

VILLAGE OF WIMBERLEY
Transportation Advisory Board

Minutes of Meeting
April 9, 2008

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

PRESENT:

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

CITY OFFICIALS: None

CITY STAFF: Don Ferguson, City Administrator

VISITORS: None

A. MINUTES:

Minutes of the March 26, 2008 meeting were reviewed and approved without change.

B. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: None

C. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Transportation Master Plan Subcommittee: At its last meeting, the subcommittee addressed the Road Category Designations and attempted to determine the average number of daily trips typical for the Wimberley area residents. Traffic counts for subdivisions with one or two entrances were compared with the number of dwellings in the subdivisions, and the average was in the high sevens. Because the industry standard of ten is used by Hays County, and because it would be desirable for interlocal planning purposes for the City to be consistent, the subcommittee will consider recommending that Wimberley use the same number.

2. Square Improvement Subcommittee: The subcommittee has not met since the last TAB meeting, but Ray attended the April 7, 2008 meeting of the Merchants Association and outlined the progress of the subcommittee toward formulating a plan for the Square. No drawings or specific ideas were discussed--the purpose was to encourage the members to begin thinking of ideas for improvements. Association members, non-members, and Square property owners will be invited to a workshop where all ideas will be heard. The subcommittee will work with the City Administrator to set a date and time for this workshop.

D. VILLAGE STAFF REPORTS: See G below.

E. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS: None

F. WORKSHOP SESSION: None

G. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

1. County Bond Project Candidates: The City Administrator read a letter to the City from Hays County Judge Sumter outlining a tentative plan to include specific safety/mobility projects for Hays county municipalities in a forthcoming bond election. She requested that three top transportation candidates be submitted for evaluation by Friday, May 2, 2008.

TAB discussed this opportunity and decided to submit two projects plus a recommendation.

a. The first project to be discussed was the possible activation of the long-dormant TxDOT plan for improvements to RR12 through the Square. TxDOT has approved the detailed plans and promised to keep the project on their list, but has never committed to a time schedule, pleading lack of money. It is generally felt that if the County and City provided a portion of the cost, TxDOT might be more inclined to implement the project.

b. The second project to be discussed was reviving the downtown mobility plan that was submitted for a TxDOT Enhancement Grant in April 2006. This proposal included sidewalks, bike-pedestrian trails, lighting and amenities such as benches and fountains. Subsequent to submittal of the proposal, TxDOT cancelled the program. It was felt that with minor modifications, this plan would significantly improve mobility and safety in Wimberley's central area.

c. The third candidate discussed was a component of the recently reviewed plan for improving RR12 from the Junction to San Marcos. Because of reallocation of funding by TxDOT and the County, only remedial improvements will be done any time soon, and this parkway plan will hopefully become the design standard whenever funds become available in the future. Recognizing this, TAB has recommended that the wider right-of-way be purchased now to ensure that adequate land is available when this project is finally reinstated.

TAB voted to present the County with the following transportation projects for consideration:

1. Funding (amount to be determined) for a County-City-TxDOT sharing of the cost of the planned improvements to RR12 through the Wimberley Square.
2. Funding to implement a downtown mobility plan based on the 2006 plan which was submitted for a TxDOT enhancement grant.

3. Because it strongly supports the RR12 Junction to San Marcos parkway concept plan jointly developed by TAB, HNTB and Commissioner Will Conley, TAB recommends that acquisition of the right-of-way defined in this plan be included in the proposed County bond program.

Motion by Kilber, second by Jones. Passed 9-0

Timing for this effort is critical. TAB will present its three candidate projects to Council on April 17, 2008. If Council agrees, TAB will further develop the proposal details for Council's official acceptance at its May 1, 2008 meeting and subsequent submittal to the County on May 2, 2008.

2. TAB Project List: The revised Project List was reviewed and TAB voted to approve the list for presentation to Council.

Motion by Roden, second by Kilber. Passed 8-0 (Wallace left meeting earlier)

H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Meeting with City Engineer: It was agreed that the input of the City Engineer is necessary for further analysis of the possible alternatives for storm drainage if TxDOT's plan for RR12 through the Square is implemented (see G1a above). His advice is also needed on development of plans for the proposed "demonstration" sidewalk from the City parking lot to the Square. It was proposed that a special TAB workshop with him be scheduled on April 16, 2008 at 8:00 AM. Ferguson will determine if he is available at that time.

2. TxDOT Issues on RR3237: In the past, the City has requested that TxDOT revise the speed limits on RR3237 approaching the City, and also that the RR3237 intersection with Old Kyle Road be redesigned. Nothing has happened, and the city Administrator will inquire on the status of these projects and report at next TAB meeting.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

J. FUTURE MEETING DATES:

1. April 16, 2008 possible workshop to be determined
2. April 23, 2008
3. May 14, 2008
4. May 28, 2008

K. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM

Submitted by Bert Ray, TAB Secretary

Approved at the May 14, 2008 TAB meeting