

## Representative Bosse Speaks on Sunset Review Process

The North Houston Association's Legislative Subcommittee recently learned about a state commission that has saved \$683 million since its inception in 1977.

State Representative Fred Bosse, District 128, is chairman of the Sunset Advisory Commission and updated NHA members on the commission's purpose and current activities.

"Our orientation is to assure that agencies are still performing their necessary function and performing them in a way that they're most responsive to both the citizens of the state and the regulated community," said Bosse.

Out of the 214 state agencies, about 150 of them come under review. All of these agencies have an expiration date and are reviewed in a 12-year cycle. If a particular agency needs to be reviewed ahead of its scheduled date due to urgent issues, special provisions can be made.

The Sunset Advisory Commission has a staff of 30 in addition to four House, four Senate, and two public members.

After the legislature sets the time frame for an agency's review, the commission's staff evaluates the agency, develops recommendations and publishes a staff report. This is accomplished with input from the agency being reviewed, interest groups, affected agencies and other interested persons.

The commission receives its staff's recommendations, agency responses and public testimony just before conducting public hearings.

Following the public hearings, the commission decides on recommendations to the legislature, which take the form of a bill. The bill is filed, and if passed, the agency continues with the recommended legislative modifications. If the bill fails, the agency is abolished and begins a one-year shut-down process.

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) is one of the 12 agencies up for review, and a large amount of staff and resources are allocated for this multi-issue agency.

"Everything from water district and

air quality issues...to low-level nuclear waste and tire recycling are covered with the TNRCC," said Bosse.

In a typical review process, the number of initial issues mentioned ranges from one to 15. In initial evaluations of the TNRCC, 128 issues have been noted.

More information on the sunset process and a schedule of agency reviews beyond the 2000-2001 period can be found at the following website: [www.sunset.state.tx.us](http://www.sunset.state.tx.us).



*State Representative Fred Bosse, chairman of the Sunset Advisory Commission, answers questions from NHA members.*

### 77th Legislature Agency Reviews 2000-2001

State Aircraft Pooling Board  
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Office of the Attorney General Child Support Enforcement  
Children's Trust Fund Council  
Coastal Coordination Council  
Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner  
Texas Dept. of Economic Development  
Texas Energy Coordination Council  
Finance Commission of Texas  
Ofc. of Fire Fighters' Pension Commissioner  
Texas Funeral Services Commission  
General Services Commission  
Tx. Interagency Council for the Homeless  
Texas Housing Corporation

Texas Dept. of Housing and Community Affairs  
State Commission on Judicial Conduct  
Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission  
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department  
State Pension Review Board  
Office for the Prevention of Developmental Disabilities  
Railroad Commission of Texas  
Office of Savings and Loan Commissioner  
State Securities Board  
State Soil and Water Conservation Board  
Texas Water Development Board

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## From the President...

Dear NHA Members:

I hope the year is off to a good start for you; things at the Association offices didn't slow down a bit during the holidays, though I did take a little break to enjoy the season.

I'd like to update you on my Senate activities, since my NHA staff keeps you updated on Association activities. At the organizational meeting of the Senate Interim Committee on Finance (the committee responsible for writing the state budget and for tax and fiscal policy), chairman Bill Ratliff named six separate subcommittees to study each of the six interim charges, or topics, assigned by the lieutenant governor. I was named to three of the six subcommittees.

One subcommittee will study employee benefit issues facing the Employees Retirement System and the Teacher Retirement System. Together, there is about \$100 billion invested funds. Another subcommittee I'm serving on will study graduate medical education in the changing health care marketplace. The study will include a review of the state's teaching hospitals and their role in providing health care to indigent patients.

The third subcommittee I'm assigned to will study the implementation of Senate Bill 1547, which changes how the motor fuels tax is collected. A result of inconsistencies in reporting, uneven collection methods, and loopholes in the collection process, SB 1547 is projected to add an estimated \$7 to \$10 million per year to state coffers.

I'm looking forward to learning more about these issues as my work on the subcommittees progresses. If you have any questions or concerns about any state legislative matter, please feel free to contact me at the Association.

*Senator Jon Lindsay*

## NHA Supports Port Expansion, Clean Air Principles

The North Houston Association's Board of Directors passed a number of resolutions last quarter, including one in support of expanding the Port of Houston at Bayport and passage of the \$387 million bond issue, and another in support of the Houston-Galveston Area Council's (H-GAC) recommended principles for clean air.

NHA supports the Port's expansion at its proposed Bayport container handling facility and terminal for cruise ships for a number of reasons, including increased economic activity and remaining competitive in world commerce.

"Businesses and institutions throughout the Houston metropolitan area benefit greatly from the economic activity generated by the Port of Houston and stand to gain greater benefit from the additional activity, which will be generated by the expansion..." states the resolution.

The Association's Board addresses the environmental issues in the resolution, saying the Association "has confidence that the Port Authority will conduct itself in an innovative and constructive manner" as it proceeds with development of the facility.

NHA Board members also passed a resolution in support of the Houston-Galveston Area Council's regional principles for clean air.

The resolution notes that the Houston-Galveston metropolitan area does not meet federal standards for ground-level ozone pollution, and failure to meet these standards will have a negative impact on the region's economy as well as the public health of its citizens.

Because of these reasons, NHA endorsed a series of nine principles as a guide in creating a regional strategy for the attainment of the ozone standard. Included in the nine principles is the statement that, "contribution to ozone

nonattainment comes from every segment of the (eight-county) region."

Consequently, all individuals and businesses, including off road construction equipment, mobile sources and permitted or grandfathered point sources, should do their part to reduce nitrogen oxides and volatile organic compound emissions. The resolution also encourages flexibility, local control and economic incentives.

Association members can receive copies of these resolutions by contacting any of the Association staff at 281-875-0660.

The Legislative Subcommittee is currently developing a formal process for the writing and approval of position papers which will include the varied issues of interest in all of the Association's subcommittees.

To join this subcommittee, contact Pat Wisniewski in the NHA office. ■

## Board Profiles

# Jack Drake, Greater Greenspoint District

He's been called many things, including "The Mayor of Greenspoint" by business and community leaders. But the way he prefers to describe himself is "Greenspoint's Cheerleader."

Jack Drake, president and general manager of the Greater Greenspoint District, feels his greatest accomplishment since creation of the Greater Greenspoint District in 1991 is instilling a sense of community, pride and can-do spirit in Greenspoint by rallying the business community to provide resources to enhance the community.

"We're tough competitors in the region, and we've gotten to this point because of the commitment of business leadership in Greenspoint," said Drake.

The District, and the area, has come a long way since its humble beginnings in the copy/supply room of the NHA offices.

"I started out with a table and credenza, which I still have in my office today," he said. "NHA staff treated me warmly and helped me make initial contacts in north Houston."

Today, the Greater Greenspoint District represents about \$1.3 billion in property values in its 12-square-mile service area. The District provides services in the areas of public safety, planning, public relations and business development.



In addition to overseeing the work of the District, Drake recently served on Houston Mayor Lee Brown's transition team as a member of the Aviation Committee.

Drake's connection with Brown predates his election as mayor. When serving as an assistant to Houston Mayor Kathy

Whitmire, Drake helped recruit Brown as Houston's Police Chief in 1982.

In his years in City Hall, Drake recruited 12 department heads and 32 other senior managers. He also had the unenviable task of overseeing the mayor's schedule.

It had its advantages, though," Drake said. "I would have never met James Baker in the White House or Yul Brynner backstage after 'The King and I.'"

Today, Drake recruits companies to Greenspoint and encourages people to take an active involvement in the community. He teaches by example, holding leadership positions with NHA, the North Houston Greenspoint Chamber of Commerce and the Greenspoint Club, as well as serving as master of ceremonies and auctioneer for numerous charitable and community events.

Prior to joining the District, Drake was executive director of the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation for southeast Texas. He holds degrees in both business and law from the University of Oklahoma. ■

# Karen Hoylman, South Montgomery County Woodlands Chamber of Commerce

Karen Hoylman not only manages volunteers, she is a volunteer.

Hoylman's influence on the south Montgomery County/Woodlands area doesn't end with her position as president of the South Montgomery County Woodlands Chamber of Commerce. She serves as a volunteer for nearly a dozen organizations.

"I understand volunteers because I've been a volunteer for years," said Hoylman.

Prior to her promotion as president of the Chamber, she served as executive vice president and director of membership for the organization. In 1996, she won the national sales contest award for the National Association of Membership Directors. Under her direction, the Chamber's membership has grown from 850 business members to more than 1,200.

Hoylman's background includes eight years as an accountant in the construction, fast food and television industries, and 15 years in the television and video communi-

cations industry. As vice president and executive producer for a television production company, she wrote and produced video programs and corporate sales, marketing and training tapes for local, national and international distribution.

"My experience with television was very helpful in preparing me for leadership at the Chamber," said Hoylman. "I was exposed to a huge variety of large and small companies and learned what they are looking for. My accounting background has also been valuable when it comes time to prepare financial statements."

Hoylman enjoys her current position with the Chamber because it gives her an opportunity to interface with a large number of companies and individuals.

"It's a very rewarding career. Television was rewarding artistically, but not in an altruistic sense, like chamber work is," she said.

Hoylman holds a unique position on

the Board of the North Houston Association. She is one of two chamber representatives. This position was created to improve communication between the Association and area chambers of commerce.

"I have an increased understanding of NHA's role and an ability to feel more comfortable in the region," said Hoylman. "When we have joint issues, it is easier to have an impact. It also allows the Chamber exposure to larger companies and the issues they're dealing with." ■



## Association Co-Hosts Olavson Retirement Party

The North Houston Association and the West Houston Association recently hosted a retirement party and roast with more than 400 guests in honor of Hans C. (Chris) Olavson's work for 13 years as the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) director of district transportation planning.

"Chris has been a major supporter of the North Houston Association," said Catherine Wray, executive director. "He regularly attends our NHA Transportation Committee meetings to keep us informed on regional issues and the status of projects in our area. His input has been invaluable."

At the event, TxDOT District Engineer Gary Trietsch, P.E., Former District Engineer Milton Dietert, P.E. and Former District Planning Engineer Oliver Stork, P.E. spoke about Olavson's contribution to the area.

A number of additional dignitaries commented on their experiences with Olavson, including Senator Jon Lindsay, Harris County Judge Robert Eckels, and Houston-Galveston Area Council's Executive Director Alan Clark.

Several legislators who were not

able to attend the event sent their thanks to Olavson in the form of letters and resolutions. These well-wishers included Congressman Kevin Brady and Texas Transportation Commission Member Johnny Johnson.

In addition to working at TxDOT for more than 32 years, Olavson served as the study director of the Houston-Galveston Regional Transportation Study and the department's liaison with the Houston Metropolitan Planning Organization. He also received the 1993 Luther Deberry award from Texas A&M University.

The following companies served as underwriters of the event: Brown & Gay Engineers, Inc., Brown & Root Services, Carter & Burgess, Cobb Fendley & Associates, Dannenbaum Engineering Corporation, HNTB Architects Engineers Planners, JNS Consulting Engineers, Inc., Klotz Associates, Inc., Lockwood Andrews & Newnam, Inc., Parsons Brinkerhoff, PBS&J, The Woodlands Operating Company, L.P., Turner Collie & Braden, Inc., Wilbur Smith Associates, and Williams Brothers Construction Company, Inc. ■



*Retiring TxDOT Director of District Transportation Planning, Hans C. (Chris) Olavson, accepts a resolution from Harris County Judge Robert Eckels on behalf of Commissioner's Court.*

## Klotz Associates, Inc. Joins NHA

In December 1999, the North Houston Association welcomed Klotz Associates, Inc. as its newest member.

With offices in Houston, Austin and Lufkin, Klotz Associates is a 70-person consulting engineering firm that provides site development, traffic, transportation, water and sewer, drainage and environmental services for commercial, governmental and institutional clients. The firm, with experience throughout Texas, is responsible for many projects in the North Houston area.

Klotz Associates comes to NHA at the recommendation of Brad Brown, who joined the firm in the summer of 1999. Brown, a five-year member of NHA, said, "I simply saw it as a win-win situation. Klotz Associates already has a presence in the area, and membership in the Association will give us the opportunity to be a part of an extensive community network."

Klotz Associates' commitment to the community stems back to the firm's creation and has continued to the present. Today, the firm is active in many local organizations, including the Greater Houston Partnership, Harris County Flood Control Task Force and the University of Houston Civil Engineering Advisory Committee. In addition to sharing its time and talent, Klotz Associates also provides scholarships for engineering students at area universities.

"I think it is very important for companies and individuals to support local and community organizations. I encourage everyone at Klotz Associates to become involved," said Wayne Klotz, President of Klotz Associates. "We look forward to our relationship with the members of the North Houston Association." ■

### Environment Committee

The Environment Committee has set goals for 2000, which include actively participating in the issue of adequate water supply by maintaining regular communication with board members of the newly-created North Harris County Regional Water Authority.

The committee will also monitor pending regulations regarding air quality and provide technical support to NHA's other committees (specifically the Legislative Subcommittee) on this issue.

For a detailed list of goals for all committees, members should refer to the "1999 Year End Report," due out in the first quarter of 2000.

The Environment Committee is also involved in the Sunset review process. Comments from both Environment and Business Issues and Resources Committee members regarding the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission's review will be jointly compiled. For more information on this issue, see the cover article of this publication.

Greater Houston Partnership staff members will speak at the next committee meeting to expand on air quality topics discussed at the February luncheon. The committee will monitor this air quality issue throughout the year and keep NHA members informed of its progress.

### Transportation Committee

The Mobility Update Subcommittee is seeking sponsorships in the amount of \$1,000 for its soon-to-be-released Mobility Update. For their sponsorship, companies will receive:

- company logo prominently displayed on the front cover of the document,
- a full-color logo on the back of the document with a brief description of the company's services/products,
- a table sponsorship at the upcoming transportation-related luncheon, scheduled for spring 2000, and

- 50 copies of the NHA Mobility Update (additional copies may be purchased for a nominal "members only" fee).

The new Mobility Update is a full-color brochure and has been uniquely designed to have a shelf life of 5+ years. The document features updates on activities such as the Houston Airport System, the Grand Parkway and other regional multi-modal projects. Also included in the brochure is a report of current and future transportation projects and their status. Specifically, it will include information on planning, construction and funding of the various projects.

The document also highlights the Association's priority mobility projects for its service area. As in previous years, this document will be used to advocate for state and local funding for these key projects. To sign up as a sponsor of the project, contact Catherine Wray in the NHA office.

### Business Issues & Resources

State Representative Fred Bosse, District 128, recently updated Business Issues & Resources Committee members on the purpose and current activities of the Sunset Advisory Commission. Bosse is chairman of the Commission, and details of his comments may be found in the cover story.

At the next Business Issues and Resources Committee meeting, members will set goals, which will include developing a position paper process.

Legislative Subcommittee Chairman, Bob Stout, The Woodlands Operating Company, is working to set NHA's legislative agenda for the next session.

The Resource Subcommittee, chaired by David Daleiden, Weingarten Realty Investors, is working to update the NHA Fact Book. The publication was last produced in 1989.

The first topic printed will be Population/Demographics. Other sections will be released periodically over the

### NHA to Host Quarterly Membership Meeting

The North Houston Association and the West Houston Association, in cooperation with Senator Jon Lindsay and Representative Paul Hilbert, will host a discussion on the future of the region's air quality on Wednesday, February 2, 2000.

This luncheon meeting will feature Bruce LaBoon, partner with Locke, Liddell & Sapp, L.L.P. and Jeff Saitas, executive director of the Texas Natural Conservation Commission.

The event will take place at the Crowne Plaza Brookhollow from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost for NHA members is \$35 for individuals and \$300 for a table of ten. ■

course of the next 12-24 months. The remaining nine sections will be Economic Outlook/Employment, Education, Transportation, Health Care Facilities, Housing Inventory, Commercial Activity, Political Jurisdiction, Lodging, and Quality of Life.

### Workforce Development

The Workforce Development Committee members recently completed a follow-up survey, an expanded targeted occupation matrix, which has been sent to all member companies that participated in the initial skills survey.

Each survey was customized for each company based on responses to the initial survey. Of the customized skills identified for their company, respondents rated them in order of importance as they related to specific jobs.

To date, 12 surveys have been returned. Once all results are tabulated, a report will be compiled and available to NHA members. The final results of the survey will help identify trends in skills development, which will help accomplish the goal of developing a skills bank for the north Houston Region. ■

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## NHA Committee Meetings

### Board of Directors

Dates: Jan. 11, Feb. 8, Mar. 14  
Time: 7:30 a.m. - 9 a.m.  
Place: The Greenspoint Club  
R.S.V.P.: 281-875-0660 (regrets only)

### Environment

Dates: Jan. 13, Feb. 10, Mar. 9  
Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Place: Greenspoint Conference Center  
R.S.V.P.: 281-875-0660

### Transportation

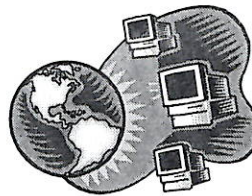
Dates: Jan. 26, Feb. 23, Mar. 22  
Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Place: Greenspoint Conference Center  
R.S.V.P.: 281-875-0660

### Business Issues and Resources & Workforce Development

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