

VILLAGE OF WIMBERLEY
Transportation Advisory Board

Minutes of Meeting
March 14, 2007

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Mark Roden at 9:05 AM

PRESENT:

TAB MEMBERS: Bob Bullock, Kelly Kilber, Bert Ray, Mark Roden, John Stefanowicz, and Tom Wallace.

CITY OFFICIALS: Mayor Tom Haley and Council Member Bob Flocke.

CITY STAFF: Don Ferguson, City Administrator, Robert Ronson, Assistant to City Administrator, and Bill Bowers, Public Works Assistant.

VISITORS: Jennifer Anderson, Precinct Three Liaison.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the January 10, 2007 and February 14, 2007 meetings were reviewed and approved without change.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

A. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Transportation Master Plan Subcommittee: The subcommittee has essentially completed the part of the Plan dealing with Arterials and Collectors within the 10-mile circle around the Square, and is now concentrating on the local Wimberley streets and sidewalks.

Bob Ronson pointed out that several plans for property development are in the works, and that it is important for the City to have an adopted Plan in place so that it can be acknowledged in future planning.

2. TxDOT Public Hearing on Proposed Widening of RR 12: Ray reported on this March 8, 2007 hearing held at the San Marcos Baptist Academy. TxDOT presented plans and details on the proposed project, which would widen RR12 to four lanes plus a passing lane, between San Marcos and the Junction. It would be funded by a pass-through agreement between Hays County and TxDOT. Several dozen people attended, and nine made public comments.

3. Green Acres Bridge Replacement: Jennifer Anderson reported that Hays County had discussed this crossing with TxDOT, but was told that it did not qualify for replacement under the TxDOT program. The County is looking at the possibility of accomplishing it with County funds.

4. Safe Routes to School Grant Program: An unofficial group has met recently to explore the possibility of preparing an application to TxDOT's Safe Routes to School grant program. If it appears that there is sufficient time and justification to warrant an application, it will first have to come to TAB for endorsement and support, and then go to Council for authorization. It would also have to be supported by WISD, and probably by the City of Woodcreek and Hays County.

B. PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS:

1. Flooding on the Blanco River: Bill Bowers reported that the recent rains produced major flooding, and that the Blanco River crested at 20.75 feet, one of the highest on record. Numerous signs were destroyed, and several vehicles were washed downstream. Meyer's Construction Co. is currently reinstalling or replacing the signs.

C. CITY ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

1. Dormant Engineering Projects: Don Ferguson has met with the City Engineer to review outstanding projects or programs which have been on hold, and will evaluate which should to be restarted.

2. Traffic: He also noted that there have been several reported traffic issues needing attention, such as speeding on RR12 between central Wimberley and the Junction.

D. WORK SESSION:

1. Emergency Planning: Don Ferguson emphasized the need for the City to be pro-active on emergency planning. This is a critical area that involves many public entities: City, County, WISD, CERT, etc. He suggested that a task team be assembled to craft a Response Plan, and commented that the team should have wide representation, from the City boards and committees. It was suggested that Tom Wallace would be the ideal TAB representative on that team.

E. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: None

F. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Leave of Absence: Charles Lancaster will be doing out-of-state consulting for the next three or four months, and has requested a leave of absence for that period. A formal approval of this request will be an Action Item at the next TAB meeting.

2. Little Ranches Crossing: Bill Bowers reported that the requested traffic counts at the creek crossing on Little Ranches Road have been done. Consideration of possible shoulder or drop-off protection will be a Work Session item on the next TAB agenda.

G. SCHEDULED FUTURE MEETINGS:

1. March 28, 2007

2. April 11, 2007

3. April 25, 2007

H. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM

Submitted by Bert Ray, TAB Secretary

Approved at TAB meeting March 28, 2007