

VILLAGE OF WIMBERLEY
Transportation Advisory Board

Minutes of Meeting
April 12, 2006

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

PRESENT:

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

COUNCILPERSONS: Marilee Wood

CITY STAFF: Rickey Wright, Acting City Administrator and Robert Ronson, Assistant to City Administrator

VISITORS: Jennifer Anderson, Assistant to Commissioner Will Conley, Jean Veriato, Vance Hobbs, Merry Gibson and Shellye Arnold

MINUTES:

Minutes of the March 29, 2006 meeting were reviewed and approved without change.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Repeat copies of three letters previously given to the Board were distributed. They regarded road repair work done in the Mill Race Lane area, allegedly on private property and without authorization by the City.

A. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Transportation Master Plan Subcommittee: The subcommittee is beginning the process of targeting general locations in the outlying areas where future roads may be required to connect existing roads and create loops or rings to avoid funneling cross-traffic through the Village center.
2. Square Enhancement Subcommittee: The Village has received no further information from TxDOT on the status of this project.
3. TxDOT Enhancement Grant Subcommittee: The TAB Citizens Meeting on March 29, and a similar meeting sponsored by the Wimberley Chamber of Commerce on March 30 provided

an opportunity for public response to the proposed Enhancement Plan. Work is continuing on the application material which is due on April 29, 2006.

B. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: None

C. WORK SESSION:

1. Low Water Crossing Program: Bob Ronson was requested to seek legal direction from the City Attorney for obtaining surveyor access to two properties where owners have denied permission.

2. Traffic Law Enforcement: Mr. Martin LeVan, a representative for the manufacturer of Speed Minder radar speed indicators presented details of his product. The standard unit is battery-powered and operates 2-5 days per charge. It can record information such as traffic count, average speed, time of day, etc, and costs \$1,495 complete. Speed Minder also makes solar powered units and units that can record license numbers and send pertinent data to a central station.

3. High School Pedestrian Crosswalks: Jennifer Anderson brought up the issue of the Carney Lane crosswalks in front of the High School. There was a recent injury in this area, and she said that the location and condition of the existing crosswalks should be addressed---- that students are crossing at non-crosswalk places that are convenient, while ignoring crosswalks that lead nowhere.

It was decided that since these crosswalks are now in the City and are the City's responsibility, the City Attorney should be consulted regarding the proper ways to determine locations and details. Bob Ronson will follow up on this. This will be an Action Item at the next TAB meeting.

D. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

1. Traffic Control and Enforcement: This ongoing topic was discussed further. Several concerned citizens attended the meeting to express their frustration with the speeding problem in the Las Flores area.

a. Jean Veriato said that calling the Sheriff or Constable does no good as they don't write tickets. She also commented on the need for "slow" signs.

b. A question was raised about how far the school zone lines extend, and would they reach the western part of Las Flores.

c. It was pointed out that last year during the work on Emergency Lane, the WISD buses were rerouted to Las Flores and Palos Verdes, and even though the work is complete, they still use that route. It was suggested that the City review this with WISD.

d. The Speed Minder radar speed indicators (see C2 above) were discussed further and the Board voted to recommend to the City that two battery-powered units be purchased. Motion: Ray, Second: Bullock, passed 8-0.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

It was announced that Joe Holland has indicated that the 2006 TxDOT Safe Routes to School grant program will be announced in a few weeks. The City, TAB and WISD may want to look at forming a committee to explore submitting an application.

F. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM

Submitted by Bert Ray, TAB Secretary

Approved as corrected at TAB meeting April 26, 2006