

VILLAGE OF WIMBERLEY
Transportation Advisory Board

Minutes of Meeting
August 11, 2004

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

PRESENT:

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

COUNCILPERSONS: Carroll Czichos and John Graddy

CITY STAFF: Rickey Wright, Director of Public Works

VISITORS: Bill Appleman, P&Z liaison,

MINUTES:

Minutes of the July 28, 2004 meeting were reviewed and approved without change.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: All members of the public spoke during the Work Session. See C 1 below.

A. REPORTS:

1. Subcommittees:

a. Transportation Master Plan. The subcommittee devoted its last meeting to review and revision of the proposed Parkway amendment to the Subdivision Ordinance. See B 1 below.

b. Square Property and Circulation. The subcommittee met with the Mayor, City Administrator and City Attorney to review the status of the apparent public spaces and discuss any areas which might need modification to allow for proper circulation and access. The areas for further analysis are: What is existing, what is necessary, and what past maintenance records are available.

2. Public Works Director.

- a. Status of Intersection of River Road and Wayside Drive. This item was continued.
- b. Approval for Placement of Traffic Counters. The City Administrator has approved the use of a part-time person to install and relocate the City's counters, and to download their recorded data. He has asked that TAB prepare an outline of procedures to be followed as this work is done.

B. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

1. Proposed Amendment to the Subdivision Ordinance Creating a Parkway Classification. The task of reviewing the proposed amendment was assigned to the Master Plan Subcommittee at the last TAB meeting. At its following meeting, the subcommittee concluded that certain revisions were in order, and drafted suggestions which were subsequently reviewed with representatives of P&Z.

The resulting wording was presented to TAB and further refinements were made. The final approved version, to be sent to P&Z, was a single paragraph as follows:

“GREENWAYS: Arterials which are specifically designated as such by any Transportation Master Plan which the City may adopt in the future. They shall be bordered on both sides by undeveloped buffer strips a minimum of 50 feet wide which are preserved as natural or landscaped areas, and shall have access driveways and/or intersections spaced no closer than 1000 feet”

Motion by Ray, second by Kilber. Passed 7-2

For background on the development of this revised amendment see draft Notes from TMP Subcommittee Meeting dated August 5, 2004.

C. WORK SESSION:

1. Property Owners Discussion on Mill Race Lane Improvements. This road has been under consideration by TAB for several years, with no consensus by the affected property owners as to what (if any) work should be done to improve the quality and safety of the road. Because of the legal issues, the possible considerable cost, and the apparent desire of some adjacent property owners that no improvements be done, TAB voted at its June 23, 2004 meeting to remove Mill Race Lane from its project list.

However, at the last TAB meeting, Mr. Bill Appleman requested that the issue of possible improvements to Mill Race Lane be put on the agenda for this meeting. Mr. Appleman reported that he still cannot find consensus among the adjacent property owners as to the most desirable action (or inaction) by the City. He spoke in favor of improving the surface and drainage of the road, and read several letters from owners who share his position.

Mr. Herschel McCullough, Ms. Sally Gibson, and Mr. Bill Johnson all spoke against doing any work, other than filling potholes, which would change the rural character of the road.

The possibility of acknowledging and accepting the existing drainage patterns and simply installing a weatherproof surface in the wet areas was discussed. Installing concrete paving in the one or two low areas would eliminate future potholes but not change the road's character. Runoff and waterflow patterns during heavy rains would remain as they currently are. This suggestion needs to be analyzed by the City Engineer.

Mr. Appleman also asked for further TAB analysis of the status of the unpaved far end of Mill Race Lane. He was requested to research his deed, title and any other recorded documents that could shed light on the ownership and history of the roadway.

2. Low-water Bridge at Blanco River and Road 1492. A letter from Glenn Fryer outlining summertime traffic hazards due to pedestrians and swimmers on and around the bridge was reviewed. A number of TAB members had the same concern, and considerable discussion followed, including ways to emphasize the hazards to the public, ways to increase safety, and ways to increase law enforcement in that area.

It was pointed out that historically people have ignored warning signs and treated the bridge as a playground, and that without the increased presence of law officers, this pattern will be difficult to overcome.

The Public Works Director was asked to look into possible ways to make signage more effective, and to review possible ways to increase law enforcement in that area.

3. TAB Budget for Next Fiscal Year. Chairman Vasant distributed three versions of next year's proposed TAB budget, with the latest one showing the considerable reductions which were proposed by the City Administrator to Council. Some concern was expressed over this version and its proposed allocation of funding of several major TAB categories. Council is currently in the process of reviewing and adjusting all proposed budgets in order to come up with a final City budget.

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

E. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM

Submitted by Bert Ray, TAB Secretary

Approved at TAB meeting August 24, 2004

Public Sign-In (SPEAKERS ONLY)

Village of Wimberley, Texas

Purpose of Meeting TAB Date 8/11/04

Public Hearing Speakers Policy: Speakers must sign in prior to the beginning of the meeting. Speakers who wish to address a specific agenda item will be recognized when that item comes up on the agenda, provided they have signed in prior to the beginning of the meeting and indicated the item to be addressed. Each speaker will be limited to three (3) minutes.

Name of Speaker/Address (Please Print)

Bill Gaudin

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Agenda Item/Issue

Mill Race Lane

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