

VILLAGE OF WIMBERLEY
Transportation Advisory Board

Minutes of Meeting
April 16, 2008

This workshop meeting was called to order by Chairman Corwin Vansant at 9:00 AM

PRESENT:

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

CITY OFFICIALS: Mayor Tom Haley

CITY STAFF: Don Ferguson, City Administrator

VISITORS: Joel Wilkinson, City Engineer

A. MINUTES:

Review of the minutes of the April 9, 2008 meeting was postponed until the next TAB meeting.

B. WORKSHOP SESSION:

1. Review and Discussion of Proposed Storm Sewer Routing: The 13-page packet of background material pertaining to possible routing of RR12 storm sewer lines was reviewed with the City Engineer. The original layout featuring lines beneath RR12 and Old Kyle Road had presented difficulties due to conflicting existing utilities and possible traffic disruption.

Last year, TAB had explored an alternative scheme which would route the storm sewer line across private property at the RR12-OKR intersection. This line (either bored and jacked or open cut) would be located to miss the roots of two specimen oak trees on the corner, and appears to offer a significant cost saving. However, it would require an arrangement between the City and the property owner. Several actions are necessary:

- a. The City Engineer will prepare preliminary schematic drawings and a rough estimate of the costs involved.
- b. The City will consult with an arborist to determine a location for the storm sewer line which will pose no threat to the oak trees.

- c. The City will initiate discussions with Mr. Crane, the property owner, to consider an arrangement which would allow the line to cross his property.
- d. The City will initiate discussions with Don Nyland, TxDOT Area Engineer, to get his reaction on this alternative route, and to explore sharing of costs and responsibilities between the City and TxDOT.
- e. In order to miss the oak tree roots, the proposed routing may require that the line be located where it conflicts with the open canopy attached to the existing building now leased to Calley's Jewelry. This could mean that the canopy would have to be removed and replaced, or that trenching could be done beneath it without its removal. This issue will be analyzed further after a more precise line routing is established.
- f. If this alternative route proves to be unworkable, the City Engineer will revise and update his original plans and estimate.

2. Review of the Proposed Oak Drive-Square Sidewalk: Issues involved in planning the proposed sidewalk were discussed:

- a. The City Engineer will perform a property line and topographic survey (including off-site in some cases) to determine drainage patterns and the locations of trees and other features. It was pointed out that the City will need to notify affected property owners that this survey will be taking place.
- b. The location of a water main in the vicinity of the sidewalk was discussed. It apparently runs beneath the proposed sidewalk route, so the above survey should include its precise location.
- c. The City Engineer will prepare preliminary drawings and a cost estimate for the sidewalk. This would not include any special finishes or patterns which might be considered as the design is refined.
- c. In order to avoid interfering with existing drainage patterns, the sidewalk will have to be located at or near the existing street level. This presents the possibility that people will parallel park on the walk, so there will probably need to be visually appropriate ways to avoid this. An idea for the installation of wood planters (based on the traditional Wimberley barrel planters) at intervals along the walk to block parkers was reviewed.

E. FUTURE MEETING DATES:

- 1. May 14, 2008
- 2. May 28, 2008
- 3. June 11, 2008

F. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM

Submitted by Bert Ray, TAB Secretary

Approved at the May 14, 2008 TAB meeting