

VILLAGE OF WIMBERLEY
Transportation Advisory Board

Minutes of Meeting
February 13, 2008

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Corwin Vansant at 9:00 AM

PRESENT:

TAB MEMBERS: Corwin Vansant, Bob Bullock, Rodney Jones, Bert Ray, Mark Roden, Tom Wallace and Gene Woodruff.

CITY OFFICIALS: None

CITY STAFF: Don Ferguson, City Administrator

VISITORS: Will Conley, Commissioner Hays County Precinct Three; Jeff Watson, HNTB Corp.; Steve Klepfer.

A. MINUTES:

Minutes of the January 23, 2008 meeting were reviewed and approved without change.

B. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: None

C. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Transportation Master Plan Subcommittee: The subcommittee has designated an area in the more concentrated central part of Wimberley where sidewalks would be most useful to citizens and visitors. It is currently pursuing acquisition of aerial photographs with high resolution for use in defining future sidewalk locations more accurately.

The subcommittee is also developing a recommendation to TAB for a small first phase installation of a sidewalk from the City parking lot south of the Square to the Square center. This segment would be a good demonstration of how sidewalks in the Square area could be structured, and would also serve a very useful function.

2. Square Improvement Subcommittee: The subcommittee has addressed the challenge of locating new sidewalks in the Square while still providing access and loading areas for the large semi-trailers which service some merchants, especially the food establishments. Meetings have been held with representatives of Sysco and Ben E. Keith, and several possible solutions are being considered.

In the near future, the subcommittee plans a workshop with the Merchant's Association and Square property owners to review ideas and explore realistic ways to improve the pedestrian and auto circulation in and around the Square.

D. VILLAGE STAFF REPORTS: None

E. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS: None

F. WORKSHOP SESSION:

Jeff Watson distributed an HNTB brochure summarizing the planning process of the previous three TAB RR12 workshop meetings, and summarizing the final recommendations for a four-lane Parkway. Cost estimates were also included.

Commissioner Conley explained that the Hays County Commissioners Court was looking at re-designating the TxDOT proposed Pass-Thru Funding for other Hays County road improvements. In that case, the RR12 Parkway would not be constructed at this time, and the current reviews and recommendations for its improvement would become a blueprint for the future.

HNTB will make a final revision to their brochure acknowledging the above status, and incorporating the suggestions outlined below. At its next meeting, TAB will make any final comments and vote on sending a recommendation to Council, probably at the March 6th Council meeting. If the proposed design is approved by Council, several Public Meetings will be held to explain the issues and the proposed design, and to obtain public input.

Since TAB believes that this Parkway design should be the standard for our region, it was suggested that it be called the "RR12 San Marcos to Hamilton Pool Road Concept", and that the Public Meetings should include San Marcos, Woodcreek and Dripping Springs.

Commissioner Conley said that he will work with the TxDOT executives to obtain their approval for this Parkway concept as the RR12 standard, even if it is not built right away.

Several excerpts from the TxDOT Roadway Design Manual were reviewed. At face value, these standards appear to require the design of new roadways to be very similar to the Parkway design being considered here. If this is accurate, the 2007 proposed RR12 design did not meet TxDOT's own standards, and the upgrading proposed by TAB should have been included all along.

It was strongly recommended that even if the RR12 Parkway is not built at this time, the necessary right-of-way be obtained as soon as possible. Land costs will continue to rise, and the County should explore non-TxDOT ways to fund this purchase. HNTB was asked to estimate this cost.

Several minor adjustments to the HNTB brochure were discussed:

- a. Specific maximum and minimum right-of-way dimensions should be stated for each segment.
- b. These dimensions should include the separate hike-and-bike trail as shown in one segment, but the actual trail installation could be in the future and its cost should not be included in the cost figures.
- c. Since the improvements will likely be at some future time, it was suggested that the cost estimates acknowledge this and include factors for inflation, etc.

G. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: None

H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

1. RR12 Improvements: A final summary of the proposed RR12 configuration and details will be presented for a vote at the next TAB meeting.
2. TAB Project List: A review of the second draft of the proposed TAB project evaluation list will be scheduled at the next TAB meeting.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

J. FUTURE MEETING DATES:

1. February 27, 2008
2. March 12, 2008
3. March 26, 2008

K. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM

Submitted by Bert Ray, TAB Secretary

Approved at the February 27, 2008 TAB meeting