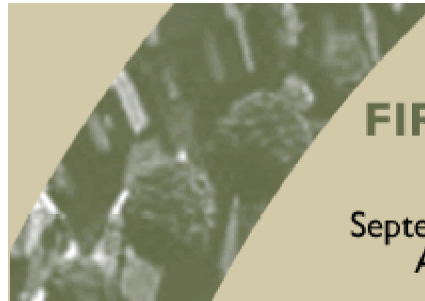
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First Ring Suburbs Symposium - Fall 2004

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FIRST RING SUBURBS SYMPOSIUM

September 23rd & 30th, October 7th
Addison Conference Center

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A luncheon and three evenings including nationally known speakers and panelists William Hudnut, James Kunstler, Robert O'Neill and others, who will address issues facing First Ring Suburbs as they age, and deal with "What to do about it", and "How to avoid it in the future". This is a "must-attend" symposium if you are a developer, city official, planner, architect or concerned citizen.

THE TOPIC

Following World War II, American cities began a great suburban expansion that continues today. Dallas prior to the war was largely contained within Loop 12. The suburbs that surround Dallas today were then small farming communities. After fifty years of dramatic growth, the first ring of suburbs around Dallas (and including parts of Dallas) is no longer the focus of new residential development and is facing problems of aging infrastructure, housing and commercial centers. The future of first ring suburbs is unclear. Lacking the amenities of the urban core or land resources of outer-ring cities, first ring suburbs are increasingly at risk of disinvestment and decay. How can these communities remain vital and successful? What planning and design

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issues must they address? These are the challenges and issues to be explored.

THE DETAILS

GDPC Annual Luncheon - Thursday, September 23, 2004 at noon The kickoff for the symposium will be held in conjunction with the GDPC Annual Luncheon. The luncheon will feature William H. Hudnut, III, Senior Fellow, Urban Land Institute (and former Mayor of Indianapolis) who will set the stage for the three upcoming symposia workshops.

Each of the evening symposium sessions will begin with a presentation by the primary speaker, followed by a panel discussion with notable local leaders active in addressing these issues. There will be opportunities for question, answer and discussion. In addition book signings and receptions are planned.

Symposium 1: COMMUNITY. The first symposium session will take place on the **evening of September 23rd at 7:30 PM** and will focus on the topic of Community – the existence and condition of the social, cultural and civic fabric of the suburbs, including the effects of demographic change. **William Hudnut** will be the principal speaker for this session. He will be joined by a panel of experts who will focus on these issues and trends as they relate to the Metroplex. Local panelists participating in this session include:

- § **Moderator:** Karen Walz AICP, GDPC President and Principal of Strategic Community Solutions
- § **Identity and Sense of Community:** Angie Chen Button, President of the Asian American Citizens Council and Manager of Asia Marketing Program for Texas Instruments
- § **Schools and Cultural Institutions:** Dr. Annette T. Griffin, Superintendent of the Carrollton-Farmers Branch Independent School District
- § **Planning for Hispanic Growth:** Edward Rincon,



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§ **Centers for Neighborhood and Community:**
Lorenzo Littles, Dallas Director, The Enterprise
Foundation

Symposium 2: FORM. The second session will take place on **Thursday, September 30, 2004 at 7:30 PM** and will focus on the **Form** of the suburban environment and issues related to sustainability, adaptation and redevelopment. The principal speaker will be **James Howard Kunstler**, author of *The Geography of Nowhere*, *Home From Nowhere*, and *The City in Mind: Notes on the Urban Condition*. **[View Presentation](#)** Local panelists participating in this session include:

§ **Moderator:** Dennis Wilson, AICP, Symposium Co-Chair and President of Townscape, Inc. **[View Presentation](#)**

§ **Market/Retail:** Anne Ricker, Principal, Leland Consulting Group. **[View Presentation](#)**

§ **Development:** Kenneth H. Hughes, President, UC Urban

§ **Design:** Paris Rutherford, Vice President, RTKL **[View Presentation](#)**

Symposium 3: GOVERNANCE. Governance will be examined during the final session on **Thursday, October 7, 2004 at 7:30 PM**. This session will evaluate the capability of the current complex matrix of local governments to address larger metropolitan and regional issues. **Robert O'Neill**, Executive Director of the International City Management Association, will be the primary speaker. Local panelists participating in this session include:

§ **Moderator:** Frank Turner, FAICP, Symposium Co-Chair and Executive Director for the City of Plano

§ **County:** Dallas County Judge Margaret Keliher;

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§ **Municipalities:** City of Richardson Mayor Gary Slagel

§ **Governance Strategies:** George R. Schrader, President, Schrader and Cline.

THE LOCATION

The luncheon and all symposium sessions will be held at the Addison Conference Center, 15650 Addison Road, Addison TX. ([map](#))

REGISTRATION

For more information, call 214-673-4406. Click on the event to register and pay with your credit card.

Event	Early*	Regular
<u>Luncheon Only</u>	\$50	\$60
<u>Sessions Only</u>	60	85
<u>Combined</u>	100	140

*Registration on or before August 26, 2004

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