

Collins said she had discussed with CDOT what improvements to Highway 105 the town would have to make to accommodate traffic to the site. CDOT's first requirement was a traffic study paid for by the town, Collins said. CDOT would require improvements such as turn lanes and deceleration lanes as the amount of traffic to the site increased. In response to a question from Havenar regarding who would own the improved road, Collins said the town would be required to fund the design and any road improvements but the construction would be done by others. Highway 105 would remain a state highway, not owned by the town.

The board members agreed that the Parks and Trails commission should continue with small projects such as signs and benches at the property.

Cave emphasized that a Planned Development document for the property, which addresses issues such as zoning changes and defines uses of the whole property, needs to be prepared. Cave and Hutson volunteered to create the plan.

**Single trash hauler workshop**

On March 13, following up on a suggestion from Stern, the board held a workshop to discuss the selection of a single trash hauler that would serve the entire town. Stern thought a single hauler might mean savings for all residents and fewer trucks on the town's roads.

Three trash hauling companies—Apex Waste Solutions (doing business as Infinite Disposal),

Republic Services, and Waste Connections—made presentations to the board. Their presentations can be found on the town's website here: <https://www.townofpalmerlake.com/bc-bot/meeting/board-trustees-workshop-26>.

Later at the March 13 meeting, the board returned to the topic of a single trash hauler. Dreher said he liked the idea but was cautious about imposing a single company on residents. Stern pointed out residents could choose to haul their own trash. Collins agreed with this but added that the companies had assumed all households would participate when they set their prices. Krob said residents could not be required to use the hauler chosen by the board.

The board asked Collins to post information about the vendors on the town's webpage and put together a one-page summary of each vendor. The trustees agreed to put the topic on the agenda for the first board meeting in April.

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The next regular board meetings are scheduled for April 10 and 24. See the town's website at [www.townofpalmerlake.com](http://www.townofpalmerlake.com) to confirm times and dates of board meetings and workshops. Meetings are typically held on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at the Town Hall. Information: 719-481-2953.

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dissenting vote, saying that he felt that although there are qualified candidates in the district, limiting the pool of candidates doesn't reflect due diligence and transparency.

Following the vote, Upchurch said that she had also received input requesting that the process of selection should begin soon. At present, Assistant Superintendent Amber Whetstine has been designated interim superintendent until June 30.

Upchurch said the board will discuss the wording of the posting and the timeline for selection at its April work session. At that time, opportunities for community participation will also be discussed.

**Home School Enrichment Academy and Transitions Services update**

Chief Business Officer Brett Ridgway and Director of Planning, Facilities, and Grounds Melissa Andrews reported on the search for space to relocate the Home School Enrichment Academy and the Transitions Services program, both of which are currently housed in Grace Best Elementary School, which is slated for demolition.

The Transitions Services program could be temporarily housed in the new Career and Inno-

vation Center building. The space designated for medical services on the upper level of that building is deemed sufficient. This would save the district from renting or leasing space elsewhere

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