

Village of Wimberley

Transportation Advisory Board

February 18, 2002

Minutes of February 6, 2002 Meeting

Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by John Graddy at 10:00AM. Present were Frank Austin, Carolyn Nichols, Parker Burgin, Gene Woodruff, Al Sander, and John Graddy

Presentation by Chuckholes, Inc.

Don and Debbie Heck gave a presentation of the road maintenance/repair capabilities of their company, Chuckholes, Inc. They have a machine which can fill potholes and cracks. They also do surface sealing. They have been in business in central Texas for three years and were in business in Oklahoma for several years before moving to Texas. They do work for several localities, including Dripping Springs. They agreed to come back on February 13 to give a demonstration of their capabilities.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Minutes of the previous three meetings (December 19, January 2, and January 16) were reviewed and approved with minor corrections.

Status Reports

911 Address Signs - Nichols

Carolyn reported that the Wimberley Rotary Club will be handling the 911 address sign program. The city will have no role.

Parking Ordinance - Austin

Frank reported that, in spite of earlier information, the city attorney had not received a copy of the draft parking ordinance. Frank emailed a copy to the attorney.

7-A Ranch Bridge Culvert - Kilber

Kelly was not present but had notified board members that it has been suggested that we contract with a sewer cleaning company to do this job.

TxDOT RR12/Bridge Project - Sander

Al reported that his contact at TxDOT told him that no work would be done on RR12 or the Cypress Creek bridge in 2002. The reason given was that TxDOT has not yet gotten the approval of FEMA.

Discussion

Purchase of Traffic Barriers

John reported on a phone conversation with Kay Henderson, President of the Wimberley Chamber of Commerce. Kay told John that, last year, the city had spent approximately \$1100 to rent traffic barriers for the Fourth of July parade. She suggested that we may want to consider buying barriers. The consensus of the board was that we should look into buying traffic barriers as well as some traffic cones and safety vests. These will be needed for the parade this year as well as for traffic control when we begin to do road maintenance.

Possible Use of Military Bridges

John reported on a suggestion by Lewis Smith to use a temporary military bridge over the Blanco River (at the 7-A Ranch crossing) during the reconstruction of the Cypress Creek Bridge. Lewis believes that we may be able to get the Texas National Guard to construct such a bridge.

Communication with Other Boards and Committees

John told all board members to, when talking to members of other city boards/committees, make sure that it was clear that they were expressing personal viewpoints/opinions. Official positions of the Traffic Advisory Board will be in writing and signed by the board chairman or his designee.

WISD Meeting on January 16

John reported that the WISD called a meeting on January 16 to discuss traffic safety around the schools. The meeting was attended by the Mayor, Frank Austin and John. Representatives of the fire department and the sheriff's office were also present. John said that the WISD is looking at some of the same traffic items that the Traffic Advisory Board is considering.

Letter to the Council - Off Site Sign Briefing

John asked for input for a letter to the council giving the board position on the briefing given by Gary Brim. Carolyn said that there is a great deal of confusion in the minds of some River Road merchants. She said that it had never been made clear to them what the difference is between

legal non-conforming signs and illegal non-conforming signs. John will have a proposed letter to the council at the next meeting.

Action Item Review

The action items taken on by Kelly were reviewed. Kelly had reported earlier in the week via email.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Comments by Board Members

Frank commented that there was a great deal of speeding through the square. No one had a good idea how to stop it.

Parker pointed out that, when the Cypress Creek Bridge is being rebuilt, there will be a great deal of traffic across the 7-A Ranch bridge and through the River Road/Wayside Drive intersection. He suggested that we may want to reconsider a three way stop sign at the intersection at that time.

Gene said that he had talked to Tim VandeVorde about the possibility of getting more work done on Loma Vista Drive. Tim said that the county would do no more work. He also said that more right-of-way needed to be acquired and the road rebuilt. Discussion followed about turning Loma Vista over to the residents and making it a private road.

Gene suggested that the board recommend to the city that a culvert be installed at the intersection of RR12 and Palos Verdes.

Carolyn brought up the issue of the flip up "High Water" and "Bridge Closed" signs. She suggested that the city needs an "emergency management" person (perhaps the city administrator) to coordinate with the county/VFD on opening and closing the signs.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15PM.

Submitted by John Graddy