

**VILLAGE OF WIMBERLEY**  
**Transportation Advisory Board**

Minutes of Meeting  
January 10, 2007

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Corwin Vansant at 9:05 AM

**PRESENT:**

TAB MEMBERS: Corwin Vansant, Bob Bullock, Kelly Kilber, Charles Lancaster, Bert Ray, Mark Roden, John Stefanowicz, Tom Wallace and Gene Woodruff.

CITY OFFICIALS: Mayor Tom Haley, Council Members Marilee Wood and Terrie Bursiel

CITY STAFF: Robert Ronson, Assistant to City Administrator, and Bill Bowers, Public Works Assistant, and Travis Huff, Intern.

VISITORS: Jennifer Anderson, Precinct Three Liaison, and James Carruthers

**MINUTES:**

Minutes of the November 8, 2006 meeting were reviewed and approved without change.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** See Work Session, Item D7 below.

**A. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Transportation Master Plan Subcommittee: The subcommittee reported on their November 21 meeting with Don Nyland, TxDOT Area Engineer, Hays County Commissioner Will Conley and Mayor Tom Haley to review the current Master Plan draft. Minutes of the meeting were distributed.

**B. PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS:**

1. Drop-off Along Little Ranches Road: The Board reviewed a Citizens Comment and Request Form submitted by Dorwen Tegg requesting a guardrail be installed at the steep creek crossing on Little Ranches Road. Discussion items included: the number of similar problems in the City, guardrails vs. widening, possible warning signage, and engineering costs. Public Works was authorized by the Mayor to install traffic counters at this location to determine the amount of traffic and then to request an evaluation by the City Engineer.

**C. CITY ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:** None

**D. WORK SESSION:**

1. Signage Inventory/Replacement Survey: The basic issues relating to the survey process were discussed, but individual quadrant surveys assigned to TAB members were not specifically reviewed. The actual need for the survey data, and its ultimate use were also discussed.

A particular item of concern was the lack of a definitive map clearly showing City streets, County roads, and private streets, and also their location with respect to the City Limit lines. Public Works currently uses a map prepared five years ago by Texas State University faculty. It is out of date and inaccurate, and because the University will not allow the City to have access to the files, it has to be hand modified with colored pencil and cannot be reproduced.

2. Speed Limit Signs at River Road and Las Flores Drive: The City continues to get requests for the installation of speed signs in these locations. Public Works was authorized by the Mayor to have the City Engineer to review the situations and make a recommendation.

There was also discussion regarding an earlier program to permanently install speed minders in critical locations. This apparently was abandoned due to cost, but Public Works will review the history and report details at the next TAB meeting.

3. Square Enhancement Subcommittee: Sketches of an alternative to the original storm drainage design have been reviewed by the City Engineer and deemed feasible. Preliminary price estimating indicates that this approach would be less expensive than the original, and would be less disruptive to the Square area.

It is hoped that a less costly design would be more appealing to TxDOT, and improve the chances of its being implemented. There was also discussion of increasing the project's chances further by offering supplementary funding from the City and the County. If this appears possible, the next step will be to authorize the City Engineer to prepare more detailed preliminary drawings and obtain a more accurate cost estimate.

4. RR3237-Old Kyle Road Intersection: The master plan for development of Blue Hole Park designates Blue Hole Lane as the primary park entrance. However, because it intersects Old Kyle Road very close to Old Kyle Road's intersection with RR3237, this raises a valid safety concern. Because of the straight-shot configuration of the intersection, drivers tend to exit RR3237 and continue west on Old Kyle Road at high speed.

This reconfiguration of this intersection, which is entirely within the TxDOT right-of-way, will be necessary to reduce driver's exiting speed. TAB reviewed two alternatives and concluded that because the entire affected area is already paved, either alternative could be achieved by simply restriping. It is hoped that this would put it under TxDOT's maintenance program and not require a major bureaucratic process.

At the October 25 TAB meeting, Public Works was asked to install counters on Old Kyle Road to get a current picture of traffic counts and vehicle speeds.

5. Poor Sight Distance on Climbing Way: The topography of Climbing Way south of the Paradise Hills entrance bridge creates limited sightlines and a dangerous traffic situation when drivers stray from their lane. Possible remedies might include signage, double striping, or ripple strips. Public Works was authorized by the Mayor to have the City Engineer evaluate the problem and recommend a solution.

6. TxDOT Safe Routes to School Program: TxDOT has not yet issued a call for applications to this grant program. A preliminary list of possible preparatory actions was circulated. There has been no recent public action on this issue, and no initiative by WISD, so TAB is not certain that the program should be pursued. Public Works will contact WISD Superintendent Strauss and Kim Harrell to see if there is any substantial interest in applying.

7. City Maintenance of Mountain View Street: Citizens of Mountain View Street, currently a private street, have requested that the City declare it a City street and take over the maintenance. Discussion of this item included questions regarding the City's philosophy on acquiring private streets and under what circumstances.

TAB will draft a proposed policy on this issue and make a recommendation for Council to consider at its next workshop. To assist in this work, Jennifer Anderson will furnish TAB with copies of the procedures used by the County in these types of procedures. This subject will be an Action Item at next TAB meeting.

8. No Parking Signs at the Nature Trail: Council Member Bursiel pointed out that people are parallel parking on Old Kyle Road along the curb in front of the Nature Trail and creating a traffic hazard. After discussion, it was decided that TAB would recommend to Council that this area be designated "No Parking" and that appropriate signs be installed. This subject will be an Action Item at next TAB meeting.

**E. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: None**

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

**G. ITEMS ON HOLD:**

TAB requested that Public Works report on the status of these items at the next TAB meeting:

1. Consultant for Traffic Control Study: April 12, 2006

2. Revised Estimate for Texan Blvd./Las Flores Intersection: August 23, 2006

**H. SCHEDULED FUTURE MEETINGS:**

1. January 24, 2007
2. February 14, 2007
3. February 28, 2007

**I. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 –AM

Submitted by Bert Ray, TAB Secretary

Approved at TAB meeting March 14, 2007

**BIF Report**  
**Transportation Advisory Board Meeting**  
**January 10, 2007 9:00 a.m.**

A. Reports

Sub-committees

- Master Plan – review progress and latest MP maps – Bert Ray

Ray explained that the subcmte has been presenting Master Plan to Members of the City Council in separate, informal meetings and are now moving on to attempting to establish partnering relationships and feedback.

The MP subcommittee had a meeting on November 11, 2006 with the Mayor, TXDOT representatives and representatives for the county commissioner.

All recommendations from the Master Plan Subcmte. Require environmental impact studies, surveys and funding. The Tab estimates that improvement implementation could be 10 years away. Chairman Vasant feels that County should coordinate road improvements.

Various intersection improvements were discussed including: River Road and RR 12, adding sidewalks along roads, and a transportation plan that includes reinvigorating the Square.

- Public Works – guardrails

Guardrails are needed in several sites such as Little Ranches Road. The suggestions was made to survey locations where guardrails were an option.

Chairman Vasant suggested that the City Engineer review a previously submitted list of projects and give the Cmte. Feedback before adding guardrails to the list. He also suggested a counter be placed on the road to gage traffic use and that the cmte. review an accident report history for proposed sites.

The group also discussed placing roadside “speed monitors” on 3 possible entry roads to Wimberley to determine average speed into the Square.

B. Work Session

- Signage Inventory – Chairman Vasant

Chairman Vasant put the question to the group if they really wanted to undertake the massive project of a sign inventory. Past efforts have been disorganized due to differing techniques and equipment used. The group suggested looking into options for a plotter and the cost of a software package that could be used to streamline their efforts.

The Mayor suggested a joint effort between the County and the Village. Survey goals are: 1) What is existing; 2) Who sign belongs to; and 3) What condition is sign in?

- Blue Hole Park – Bert Ray

Bert Ray suggested large planters be added to entrance to Blue Hole that will help guide traffic. Improvement to existing pavement is needed as well as a posted, lower speed limit.

- RR 12 and Square Drainage / Road Improvement

Bert Ray is hoping that TXDOT will engage in this project to improve drainage and roads into Square. Chairman Vansant suggested TXDOT's involvement is necessary. He suggested that Wimberley fund improvements to drainage issue then TXDOT fund road improvements. Estimates of cost are at approximately 200k.

- Other Business

The Cmte. Suggested making a proposal to Council that the Council sign off on a policy for accepting private roads into the Village (meaning Village now has maintenance responsibility). This policy is need for reasons of fairness to all citizen proposals.

The Mayor suggested a joint work session between the TAB and the City Council to develop the policy.