

City of Wimberley
Wimberley Community Center, 14068 Ranch Road 12
Wimberley, Texas 78676
Minutes of Special Meeting of City Council
June 29, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

City Council meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Bob Flocke.

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Bob Flocke and Councilmembers Charles Roccaforte, Mac McCullough, Bill Appleman, and John White. Councilmember Steve Thurber had an excused absence.

Staff Present: City Administrator Don Ferguson

Public Hearing

Hold a public hearing on a proposal to close Las Flores Drive where it intersects the 500 block of La Buena Vista Drive in Wimberley, Texas

Mayor Flocke reviewed the history of Las Flores Drive traffic control issues and various corrective measures, including enforcement, speed humps, and street closures. He stated the need for action and explained meeting procedures.

Charlie Johnson, resident of 22 Brookmeadow in the City of Woodcreek, spoke of similar traffic problems in his neighborhood and expressed concerns that closure could create a “win-lose” situation appealing to some, but not all, residents. He felt that a “win-win” situation could be achieved through speed limit enforcement and weight limits to keep large trucks from using Las Flores as a cut-through street. He acknowledged law enforcement’s staffing limitations and suggested increased enforcement during heaviest traffic periods, especially during the school year. He stated that the bottom line is enforcement.

Jean Veriato of 8 Las Flores cited specific examples of unsafe conditions on Las Flores, including heavy cut-through traffic, large trucks, speeding, narrow lanes, and distracted, confrontational drivers. Ms. Veriato spoke of past efforts to deal with ongoing traffic issues and stated that Wimberley emergency service providers have indicated to her that speed humps and/or closure would not hinder access.

Ruth Mince, owner of 151 Las Flores, stated that use of the walking trail by Cypress Creek provides a safe alternative for those who walk in the Las Flores neighborhood. She strongly opposed closure of Las Flores Drive.

Margaret “Peggy” Maddox of 7 Las Flores displayed a video of Las Flores traffic and described Wimberley’s traffic as becoming like Houston, Dallas, or Austin, with non-stop traffic all day long. She stated that speeders are disrespectful, self-centered, and often distracted by cell phone use,

which continues after drivers enter the FM 2325 school zone. Ms. Maddox cited an incident involving a large truck, vehicle counts on specific days, and instances of speeding.

Tammie Sedam of 10 Las Flores introduced her two children and stated that they cannot play outside due to traffic. Ms. Sedam compared the inconvenience of rerouting drivers with her family's inconvenience when attempting to exit her driveway. Other problems cited included trash thrown from vehicles, repair to yards/trees from large trucks, removal of dead animals hit by speeders, drivers who stop to pick plums from her tree, tracks left in her lawn from swerving vehicles, and damage to roads from heavy traffic. Ms. Sedam expressed fears for her family's safety when checking the mailbox, walking, or biking. She felt that residents should be able to walk their dogs in their own neighborhood. She noted rude comments made to her family and felt uncomfortable with strangers "casing" her property. In response to La Buena Vista residents opposed to closure, Ms. Sedam suggested routing traffic through their street and allowing Las Flores Drive to become a cul-de-sac.

Dave Slider stated that those who live outside city limits are still an important part of the community and noted that thoroughfares are subject to regulations that should be enforced. He felt that City Council represents his interests and asked that Council deal with Las Flores Drive as it would any other thoroughfare.

Bob Bullock recalled past discussions which he felt originally centered on speed humps and speed limit enforcement, but resulted in the suggested closure of Las Flores Drive as a possible solution. He stated that Las Flores is an east-west artery connecting Ranch Road 12 and FM 2325. He questioned the effectiveness of closure in making Las Flores residents safe from speeding vehicles. Mr. Bullock stated that speed limit enforcement and traffic control devices are more in line with neighborhood residents' original requests to Council. Without a city marshal or active municipal court, Mr. Bullock said there is no enforcement. Mr. Bullock reasoned that one citation issued per eight hours of duty would be sufficient to cover a city marshal's salary. He asked for clarification on the existing law enforcement interlocal agreement between the City of Wimberley and Hays County. Mr. Bullock questioned expenditures for planned street repairs to Las Flores, if Council is considering closure. He noted other streets affected by speeders, asked if closure is an option for those streets as well, and urged Council to keep Las Flores Drive open.

Holla Wiley of 344 Cypress Creek Lane stated similar concerns about traffic on her street, including the safety of walkers and an unsafe curved area. She recognized the need for an east-west thoroughfare, but did not feel that Las Flores Drive or Cypress Creek Lane were meant to sustain heavy traffic volume. Ms. Wiley asked that Council consider enforcement of traffic laws and speed humps.

Vance Hobbs of 13 Las Flores Drive observed changes over the years such as stop sign placement and supported Council's efforts to curb exponentially increasing traffic, which he described as unsafe, disrespectful, and detrimental to property values. He spoke of problems with noise, trash, difficulty in exiting driveways, and sustainability of heavy traffic volume on neighborhood streets. He stated that safety is more important than convenience and felt that enforcement will not be

effective enough to handle future increased traffic. Mr. Hobbs complained of lack of action and feared for the public's safety if speed limits are not enforced. He stated support for Council action to curb speeding.

David Di Traglia of 15 Las Flores Drive cited specific examples of dangerous incidents involving speeding vehicles, increased traffic over the years, and stressed the need for action. He noted past and current efforts and recommendations, including measures such as enforcement and speed humps, and provided details of successful speed hump programs in other cities. He proposed trying the use of speed humps for one year and stated that emergency service providers support either closure or speed humps to improve safety. While not opposed to closure, Mr. Di Traglia preferred enforcement and speed humps for Las Flores Drive as alternative solutions more amenable to all residents. He asked that Council keep Wimberley a vibrant community that is safe for everyone.

Denny McCoy works at 691 La Buena Vista Drive and did not support closure. Though he lives outside Wimberley, Mr. McCoy stated that he is part of the community because he works in Wimberley every day. He felt that closing Las Flores will relocate, but not solve, the problem. Mr. McCoy preferred enforcement to more extreme measures such as closure.

Business owner at 691 La Buena Vista Drive, Amy Reynolds, empathized with prior statements regarding the safety of walkers, but noted that speeding vehicles are a problem throughout Wimberley. She asked that Council consider solutions that work for the whole city, not for just one road. Ms. Reynolds stressed the serious nature of this problem and felt that the community should work together.

Ledgerock resident, Robert O'Brien, cited similar problems in his neighborhood and stated that a study needs to be conducted on the possible negative impact of Las Flores closure on Cypress Creek Lane, Woodcreek Drive, and Emergency Lane. He feared that residents along other connector streets may request street closures as well, which would cause more traffic congestion at remaining connectors. Mr. O'Brien asked for a study on closure's unintended consequences and felt that increased enforcement would be effective in slowing down vehicles.

Sue Sweat favored speed humps over closure and added that Las Flores property owners may want to consider gravel pathways for walking in lieu of concrete sidewalks.

Business owner Cliff Strickland noted other unsafe areas of Wimberley for vehicle/foot traffic, including River Road and the lack of sidewalks generally. He favored additional stop signs and stricter enforcement over closure, which he felt might exacerbate problems.

Jon Burns of 2 De Luna Lane expressed concerns over trash, noise, and speeding. He cited past accidents, acknowledged heavy school-related traffic, and noted specific unsafe incidents involving nighttime traffic. Mr. Burns did not think that speed humps or enforcement will be effective and hoped that Council could find a solution other than closure that will slow speeders.

La Buena Vista resident Candy Fore recalled past incidents in her neighborhood and other areas of Wimberley. She acknowledged the need for a thoroughfare that would not pass through Cypress Creek Lane or Las Flores Drive. Mrs. Fore expressed willingness to move from the neighborhood (with compensation), should Council decide to make Las Flores a major artery. She thanked Council for its help and attention to this matter and welcomed relief measures.

Madonna Kimball favored enforcement over closure, which would affect the entire community and feared that a precedent would be set for other areas to request similar closures. She stated that everyone knows there is no way to enforce speed limits and questioned the reasoning for the decision to discontinue the city marshal program. Mrs. Kimball asked whether or not Council held a public hearing before making this decision and wanted specifics on citizen feedback. Mrs. Kimball requested clarification on traffic fine revenues and on jurisdictions which collect such revenues. She stated her recent understanding that it was City Council that originally suggested street closure, not Las Flores residents, whose requests were confined to other traffic calming devices. Mrs. Kimball asked Council whether or not it considered speed limit enforcement, sidewalks, and the impact of closing Las Flores Drive on the flow of traffic for everyone who travels through the city on Ranch Road 12 or FM 2325. She warned of potential traffic control problems at locations such as Emergency Lane, Ace Hardware's parking lot, and schools, which are all located along FM 2325. Ms. Kimball thanked Council and stated that its decision will affect a lot of people known as "voters."

Richard Kilcrease, formerly of 7 Las Flores Drive, spoke of past stop sign placement and felt that closure could temporarily double traffic, which will enter and then be forced to turn around at the closure in order to exit. He spoke of former advisory board experience and the board's prior recommendation relating to closure of Emergency Lane, which members advised was not a solution for traffic problems. He felt that Las Flores Drive's closure will move a lot of traffic through town and cut through traffic will increase through Ace Hardware's parking lot. In order to avoid congestion and traffic control devices, Mr. Kilcrease feared that people would not go out as much, therefore, Ace's business would suffer and put jobs in jeopardy.

Bruce Banks of 331 La Buena Vista recalled actions over a twelve-year period dealing with City government and Wimberley Independent School District in an attempt to solve Las Flores Drive traffic problems. He stressed that this is an issue of safety, not personal convenience, and noted speed-related accidents occurring near his property, which is located on a curve. Mr. Banks did not believe that enforcement would be effective and had reservations about speed humps. There was disagreement between Mr. Banks and Bob Bullock about the origin of suggested street closure statements approximately ten years ago. Because he felt there are no other effective traffic controls, Mr. Banks favored closure as a solution.

Sylvia Banks of 331 La Buena Vista thanked everyone for attending tonight's public hearing and stressed that speed and safety are the major issues. She stated that trash and traffic volume are also problems and noted that neighborhood streets were not designed for such heavy traffic. She felt that a study would delay the immediate action needed and allow problems to worsen. Mrs. Banks stated that something has to be done, whether closure or speed humps, to protect her neighborhood.

Chris Gindorf of 20 Palos Verdes Drive spoke on behalf of his daughter residing at 104 La Pais. He stated his granddaughter walks to and from the junior high school and favored closure as a way to restrict traffic impact on neighborhood residents.

Jan Strickland felt that Council needs to consider what will happen to the entire community, including resulting congestion in other areas from redirection of current Las Flores traffic. She stated that inconveniences exist elsewhere and believed that if Council approves closure of Las Flores, there will be a precedent set for other areas to seek closure as a means to deal with traffic issues. She stated that closure is not a solution and will create more problems.

Joseph Schwartz, resident of 28 West Inwood Forest Drive and Las Flores Drive business owner, stated that closure is not the answer. He felt that the bigger problem is transportation in the community as a whole. He recalled his own childhood experiences being able to walk and ride his bike and stated that his own children cannot walk or bike to school due to unsafe conditions. Before any decisions are made, Mr. Schwartz asked for a civil engineering study to come up with real answers to help make roads safe for pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles.

City of Woodcreek Public Works Director Frank Wood, resident of 100 Augusta, stressed that he is not speaking in any way for the City of Woodcreek or in any official capacity. As a former traffic engineer for the U.S. Air Force, Mr. Wood stated that the subject neighborhood's streets were built to standards recognized at that time and did not take into account future expansion of traffic and population. He believed that closure would solve to a degree traffic problems in the immediate vicinity, but rerouted traffic will spill over in other locations. He favored serious consideration of an engineering study in order to provide a new, safe expanded route for cross traffic. He said that to do otherwise will only move the problem from one location to another, causing the same concerns.

Lieutenant Mark Graves of the Hays County Sheriff's Office Traffic Division spoke of his prior knowledge of Las Flores Drive as a cut-through and acknowledged concerns expressed at tonight's meeting. With only eight traffic officers to address county-wide complaints, Lieutenant Graves spoke of favorable results using rubberized speed humps to slow traffic on a specific pass-through street in San Marcos. While not proposing any course of action that may or not be taken by the City, he suggested that contact with the City of San Marcos Roads Department or Hays County Precinct Three Commissioner Will Conley might be helpful. Lieutenant Graves stated that speeding complaints have stopped since speed humps were installed about one year ago at the earlier mentioned San Marcos location.

Fischer Store Road resident, Rusty Wallace, regularly visits a business on Las Flores Drive and spoke of several near-accidents involving unsafe speed. Speaking in favor of the neighborhood, he expressed concerns for the immediate neighborhood and favored closure, along with a study for an alternate route. He felt that safety is the primary issue and that consideration should be given to what a life is worth.

Hays County Precinct 3 Constable Darrell Ayres explained terms of the interlocal agreement with the City of Wimberley to enforce traffic laws on city roads and clarified that citations are filed with the Hays County Justice of the Peace court, not with the City of Wimberley Municipal Court. He noted that the interlocal agreement, which was originally entered into due to Las Flores traffic issues, only allows enforcement of traffic laws, not other City ordinances or laws. Absent a city marshal, Constable Ayres stated that his department has tried to provide as much enforcement as possible on Las Flores, but during the school year his workforce is stretched thin dealing with Jacob's Well Elementary School traffic located at the most dangerous intersection in this Precinct 3. Constable Ayres stated that his department, which consists of three officers covering the largest geographical precinct in Hays County, will do its best to enforce laws, whatever decision City Council makes to solve Las Flores traffic problems.

Saddle Rock Ridge resident Nell Cadenhead responded to Rusty Wallace's earlier comments that focused on the neighborhood, not the City as a whole. Mrs. Cadenhead stated that she wants every neighborhood to be safe, but did not favor blocking Las Flores Drive as a solution. Mrs. Cadenhead felt that everyone has a right to use Las Flores and noted that she always looks out for the safety of residents as she travels through the neighborhood. She supported safety and convenience for the entire City of Wimberley.

Longtime Wimberley resident M.F. Johnson stated that she has been using Las Flores Drive as a cut-through for many years, before there were any houses built there. Many years ago, Mrs. Johnson asked Hays County Commissioners Court for a twenty-five mile per hour speed limit out of respect for the residents. She said that "we are all guests," and is willing to give up using Las Flores Drive. She spoke in support of rights of law-abiding residents who want to protect their lifestyle against those who have no right to drive irresponsibly and thoughtlessly. Mrs. Johnson appealed to common sense in finding a solution to this problem.

Wimberley native Lila Stone felt that closing the roads is not going to make a difference and recalled past efforts to slow traffic through signage. She spoke of similar problems on Jacob's Well and noted that traffic would have to be routed through downtown. Ms. Stone stated that the traffic generated by the new Jacob's Well Elementary School is dangerous due to its location, entrance, and rate of accidents. She favored speed humps over closure of Las Flores and noted that the existing dip causes speeders to slow down. In general, Ms. Stone also suggested speed enforcement, more visible signage, public information, and respect for the law.

Las Flores business owner Ernest Olson observed increased traffic and at times feared for his personal safety and that of the neighborhood. Based on his observation of law enforcement, Mr. Olson speculated that many citations could be issued along Las Flores as a deterrent to speeding. Having grown up on a street partially closed during the day, Mr. Olson suggested partial closure as an option. Mr. Olson believed speed humps were a good idea and expressed gratitude for everyone's sharing of thoughts on this issue.

Fred Shuttlesworth of 321 La Buena Vista recounted specific incidents of rude drivers and his interactions with them. He felt that people who are in a hurry should not speed through his

neighborhood as if it were a thoroughfare. Mr. Shuttlesworth felt that people should leave earlier for their destinations to avoid having to speed in a residential area. He stated that the former city marshal's enforcement efforts during the school year were effective in controlling traffic. Mr. Shuttlesworth did not know if the solution is closure or enforcement, but stated that something has to be done to control the traffic and volume.

City Administrator Ferguson advised that emails received on this issue will be entered into the record (attached to these minutes).

Elizabeth Floreani of 10 Palos Verdes Drive referred to her earlier email and spoke in favor of closure so that families can walk or bike on safe streets. She acknowledged that drivers who are prone to speeding create dangerous situations that can be easily remedied at slight inconvenience by closing Las Flores to through traffic. She stated that closure is good for all people in the neighborhood who should be able to live and play safely near their homes. Ms. Floreani stated that those who argue traffic would be relocated to their neighborhood should ask themselves why it is acceptable for her neighborhood to endure dangerous conditions when a safe solution is available. She did not believe enforcement is workable and noted that neighborhood streets were not built for heavy traffic, with numerous potholes, inadequate signage, and lack of shoulders and sidewalks. She felt that those who demand the convenience of using Las Flores as a cut-through should be willing to add needed improvements such as signage, shoulders, and sidewalks in order to ensure the safety of residents. With problems worsening, Ms. Floreani stated the only safe solution is closure.

Mayor Flocke expressed appreciation for all of the public comments and stated that Council is open to discussion and consideration of all possible solutions. He reminded that Council will hold its next regular meeting on Thursday, July 1, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall and invited all to attend.

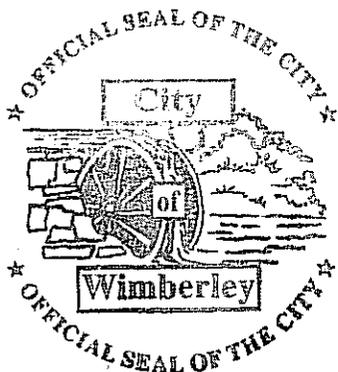
Adjournment: Council meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Recorded by:

Cara McPartland

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These minutes approved on the 15th of July, 2010.



APPROVED:

Bob Flocke

Bob Flocke, Mayor

Don Ferguson

From: Madonna [madonna@anvilcom.com]
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2010 8:56 AM
To: Flocke Bob
Cc: libbysales; Roccaforte Charles; Thurber Steve; Bill Appleman; Don Ferguson; Johnny White
Subject: Closing Las Flores

Thank you for scheduling the public hearing for Las Flores closure. I hope you are all keeping in mind that the larger issue here is the failure to enforce the speed limit. It's not a problem unique to Las Flores. I've heard from people on River Road, Flite Acres, Woodcreek Drive and other areas who are concerned about the city's failure to enforce speed limits and the lack of a city marshall. Closing one street will not solve that problem and will set a precedent for other neighborhoods.

And, it's not about only taking "46 seconds more to go the other way" based on a day or evening with NORMAL traffic. How long will it take when traffic is rerouted to Emergency Lane taking into consideration the stop light and the heavy traffic flow of people on RR 12, FM 2325 and Emergency Lane going to the various schools and businesses.

The school at the end of Las Flores and the traffic did not just appear overnight. It was there when everyone of us bought houses in this area.

I sincerely hope that common sense and logic enters this decision making process. Even though I live in this neighborhood, I only travel from my house to 2325 once or twice a week and never at peak school times, so I'm not concerned about this decision for myself, but for a lot of people who depend on Las Flores to get to their business and school.

Interesting comment from one Wimberley citizen you might want to consider:

Las Flores was bought and paid for by all the taxpayers of the area. It was never intended for the exclusive use of the neighborhood. The "city" should live up to their responsibility and enforce the posted speed limit. Las Flores is not a "shortcut" as the Wim View states but a public road intended for the use of all.

Don Ferguson

From: JEAN VERIATO [jveriato@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2010 11:27 AM
To: BILL APPLEMAN; BILL BOWERS; DON FERGUSON; JOHN WHITE; MAC MCCULLOUGH;
MONICA ALCALA; SANDY IRVIN; STEVE THURBER
Subject: OPEN REQUEST TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

I HAVE PLACED A REQUEST TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPT FOR A REPORT ON THE NUMBER OF TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. THERE MAY BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPT AT THE MEETING.

WE ONLY HOPE THAT OUR CITY COUNCIL IS NOT SWAYED BY THE PUBLIC'S ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING AND THAT YOU MAKE SAFETY AND LIVES THE NUMBER ONE CONCERN.

THANK YOU

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Jean Veriato
jveriato@gmail.com
Wimberley, Tx.

Don Ferguson

From: JEAN VERIATO [jveriato@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2010 11:18 AM
To: BILL APPLEMAN; BILL BOWERS; DON FERGUSON; JOHN WHITE; MAC MCCULLOUGH;
MONICA ALCALA; SANDY IRVIN; STEVE THURBER; Jean Veriato; BOB FLOCKE
Subject: LAS FLORES CLOSING
Attachments: LAS FLORES STREET IMPROVEMENT jean.doc



LAS FLORES
STREET IMPROVEMENT

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME IN READING OUR VIEWS.

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Jean Veriato
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Wimberley, Tx.

LAS FLORES STREET IMPROVEMENT

Priority #1 is the SAFETY of the residents in the neighborhood encompassing:
Las Flores, and LaBuena Vista, NOT THE CONVENIENCE OF THE PUBLIC!

We appreciate the council's suggestion in closing the street, and the city has already stated that we are talking about only minutes in re-routing the traffic, in most cases they ended up waiting at RR 2325 or RR12 to turn.

Due to the large amount of "cut-thru" traffic, and the speeding vehicles, it has become very dangerous for residents exiting their driveways, people trying to walk, baby strollers, bike riders and school children trying to get to and from school safely.

It is a proved fact that the Sheriff's Dept can not patrol the area enough and all it would take is that random car speeding that will take a life, that life could be a mother, a dad, a child, a grandparent, a sister or brother, and do we want that to happen when we know we could of prevented it? WE ALL HAVE HAD TOO MANY CLOSE CALLS.

I personally had three encounters with Sherri Bullock and her diesel SUV, where she told us that we put her life at risk by walking on our street and that we need to stop walking. Evidently she was running late to school or the clinic. In the last encounter she waved her arm telling us to get out of her way. These actions showed us that she was out of control and we weren't sure that the next time she would try to run us over. It is really scary to have a large diesel SUV speed close past you. I filed a complaint to the Constable's office who called the Sheriff's Dept and they went to her door step to talk with her. I can't believe that our friends "The Bullocks" have put our lives at risk for the convenience of driving to their businesses and driving their tractor down the street to mow the commercial building and their businesses.

The City Council has been made aware of our concerns, and their efforts with speed monitors, and the hiring of a City Marshall, both failed to result in a successful outcome and has done nothing to remedy the issue. There are more speeders, commercial trucks and trailers using the street than ever, some of them numerous times a day. This street is not built for the traffic load now imposed and will be a constant maintenance problem for the city. Some large vehicles break branches as they come rolling thru. It is impossible to hold to the speed limit unless you brake several times, and this has been established in past years. Several businesses have blocked their driveways in an effort to stop vehicles from cutting thru their property and we want to do the same.

We feel that this "public hearing" may be a necessary step for the city; however the voice of the residents on these streets should out weigh the public's view. We can not believe that neighbors in the De Luna Cul-de-sac, who are not impacted by the traffic at all, are putting their selfish needs ahead of our safety and peace of mind. We are the ones who have to back out on the street during the busiest hours. This change affects all of us, we on Las Flores will have to adjust to new routes but this will help our fellow neighbors and we are willing to do that. The public does not appreciate the privilege of using our neighborhood streets and it is just a convenience for them, which means they can drive as fast as they can.

We want the City to protect our lives and make our streets safe again.

Thank you

JEAN VERIATO , 8 LAS FLORES

Don Ferguson

From: Guzman, Paul [Paul.Guzman@Fiserv.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 24, 2010 12:32 PM
To: Dferguson@cityofwimberley.com
Cc: bfloke@cityofwimberley.com; mmccullough@cityofwimberley.com; stacyjg@earthlink.net
Subject: Proposed Las Flores Stree Closure input from resident
Attachments: alternatives to road closure.pdf

Don,
My name is Paul Guzman and I have been a resident of Wimberley living at 106 La Buena Vista Dr since June 15, 2001. I love living in Wimberley and am very involved with Saint Mary's Catholic Church and as member of the Knight of Columbus, council 9151. I will be out of town on vacation visiting my son Shawn who is serving his county in the United States Air Force and will not be able to attend the public hearing on June, 29 2010 regarding the proposed street closure.

I would like to provide my input on this matter. I am against the initiative to close the Las Flores Drive where it intersects with the 500 block of La Buena Vista Dr. I enjoy driving to the High School or the track on this street. Frequently people can see me jogging around the neighborhood on this street as well and I have always felt safe doing so.

While I do agree that some people tend to speed on this street, in the 9 years I have lived there I don't recall seeing any accidents attributed to speeding. I'm sure if you polled residents of other neighborhoods like Wood Creek or along River Rd you would find that people tend to speed on those roads as well.

I am not sure if you have looked into any alternatives to the street closure but to my knowledge nothing has been previously implemented other than a yield sign that use to be on the corner of La Buena Vista and De Luna Lane.

Here are three alternatives to the current proposition.

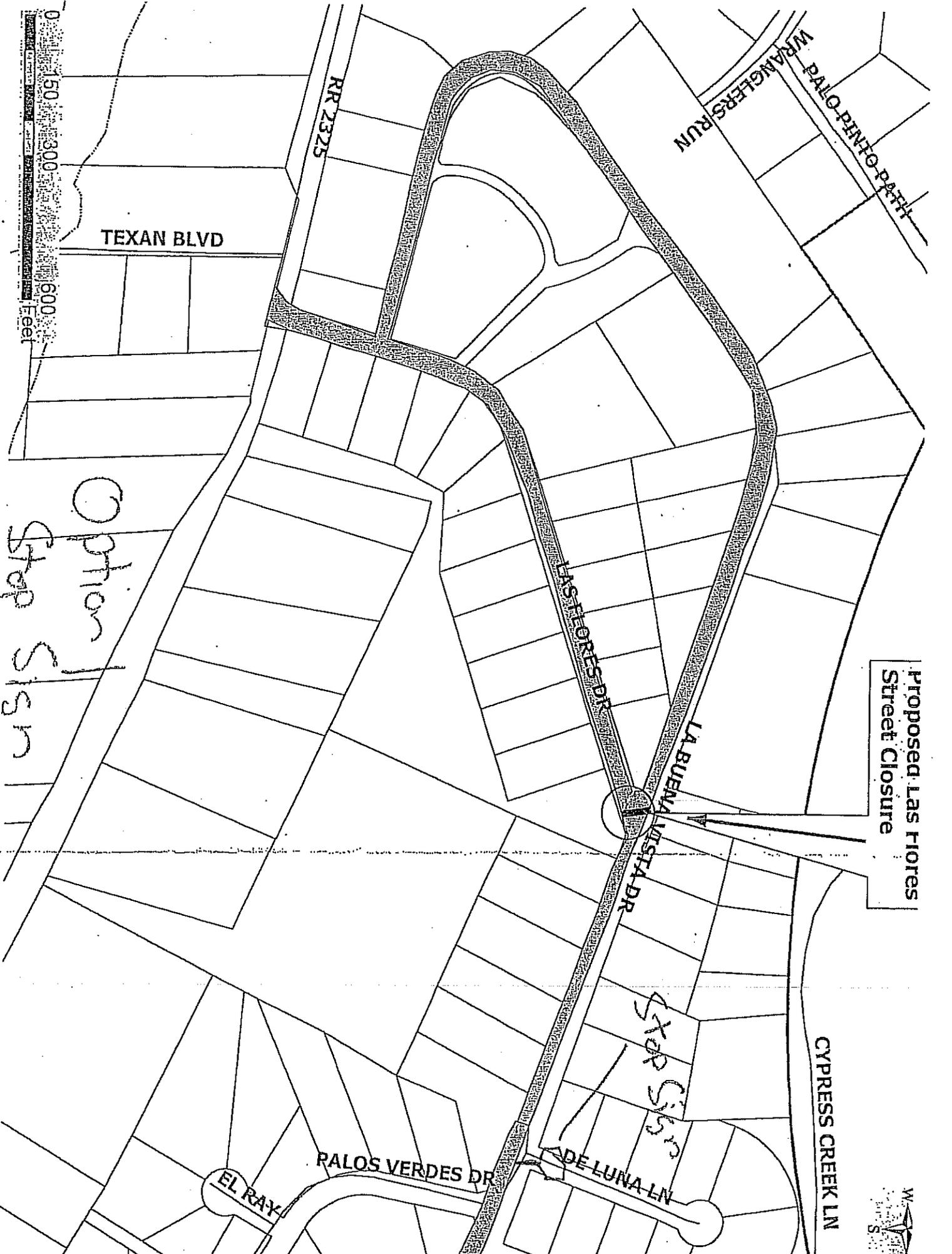
- 1) Add another stop sign – The city can put up another stop sign at the intersection of La Buena Vista Dr and De Luna Lane (see option 1 in the attached PDF).
- 2) Add Speed bumps – Speed bump seem to be a good option for slowing down traffic. (see option 2 in the attached PDF for two locations that speed bumps can be implemented).
- 3) Implement a Speed Trap – The best method for controlling the posted speed limit is to have the Sheriff parked on the side of the street a few times a week and ticket speeders. This would be a revenue generated opportunity for the City. (see option 3 in the attached PDF for two places a sheriff can park).

I hope you value my opinion in this matter. My vote mattered at the last election and I hope it will matter in this decision.

Regards,
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Proposed Las Flores
Street Closure



TEXAN BLVD

RR 2325

W RANGERS RUN

PALO PINTO PATH

LAS FLORES DR

LA BUENA VISTA DR

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CYPRESS CREEK LN

PALOS VERDES DR

EL RAY

ADE LUNA LN

Option 1
Stop Sign

Stop Sign

0 150 300 600 Feet

Proposed Las Flores Street Closure



CYPRESS CREEK LN

W PALO PINO PATH
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LA BUENA VISTA DR

Speed Bump

DE LUNA LN

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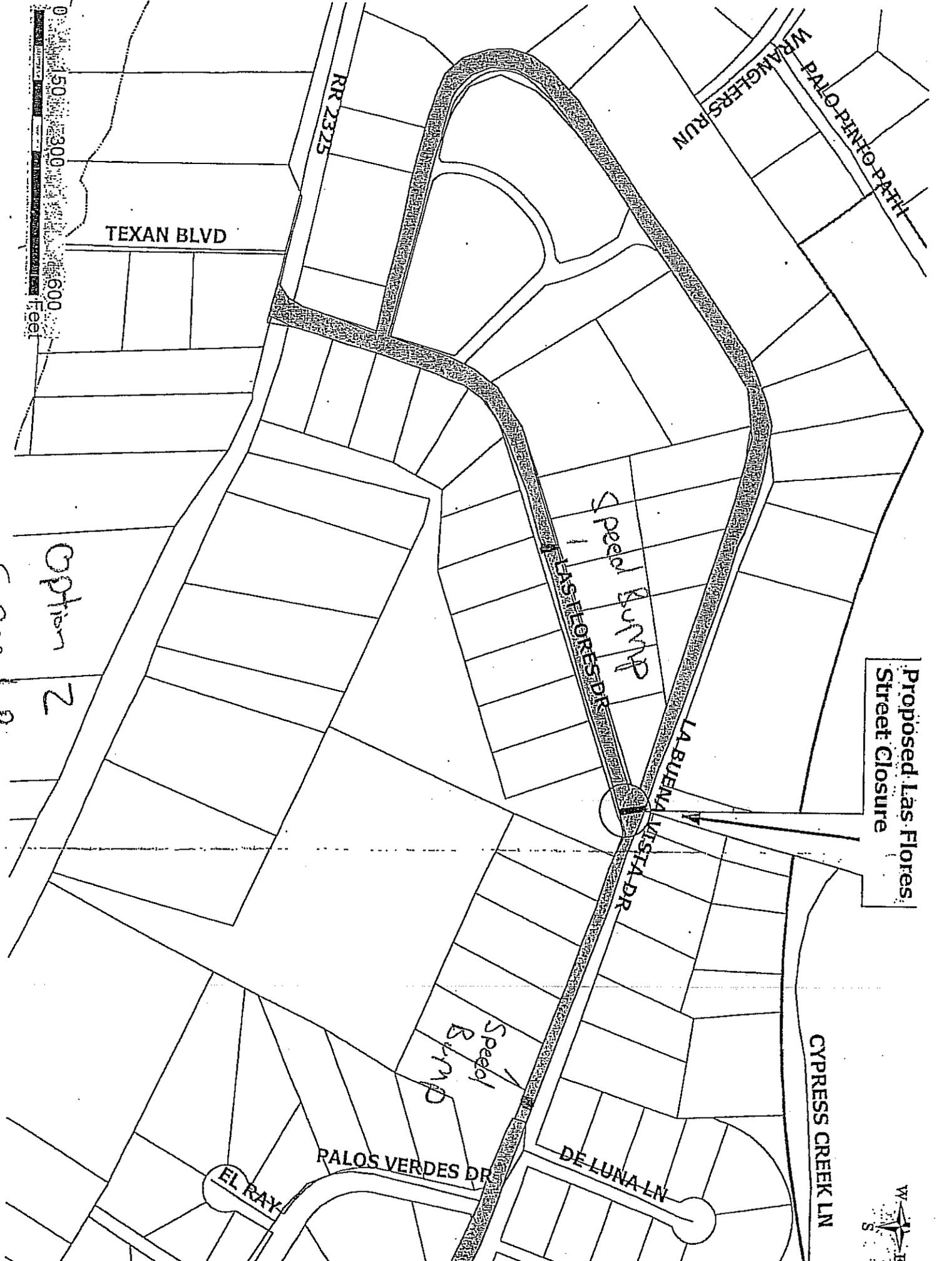
RR 2325

TEXAN BLVD

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Option 2

Speed Bump



0 150 300 600 Feet

TEXAN BLVD

RR 2325

WRANGELERS RUN

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LA BUENA VISTA DR

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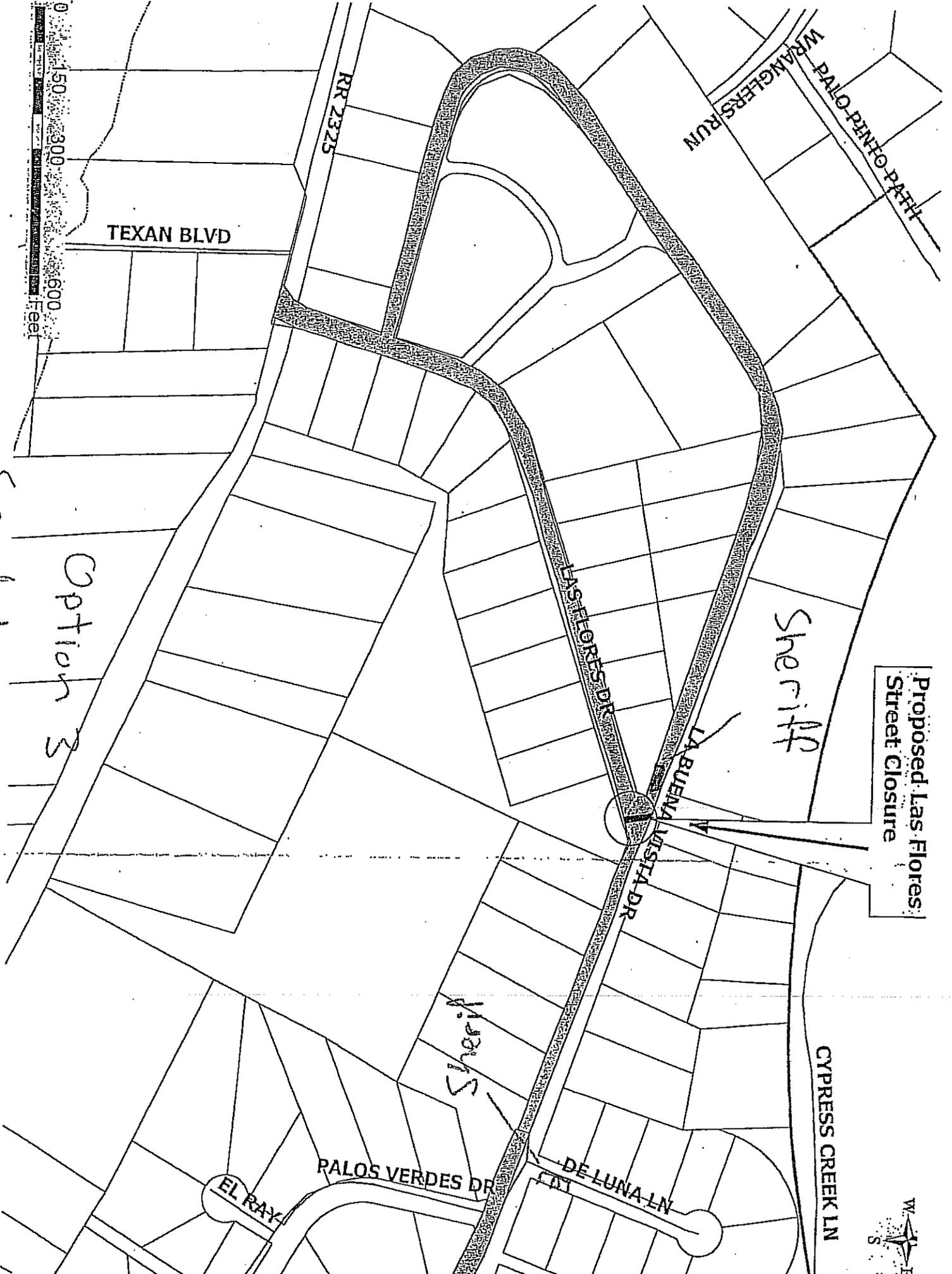
DE LUNA LN

EL RAY



Option 3

Speed to



Don Ferguson

From: bbeverette@att.net
Sent: Saturday, June 26, 2010 10:41 PM
To: Don Ferguson
Subject: Las Flores Drive

Dear Mr. Ferguson :

I wish to address the Wimberley City Council regarding the proposed closure of the intersection of Las Flores and La Buena Vista Drive.

My late husband and I purchased a home at #42 La Buena Vista, Lot 17 Blk5 and 0.61 ac adjacent to it (abs.390 Robert S. Rankin survey) in early 1989. Several years later we were able to purchase the adjoining Lot 16. This gives us approximately 2.6 ac. This property is now owned by our Family Limited Partnership.

I am very distressed with the idea that we may be cut off from direct access and would require us to only enter via RR2325 and pass through the industrial area or to the proposed barricade and turn back down La Buena Vista. I can only see this devaluating our property and limiting our access to our home and property.

My home in Pasadena, where I am caring for my 96 yr old Father, is on a cul de sac one block from a busy street that was close to an elementary school and was used for a cut-through. Seven speed bumps were installed, one every block and the speeds and traffic were greatly reduced. There are other ways to handle this situation and I strongly oppose the suggestion to block our access.

Please carefully consider those of us who own homes on La Buena Vista. Would you like to have the front entrance to your home blocked?

Thank you for understanding my position.

Betty Uchurch Everette

Don Ferguson

From: Stacy Peterson [stacylee111@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2010 6:54 PM
To: dferguson@cityofwimberley.com; mayor@cityofwimberley.com; place1@cityofwimberley.com; place2@cityofwimberley.com; place3@cityofwimberley.com; place4@cityofwimberley.com; place5@cityofwimberley.com
Cc: 'Bob Flocke'; 'Charles Roccaforte'; 'Pat & Bill Appleman'; thurbercpa@sthurber.com; jwhite140@austin.rr.com; 'libbysales'
Subject: Las Flores closing

Hi my name is Stacy Peterson and I live with my 3 children on De Luna Lane. We have lived there for 6 years, love our neighborhood and our home.

When moving my family to Wimberley I had several things that were important to me for our new home. Safe and quiet neighborhood and a central location that would be easy for my children to get to school. My daughters are now both in high school and driving. I love that they can get into the car and drive 2 minutes in no traffic to make it safely to school.

I am NOT in favor of closing Las Flores. Please do not do that. That would send my children either into town or through 2 other neighborhoods just to get to school. They are both honor students and active in WHS. We go back and forth multiple times a day. It would be very hard on our family.

I also have a toddler son that I take for walks in our neighborhood. Yes, people can go quickly sometimes but I have never been afraid to take my son out in his jogger. Wimberley has the most wonderful friendly people anywhere and everyone slows down when they see us and smiles and waves.

The posted speed limit is 25....since when have we stopped enforcing the law? I have not seen any type of officer on our street in a LONG time. Why is that? Does it really seem easier to close a street and burden other areas **than to just enforce the law.**

I will be at the meeting tomorrow night but if you have any other questions you may contact me by email or at my job 847-2288.

Thank you for hearing my concerns~

Stacy Peterson
Wellness Specialist
Wimberley Pharmacy
512-847-2288
www.hillcountryrx.com

6-28-2010

I LIVE AT 35 LA BUENA DR
AND WISH TO EXPRESS MY OPINION
ON BARRICADING LOS FLORES
AND LA BUENA VISTA DR

I DO NOT WANT THE BARRICADE
YOU BE CUTTING ME OFF FROM
GOING TO ANY WHERE I WANT
TO GO IN WIMBERLEY I DON'T
THINK THE STREET SHOULD BE
BLOCKED TO THROUGH TRAFFIC

I REALIZE SOME NEIGHBORS ARE
COMPLAINING BUT SOME OF
LAS FLORES NEIGHBORS BUILD 6 FT
FENCES ALL THE WAY TO
STREET SO NOW WHEN THEY
WANT TO BACK OUT OF THEIR
HOUSE TO THE STREET THEY
CAN'T NOT SEE THE COMING
CARS. AND I ALSO THINK
THAT IT COULD AFFECT THE
VALUES OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD
HOMES

RAUL DAVILA
ELIDA DAVILA

From: Karl Guthrie [mailto:karl@climbtech.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2010 3:33 PM
To: dferguson@cityofwimberley.com
Subject: Las Flores closure

Dear Mayor and Mr. Ferguson,

I am the Co-Founder of ClimbTech, an established business in Wimberley. I strongly protest of the road closure on Las Flores. Closing this road will affect my business. I drive to and from the bank and post office many times during the day, plus we enter and leave by Las Flores. I also have deliveries coming to and from my company. Closing that road will affect all the businesses in that area plus all the residents.

I do not want to drive back and forth during school traffic. This will waste my companies time daily.

If you want to slow down traffic, just put up speed dumps, that will curb all the speeding of traffic.

I had one of the residents become very irate with my delivery driver, she came to my business screaming and yelling. She proceeded to barge into my business with her camera and phone stating she was going to have us arrested. I had to remove her from my property. The sheriff show up to ClimbTech apologizing to us about her. This women was completely out of control and unrealistic. This road closure is a bad idea.

My company is growing rapidly and we spend about \$30,000 - \$40,000 into the community of Wimberley, and that figure is growing every day. We are going to have to expand our facility by the first of next year due to our growth. If you close Las Flores, we will move the business to Dripping Spring. That is a promise !!

Karl Guthrie
Founder, Head of Sales

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Doug, Tina McElwee & Kids
9 Las Flores dr.

1) Notion that its quicker is fiction, unless U are SPEEDING ! I timed it w/ a stopwatch, from Las Flores & 2325 to stop sign @ 12 on Emer. Ln., 1:17
2325 to 12 thru neighborhood @ Exxon, 2:00, 2325 to 12 @ Cypress creek Ln., 2:11

2) Not JUST speed anymore, its VOLUME of traffic, especially during school year.

3) We should not have to bear 100% of the inconvenience & sacrifice, while the whole town cruises freely. Make it fair, if we ALL use emer. Ln, its EQUAL sacrifice!

4) Cant get out of our driveways as we have 2 wait on LINES of traffic 2 go by, people cuss & honk when we stop 2 turn into driveway, or drive slow.

5) Opposition says closure will have a negative affect on other roads, pure speculation!

6) Everyone is just accustomed to this cut-thru, they will get accustomed to emer. Ln just as well.

7) Propose extending Green Acres Dr. to 12

8) Largest opponent to closure? Lives on a CUL DE SAC!!!! (Bullocks)

9) Speed enforcement will never work, we've tried *that!*

~~that~~

10) School buses & Tractor trailers use this rd. even tho there are " NO TRUCKS" signs!

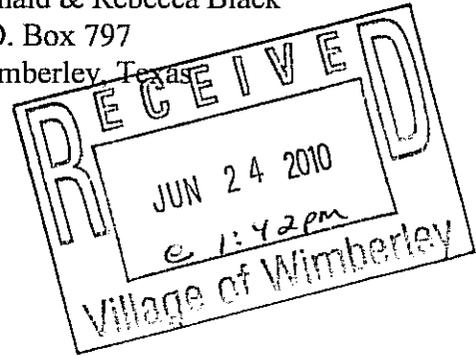
11) Kids not allowed in front, cant even ride a bike!
How many of opposition can say that?

12) NEGATIVE AFFECTS to our
PROPERTY VALUES

13) SINCE BOWEN closed, ALL SCHOOLS
ARE ON 2325 SIDE, ALL TRAFFIC
COMES thru our neighborhood

June 23, 2010

Donald & Rebecca Black
P.O. Box 797
Wimberley, Texas



Wimberley City Hall
City Administrator-
Don Ferguson
P.O. Box 2027
Wimberley, Texas

Dear Sir:

My wife and I have lived at 38 La Buena Vista Drive for over 20 years. We strongly object to the proposed blocking of Las Flores Drive at the intersection to La Buena Vista. This intersection is within 100 feet of our southeastern property line. In other words, we would end up in the Las Flores/La Buena Vista circle. We believe, or I should say we know, that this road closure would be very inconvenient and time consuming for us as well as most of the other residents of the Wimberley Valley. It would be a great inconvenience for us to travel to the Wimberley Water office, the Post Office, our bank and other businesses in that areas, as well as access to the Dripping Springs/Austin area. Everyone in Wimberley knows the nightmare of traffic during market days and other events held in that area and downtown. We also know the problems involved in accessing the Blanco Highway at the Las Flores intersection during the WISD sessions. This proposed closure would force us to use this intersection during all of these peak traffic periods.

I am well aware of the speeding problems on Las Flores and La Buena Vista, even in front of our home which is not on the cut through. We have observed this problem for 20 years. I do not have information relating to traffic accidents on this roadway as a result of speeding, but my guess is that it is not excessive. The most dangerous part of this cut through, in my opinion, are the three way stop signs, that were erected, then removed and then put in place again. I have observed more near collisions, due to failure to stop at that intersection, than anywhere else on the roadway.

It appears to me that this is a law enforcement problem and should be addressed as such, and does not warrant closure of a street that is beneficial to everyone that drives in Wimberley. Even though the local newspapers have stated that Wimberley EMS and other emergency responders have no problem with the road closure, common sense will tell you that under certain circumstances response time to this neighborhood will be diminished.

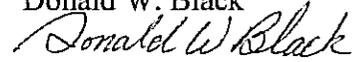
Even though we feel for the residents that believe their quality of life is diminished by cars speeding in front of their homes, we do not believe that this is a valid reason for closing off this roadway. We believe that it is unfair to punish all of the residents in this neighborhood as well as everyone living and driving in Wimberley, for the actions of a few speeders that should be given

speeding tickets. We also realize that traffic has increased in the last 20 years on this cut through, just like it has in Wimberley, Austin, San Antonio and the state of Texas. With the increased traffic comes increased traffic law infractions, but they should be dealt with as traffic law infractions instead of limiting access to the local neighborhood residents and general public.

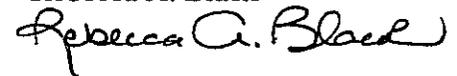
Again, we strongly oppose the proposal to block this roadway within our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Donald W. Black



Rebecca A. Black



Public Sign-In (SPEAKERS ONLY)

City of Wimberley, Texas

Purpose of Meeting: **City Council**

Date: **June 29, 2010**

Public Hearing on proposed closure of Las Flores Drive

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Name of Speaker/Address (Please Print)

Agenda Item/Issue

✓ CHARLIE JOHNSON	PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED
✓ Bruce Banks	CLOSURE OF LAS FLORES DRIVE
✓ Sylvia Banks	331 La Bamba Vista Dr
✓ JEAN VERIATO	8 LAS FLORES
✓ RUTH MINCE	151 LAS FLORES
✓ MARGARET "Peggy" Maddox	7 LAS FLORES DR.
✓ Fannie Sedam	10 Las Flores Dr
✓ Rose Miller	The Las Flores Dr. Issue
✓ Bob Sullivan	9- Delana

Name of Speaker/Address (Please Print)

Agenda Item/Issue

✓ ~~Wade Wilson~~

344 Cypress Creek Lane

✓ ~~Clark Wilson~~

13 Las Flores Dr.

✓ ~~Shane O'Neil~~

✓ ~~DAVID DITRAGIA~~

✓ DENNY MCGOY

691 LA BUENA VISTA DR.

✓ Amy Reynolds

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✓ ~~JOHN DUDAS~~

504 La Buena Vista

✓ ~~ROBERT O'BRIEN~~

9 Las Flores Dr.

✓ ROBERT O'BRIEN

210 ROUNDS ROCK RD

✓ ~~Joe Juant~~

Las Flores

✓ ~~Cliff Strickland~~

Las Flour

✓ ~~Jon K. Burns~~

Las Flores

✓ ~~Candy Fors~~

La Buena Vista

✓ ~~Adriano Kemball~~

Dobson Lane

✓ ~~Richard Kierense~~

Las Flores

Chris Gindorf 20 Palos Verdes
on behalf of daughter (Cynthia) at 104 LaFais

20 Palos Verdes



Tom Strickland

Joseph Schwartz, 28 W. Inwood Forest

Frank Wood 100 Augusta, Woodcreek
(Public Works Director - City of Woodcreek)

Lt. Mark Graves (HESD)

Lestry Wallace, live off Fischer Store Rd.

Unstable Darrell Ayers

Nell Cadhead, Saddle Rock Ridge

M.F. Johnson (since 1947)

Lila Stone

Ernest Olson

Fred Schwittbesworth, 321 LBN