

**VILLAGE OF WIMBERLEY**  
**Comprehensive Plan Review Commission**

Minutes of Meeting  
August 7, 2007

Meeting was called to order by Chair Frank Austin at 9:00 AM

**PRESENT:**

CPRC MEMBERS: Frank Austin, Steve Klepfer, Bert Ray, Lewis Smith and Mike Stevens.

CITY OFFICIALS: None

CITY ADMINISTRATION: Don Ferguson

VISITORS: Curt Busk

**MINUTES:**

Minutes of the July 17, 2007 meeting were reviewed and approved with corrections.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**A. PRESENTATIONS:** None

**B. WORK SESSION:**

1. Revisions to Chapter VIII. The Economy: At the July 17, 2007 meeting, Chapter VIII was discussed in detail, with both CPRC members and EDC guests Bursiel and Weeks participating. A number of draft changes were made, and copies of this revised document were later distributed to both CPRC and EDC.

At a subsequent meeting, EDC proposed further significant changes, and copies of this document were distributed to CPRC members by email before this meeting. After a detailed review of both proposed revised versions, CPRC members voted to approve the CPRC version without change. A copy is included as Appendix A to these minutes.

2. Revisions to Chapter IV. Village Infrastructure: The members reviewed Section A. Public Health and Safety and Section B. Roads and Transportation (pages 23, 24 and 25), and proposed several changes. A copy of the revised version is included as Appendix B to these minutes.

**C. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION:** None

**D. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** None

**E. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:**

1. Continue to review Chapter IV. Village Infrastructure, commencing with Section C. Water and Wastewater Systems.

**F. FUTURE MEETINGS SCHEDULE:**

1. August 21, 2007
2. September 4, 2007
3. September 18, 2007

**G. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM

Submitted by Bert Ray, CPRC Secretary

Approved at the August 21, 2007 CPRC meeting

## APPENDIX A

### **VIII. The Economy**

The Village of Wimberley business character has been instrumental in creating and supporting the way of life in this area for generations. A substantial part of Wimberley's more recent development has been a function of its suitability as a location for summer and weekend homes. The resort atmosphere fostered by such use has served as a natural stimulus to tourism.

Data collected during the preparation of this Plan, and included in the Appendix, indicates that businesses in the Wimberley Valley are directly related to tourism and or serving the needs of residents. A balance of activity is important to keep in mind as policies and ordinances are enacted that impact the economic vitality of the Wimberley Valley.

As a result of the efforts and long held beliefs of the residents of the area, there is no heavy industry, there is no "urban sprawl type retail", and there are no businesses inconsistent with the small town character of Wimberley

It is clear by the survey results and workshop sessions, that it is important to preserve and protect the Wimberley way of life, while promoting economic growth that is necessary to maintain the vitality and fiscal stability of the Village.

#### **Goals and Objectives**

1. Promote and preserve the small town business character and culture of the Wimberley area.
  - a. The Village should encourage a balanced, proactive and diversified business development program.
  - b. The Village should encourage small non-polluting, non-offensive businesses which promote, through their appearance and character, the nature of the area.
  - c. The Village should discourage enterprises that are inclined to produce overcrowding, traffic, pollutants or that are in other ways inappropriate to the small town Village way of life.
2. Promote and preserve locally owned small businesses that serve the needs of the Wimberley Valley.
  - a. The Village should develop a plan focusing on and complimenting small business development and under-served local markets.
  - b. The Village should encourage and support cooperative awareness and educational programs promoting the natural environment, arts, and cultural attributes of the area.

## APPENDIX B

NOTE: CHANGES OR ADDITIONS ARE SHOWN IN ITALICS.  
DELETIONS ARE INDICATED BY .....

### IV. Village Infrastructure

#### A. Public Health and Safety

The Village government should participate in a centralized Emergency Preparedness Plan as well as in planning for adequate police and fire protection.

##### Goals and Objectives

1. Develop an Emergency Preparedness Plan to protect and assist residents and visitors in the event of regional disasters such as tornadoes or severe storms and fire. Particular attention should be given to preparing for *and mitigating* periodic major flooding.
  - a. The Village should *periodically* evaluate all county, state, federal and volunteer safety services and service providers for duplication of services, appropriate communication processes and contacts, coordination of services, adequacy of funding support and service capability.
  - b. The Village should establish a process regarding early warning, early road closures, evacuation and alternate route designation.
  - c. The Village should establish a process to secure county, state, federal and charitable disaster relief funds.
2. Develop a long-range plan for police protection.
  - a. The Village should assess its policing needs on a regular basis.
  - b. The Village should contract for adequate police protection based on assessment of current needs.
  - c. The Village should plan for its own police force, should future needs dictate.
3. Develop a long-range plan for fire protection.

- a. The Village should assess its needs for fire protection on a regular basis.
  - b. The Village should plan for a non-volunteer fire department, should future needs dictate.
  - c. The Village should address fire prevention issues such as “burn bans,” fireworks control, and fire hazard inspections.
4. Develop policies regarding hazardous materials.
- a. The Village should establish regulations and restrictions on the disposal of trash and hazardous materials.
  - b. The Village should establish regulations and restrictions concerning the transportation of hazardous materials through the Village.

## **B. Roads and Transportation**

Wimberley is favorably situated well away from interstate highways and other high traffic thoroughfares. Neither the State of Texas nor Hays County has been under great pressure to upgrade the roadways that serve Wimberley. As a result, growth in the population and the growth in the number of visitors is making local traffic more and more congested and difficult. Respondents to the Comprehensive Plan Survey and attendees at the workshop sessions considered traffic to be among Wimberley’s biggest problems. It is clear that traffic management, road maintenance and safety have become important Village priorities.

### **Goals and Objectives**

1. Develop a comprehensive traffic plan addressing safety, congestion and effective routes for emergency vehicles.
  - a. The Village should work with the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) and Volunteer Fire Department to establish appropriate emergency routes.
  - b. The Village should work with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Hays County to achieve a more efficient and safe flow of traffic, including the installation of traffic lights and crosswalks, where appropriate.
  - c. *The Village should evaluate any future TxDOT and Hays County road plans for their impact on the Village.*
  - d. The Village should work with the Wimberley Independent School District (WISD) to reduce congestion around school zones.

- e. The Village should encourage alternative transportation modes such as vans, buses, and shuttles.
  - f. The Village should ensure a safe and pleasant environment for pedestrians and bicyclists and appropriate accommodations for the handicapped.
  - g. The Village should require that all new developments include measures to minimize traffic problems and provide for adequate access to on-site parking.
  - h. The Village should study and monitor the condition and requirements for maintenance of Village owned streets and roads.....
2. Assure that all transportation-related developments are compatible with the natural beauty of the Wimberley area, and acknowledge scenic routes and ecologically sensitive areas.
- a. The Village should.....insure that any new *road, highway or* bridge construction be pedestrian-friendly, attractive, and appropriate for the scenic beauty and natural flows of waterways *and traffic*.
  - b. The Village should work with Hays County law enforcement and environmental groups to maximize safety and minimize damage to the natural environment.
3. Address the problem of through-traffic in the Village.
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4. Ensure adequate parking around business and commercial areas.
- a. The Village should develop adequate, self-supporting, pedestrian-friendly parking facilities to serve the Village Center.
  - b. The Village should require all new businesses to provide *adequate off-street parking, either on-site or in leased or purchased spaces in a City-sponsored lot*.
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