

VILLAGE OF WIMBERLEY
Transportation Advisory Board

Minutes of Meeting
June 13, 2007

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Corwin Vansant at 9:05 AM

PRESENT:

TAB MEMBERS: Corwin Vansant, Bob Bullock, Kelly Kilber, Bert Ray and Mark Roden

CITY OFFICIALS: Mayor Tom Haley

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

VISITORS: None

A. MINUTES:

Minutes of the May 23, 2007 meeting were reviewed and approved without change.

B. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: None

C. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Transportation Master Plan Subcommittee: The draft Transportation Master Plan was presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission at their meeting/public hearing on May 24, 2007. The Commission is in the process of reviewing the Plan and will consider whether to recommend its adoption to Council at the Commission's June 14 meeting. TAB members were invited to attend the P&Z meeting.

2. Square Enhancement Subcommittee: The subcommittee will refocus on its original charge---improving the pedestrian circulation in and around the Square, but will also continue to encourage TxDOT to make the planned improvements to RR12 within the Square.

The need for a preliminary RR12 analysis by the City Engineer and the acquisition of necessary easements were discussed. Their implementation will be considered at future TAB meetings.

D. VILLAGE STAFF REPORTS:

1. Signage for Fourth of July Parade: Bill Bowers requested volunteers to assist in erecting and removing the temporary traffic signs which are required for the Fourth of July parade. Roden, Bullock and Vansant agreed to help.

E. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS: None

F. WORKSHOP SESSION:

1. Traffic Safety—RR12 at River Road: TxDOT has said that if the City will remove or relocate the signage kiosk at this intersection, TxDOT can adjust or eliminate the medians and increase the turning radii which are currently too tight. There are questions of previous agreements between the County and Ozona Bank regarding the preservation and location of the kiosk(s). The Staff is investigating how this issue can be resolved.

2. Traffic Safety—RR12 Improvements Thru the Square: Don Ferguson said that TxDOT claims to have this work on their future list, but that currently there are no funds allocated.

G. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

1. Signage for Winters Mill Parkway: In a discussion at a recent meeting, the Planning and Zoning Commission observed that the traffic on the Winters Mill Parkway appeared lighter than might be expected, and theorized that many drivers are not yet aware where this new highway goes. They suggested that TAB review this and consider recommending the installation of destination signs at both ends of the Parkway.

TAB discussed the need, locations and possible wording of such signs. Examples: At the north end of the Parkway (Woodcreek entrance), southbound traffic on RR12 from Dripping Springs would see signage pointing left: "To RR3237—Kyle". Southbound drivers on the Parkway approaching its south end (RR3237) would see signage directing them to: "Kyle" (left arrow) and "Business District" (right arrow). Etc.

After discussion, TAB agreed that such signage would be advantageous and voted to recommend that the City formally request that TxDOT install such signs. Motion: Kilber, second: Bullock. Passed 5-0.

2. Stop Signs—La Buena Vista at Los Flores Drive: The City has recently had requests to add an additional stop sign to the existing two at this intersection. The Staff recommended that this third sign be installed (after analyzing the r.o.w. limitations and safest location). A discussion followed related to the history of this intersection and a previous analysis by the City Engineer recommending one stop sign. A motion to accept the Staff's recommendation died for lack of a second.

Subsequently, the Board voted to revert to the Engineer's original recommendation of one sign. Motion: Roden, second: Kilber. Passed 5-0.

3. Stop Sign at River Road and Wayside Drive: The City has once again received requests for the installation of stop signs at the intersection of River Road and Wayside Drive. After a discussion and review of the lengthy history of this issue, the Board recommended that the staff get a professional opinion on the possible solutions to this problem and report the findings to TAB.

Mayor Haley said he will ask the Sheriff to schedule motorcycle patrols in this area and issue tickets instead of warnings. There was also discussion of possibly installing advance warning signs and Speedminders.

4. Speed Limits on Entrance Highways: The State highways entering Wimberley have speed reductions which begin very close to the City and which step in large increments. The Board requested that the Staff discuss with TxDOT the possibility of beginning the speed reductions farther out and reducing them in smaller increments.

H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

J. FUTURE MEETING DATES:

1. June 27, 2007

2. July 11, 2007

3. July 25, 2007

K. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 AM

Submitted by Bert Ray, TAB Secretary

Approved at TAB meeting June 27, 2007