

VILLAGE OF WIMBERLEY
Transportation Advisory Board

Minutes of Meeting
June 23, 2004

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

PRESENT:

TAB MEMBERS: Corwin Vansant, Bob Bullock, Jim Lee, Craig Payne, Bert Ray and John Stefanowicz.

COUNCILPERSONS: Carroll Czichos and John Graddy

CITY STAFF: Rickey Wright, Director of Public Works

VISITORS: Bill Appleman, P&Z Liaison; Chris Nichols and Guy Rollins, King Feed

MINUTES:

Minutes of the June 9, 2004 meeting were reviewed and approved without change.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

A. REPORTS:

1. Transportation Master Plan Subcommittee. The subcommittee has obtained contact names of potential resource persons in CAMPO and LCRA from CAMPO planner Stephanie Greathouse, who made a presentation at the last TAB meeting.

To supplement their 1:24,000 topographic base map, a population density map and a Hays County property map have been obtained also. All have been scaled to cover a 14-mile x 14-mile area, centered on the Square.

For broad scaling purposes, population projections are being collected and reviewed. Preliminary figures indicate that the Valley may not double in population for another 25 years. After determining where future additional citizens might locate, the subcommittee will then begin analyzing the related transportation issues.

2. Public Works Director. Several items were discussed:

- a. Folding "Bridge Closed" signs are being erected on Spoke Hollow Road, Green Acres Drive and Flite Acres Road. They will be installed in locations which allow traffic to easily turn back.

b. Signs warning of slippery conditions will be erected on River Road near Lazy L Lane and the 1492 crossing.

c. The City Engineer has visited the intersection of Wayside Drive and River Road to analyze what would be required to cut down the high embankment on the west side to improve visibility. The extent of the work he proposed was not clear, so TAB requested he prepare a memo and sketch giving more detail.

B. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

1. Adoption of a TAB Budget. Chairman Vansant presented the proposed 2004-2005 budget which was e-mailed earlier to the TAB members for review. After discussion and minor adjustment, the Board voted to approve a budget of \$215,000 plus a \$3,800 general fund item, and send it on to the City Administrator.

Motion by Bullock, second by Lee. Passed 7-0

2. Improvements to Mill Race Lane. Refer to TAB minutes of June 9, 2004 for background. After a discussion of the legal issues, the possible considerable cost, and the apparent desire of some adjacent property owners that no improvements be done, the Board voted to remove Mill Race Lane from the TAB project list.

Motion by Payne, second by Bullock. Passed 7-0

Subsequent to this action, Mr. Bill Appleman, who was attending the meeting as P&Z Liaison, asked that it be reconsidered. Considerable discussion followed. Mr. Appleman feels that the mood of the adjacent property owners has changed, and that they would now prefer to see improvements made. He offered to poll them and report back at a future meeting. TAB requested that this be done by specific owner name.

Mr. Appleman, who owns property at the end of Mill Race Lane, also brought up the status of the unpaved far end --- whether that portion is a City road or private road. Craig Payne said that the road easement goes all the way to the end, and that it was maintained by the County before incorporation.

This will be a future meeting agenda item.

3. Entrance Route to Blue Hole. Refer to TAB minutes of June 9, 2004 for background. After the opportunity to walk the proposed revised route of the future Blue Hole entrance drive, the members felt it was superior to the route shown on the early schematic development plans. The Board voted to endorse the "recommended preliminary route of access road" per the City Engineer's drawing of May 4, 2004.

Motion by Ray, second by Lee. Passed 7-0

C. WORK SESSION:

1. Development of Procedures for TAB and Council on Prioritizing Road Projects. The process of classifying and rating existing roads was discussed. It was pointed out that because the classification of a road relates to its traffic load and position in the larger traffic pattern, the classifying of existing roads may not be accurate using new-road standards. Also, in a small community, the traffic counts for a given classification may not reach those used in a larger city. A rough draft of possible classifications tailored for existing Wimberley roads was distributed for review and comment by the members.

In order to assign reasonable traffic count criteria to classification categories, it would be helpful to have accurate current counts of typical roads throughout the City. To implement such a program, TAB will prepare a list of proposed count locations, and work with the Director of Public Works to acquire manpower to set up counters as necessary.

2. Presentation of Customer Access Problems at King Feed. Mr. Chris Nichols, owner of King Feed store, and Mr. Guy Rollins, architect, made a presentation to acquaint TAB with an access problem which will be caused by the TxDOT RR12 project. The reworking of the "Y", including the installation of a traffic light, will make their existing front parking essentially unusable, and access to the existing south driveway will be difficult due to the northbound left-turn lane on RR12.

Their proposed solution---a driveway which would create a four-way intersection with a four-way signal---was rejected by TxDOT because of alignment issues. To meet TxDOT's requirements, several large oaks would have to be destroyed, and the resulting drive location would isolate a portion of their north property.

Mr. Nichols wanted TAB and the City to be aware of this problem, and said that any help with TxDOT and with the cost of the added signal would be appreciated.

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None.

E. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM

Submitted by Bert Ray, TAB Secretary

Approved at TAB meeting July14, 2004