

VILLAGE OF WIMBERLEY
Transportation Advisory Board

Minutes of Meeting
November 18, 2009

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Corwin Vansant at 9:04 AM

PRESENT:

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

CITY OFFICIALS: Mayor Tom Haley

CITY STAFF: Don Ferguson, City Administrator

VISITORS: Brad Stockman and another citizen (don't have his name) representing River Meadows Subdivision.

A. MINUTES:

Minutes of the September 23, 2009 and October 28, 2009 meetings were reviewed and approved without change.

B. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: See below

C. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS: None

D. STAFF REPORTS:

The City Administrator said that he and the City Engineer will soon schedule a complete review of all City streets to grade their condition and note repairs or maintenance necessary. The old IWORQ program may offer an advantage in this endeavor.

E. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Ray reported that the long-dormant TxDOT Enhancement Grant Program (which the City entered in 2006 but which was cancelled) has been re-opened, with entries due December 11.

Winning applicants provide 20% of the project cost, with TxDOT paying for 80%. There was hope that the City would apply again for much-needed sidewalks and bike trails to provide pedestrian mobility in downtown Wimberley. However, the City Administrator said that he and the Mayor were reluctant to commit future funding for this use, and that a grant application would not be considered.

F. WORKSHOP SESSION: None

G. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

1. Transportation Issues Related to River Meadows Subdivision: Discussion continued on the issues of an emergency access route and a future street through the River Meadows Subdivision. Mr. Stockman presented a letter from the river Meadows POA President Curt Busk asking that the emergency access route location be reconsidered. Much discussion followed.

Although a future emergency access route following Leach Lane has been adopted by the City Council, the River Meadows POA proposes that decision be reversed and that another non-City emergency route be installed elsewhere in River Meadows by the subdivision POA. It was pointed out that TAB cannot reverse a City policy, but several related issues were discussed anyway: 1) who would control access during an emergency, 2) who would set standards for dimensions, conditions, maintenance, etc. 3) who would pay for construction and maintenance, 4) who would carry the necessary insurance, and 5) under what circumstances would nearby, non-RM citizens be allowed to use it?

Roden suggested that the City commission an engineering analysis of the problem-area of River Road to determine if there are reasonable improvements which would resolve this issue.

It was also pointed out by one of the RM visitors that all the citizens in the affected area – not just RM – should work together to find a solution.

At the last TAB meeting, the Transportation Master Plan Subcommittee presented a revised proposal to resolve the RM concern about Leach Lane being designated a future City connector street. This new diagram shows a general area to the east of RM, where the future street could be located without including any RM property. This proposal was approved by TAB by a 7-1 vote.

2. Transportation Issues Related to Saddleridge Subdivision: At the recent Public Hearing, citizens of the Saddleridge subdivision objected to the section of the draft Transportation Master Plan which showed future extensions of existing streets connecting to Fulton Ranch Road. After detailed discussion, TAB voted by an 8-0 vote to remove this section from the draft Plan.

3. Transportation Master Plan Schedule: The remaining draft Components of the Plan will be re-presented to the P&Z Commission at its December 10, 2009 meeting, and if approved, will be presented to the City Council at its December 17, 2009 meeting.

H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Mayor Haley asked that TAB present City Council with its final Transportation Priority List in time for Council's review before its January 7, 2010 meeting. TAB will dedicate a special meeting on December 2 and its regular meeting on December 9 to completion of this Priority List.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TAB members Kelly Kilber and Mark Roden submitted their resignations from TAB. Both have been long-standing, dedicated and hard-working members of TAB, and the remaining members will sorely miss their expertise and thoughtful input.

J. FUTURE MEETING DATES:

1. December 2, 2009 (Special Meeting)
2. December 9, 2009 (No December 23 meeting)
3. January 13, 2010

K. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM

Submitted by Bert Ray, TAB Secretary

Approved at the December 2, 2009 TAB meeting