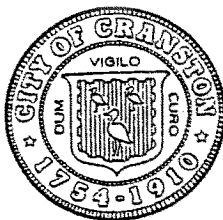


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Re: Response to Quality of Life Subcommittee Report

Dear Mr. Cheston,

I regret that tonight's SRC meeting conflicts with a previously scheduled regular meeting of the City of Cranston Planning Commission, which requires my attendance.

I have reviewed your response to Reverend Clinker dated February 18. When the SRC last met, I noted that a serious examination of quality of life issues will require the professional expertise of paid staff. The work of the quality of life subcommittee, while impressive, is only a start. It is unreasonable to expect that a group of citizen volunteers, most of whom have full time jobs, will have the ability of performing a thorough evaluation of these difficult issues.

I was very disappointed by the absence of any indication in your letter to Reverend Clinker that you believe there needs to be an expanded effort to examine these issues. In this master planning process, huge efforts are underway, through the consulting services of Landrum & Brown and Edwards & Kelsey to document travel demand, alternative forecasts, land facilities and the like. No remotely similar effort addresses the quality of life issues that are so important to the airport community. I had thought that the overall purpose of the SRC effort was to attempt to balance the "needs" of the airport with the concerns of those who live around it.

Where's the balance? It is certainly not reflected in the budgeting of financial resources that are skewed to one aspect of the equation, to the exclusion of the other. I am very concerned that the current situation will lead to a severely flawed planning process and product. This effort, in order to be taken seriously, will require more than giving citizens an opportunity to ventilate at SRC meetings. I am requesting once again your assistance in addressing this serious problem.

Very truly yours,

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Planning Director