

Village of Wimberley
City Hall, 12111 Ranch Road 12, Ste. 114
Wimberley, Texas 78676
Minutes of Joint Meeting Between City Council and Transportation Advisory Board
August 22, 2007, 9:00 a.m.

City Council/Transportation Advisory Board meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Mayor Tom Haley.

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Haley and Councilmembers Charles Roccaforte, Bob Flocke, Jeri Xiques, Terrie Bursiel (arrived at 9:10 a.m.), and Dick Larson.

Board members present: Chairman Corwin Vansant, Vice Chairman Mark Roden, Secretary Bert Ray, Board members Rodney Jones, Kelly Kilber, Tom Wallace, Gene Woodruff, Jennifer Anderson.

Board members absent: Bob Bullock, Charles Lancaster (excused).

Staff Present: Don Ferguson, Robert Ronson, Bill Bowers, and Cara McPartland.

Workshop Session:

Chairman Vansant outlined the purpose and duties of the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) as adhered to in §33.02 (A) (B) and asked Council for its input relating to upcoming goals and priorities.

Mayor Haley began discussion by expressing appreciation for TAB's long-range plan approved by Council, but requested more emphasis on prioritizing short-term goals and immediate needs.

Councilmember Flocke agreed with Mayor Haley's statement relating to setting priorities such as low water crossings and street replacement, adding that Council generally accepts and always values TAB's recommendations.

TAB member Kelly Kilber asked Council for clarification and direction on how priorities and time lines should be set, given a limited budget. He requested guidance from Council on allocating expenses for items such as improvements, maintenance, reconstruction, repair, and replacement of area streets and roads.

City Councilmember Bursiel joined the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

City Councilmember Dick Larson also expressed the need to prioritize issues such as Davis Lane (unpaved) which experiences water retention in potholes after rains as well as dusty conditions after drought periods. He stated residents are concerned about mosquito control and dust-related allergy symptoms.

TAB Chairman Vansant explained TAB's foremost criteria for prioritizing as three-fold: public safety, serving the greatest number of citizens, and working within budget constraints. He referred to TAB's list of pending projects (attached) relating to the Square/RR 12, Old Kyle Road, Buena Vista/Texas Boulevard intersection, and River Road/Buena Vista traffic control. Chairman Vansant explained TAB's past/present budget strategy for capital and maintenance expenditures as being in line with its priorities of public safety and serving the greatest numbers.

Chairman Vansant and Council discussed the Village's agreements with Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) and how much input and control the Village can exercise. Citing examples such as Square layout/RR 12 improvements, discussion concluded that though the Village has considerable control and input, the major obstacle in completing projects has been a lack of financial incentive for TXDOT from the Village as a serious participant.

Mr. Ray noted that the TAB had expended considerable time designing the layout for the Square (handout of Square layout given to Council). However, TXDOT engineers brought up cost issues involving drainage and movement of fiber optics, effectively stalling any further improvements. Mr. Vansant suggested that drilling beneath, rather than digging may be an option to re-initiate the project with the road staying in operation. Mr. Kilber stated that if TXDOT approved of the City's plans, and the City offered financial incentives, then TAB would likely recommend Council approve a contribution.

Mayor Haley referred to City Administrator Ferguson's budget process, which has assessed our immediate transportation needs at approximately \$1,200,000, using TAB's research as a guide to make travel more workable without major expansion. Mayor Haley cited Las Flores as an example, noting that \$19,000 has been set aside for transportation repair in the upcoming budget. He asked TAB to concentrate on creating a three to five year plan. Councilmember Flocke advised that Council (through staff) needs to provide planning direction and monetary guidelines to TAB.

Board member Roden suggested that the Village should consider setting aside money for providing TXDOT incentives. Mr. Ray also noted the need for TAB to hear public concerns expressed to Council regarding transportation/health issues, citing Councilmember Larson's contact with Davis Lane residents, which Mayor Haley and staff are addressing via pothole repair plans. City Administrator Ferguson reminded Council that a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) needs to be developed (with TXDOT/Hays County cooperation), updated over time, then proposed projects need to be prioritized and costs addressed.

Mayor Haley stated another major safety concern relates to Old Kyle Road (FM 3237) and cited the need for TXDOT's involvement. Discussion among TAB and Council revealed a plan offered by Mr. Ray that would be low-cost and effective (paint/stripping) with probability of TXDOT approval given the high priority placed on the project by the City. Councilmember Bursiel stressed the need for a priority list (one for TXDOT, one for the City), noting that all residents are entitled to a paved road regardless of where they live.

Subsequent discussion among Council and TAB members concluded that multiple lists may be necessary for different priorities, which should be set without regard to cost. Mr. Kilber suggested that perhaps priority lists could be made for TXDOT, new construction, and maintenance, then Council could ascertain and allocate available funds. Councilmember Flocke proposed consolidating multiple lists into a spreadsheet format with three columns, and a timeline.

It was agreed that Old Kyle Road at the Square and Flite Acres pose major safety concerns, with consensus that possible solutions involve curbing in addition to striping, and lower speed limits on Old Kyle Road. Mr. Wallace offered that moving and changing speed limit signs on Old Kyle Road (approaching the City from Kyle) would be effective from a cost and safety standpoint. He noted the difficulty in judging approaching vehicles' speeds coming around a curve toward the intersection. Mr. Ray distributed a handout showing a sketch of a possible new intersection for Old Kyle Road/FM 3237 that incorporates a deceleration lane (attached). Mr. Ferguson suggested as an alternative/addition to the process changing the speed limit could be putting down thermoplastic rumble strips to slow down motorists. Mr. Kilber suggested the possibility of TXDOT conducting a speed analysis

Chairman Vasant reviewed TAB's top projects relating to improvements in the Square focusing on the intersections at Ranch Road 12 and Old Kyle Road, as well as parking and pedestrian traffic. He referred to an extensive study/proposal for a TXDOT grant for sidewalks in the Square, which was approved several years ago, but later cancelled by federal authorities. Mr. Ray advised that a subcommittee (including merchants) dealing with Square improvements will be meeting soon, and provided Council with a handout (attached) outlining a plan for sidewalks, lighting, parking, accessibility, signage, and landscaping. Further discussion covered legal issues regarding property ownership/easements.

Subsequent discussion addressed the limitations on improving/widening River Road, addition of a stop sign at Wayside/River Road, accident history, and increased speed enforcement. Mr. Roden suggested that emergency access/exit issues also need to be addressed (with Hays County involvement), noting areas of concern, which Council and TAB agreed should be added to the priority list. Chairman Vasant reiterated the following meeting goals: to review the charter; receive direction from Council; discuss projects, and budgets. He summarized for Council that TAB's project list will focus on the following areas: TXDOT, capital improvement projects, major maintenance, and emergency access/exits.

Specific problem areas were discussed including Davis Lane, Old Kyle Road/FM 3237, Little Ranches Road, Texan/Las Flores, and general paving of dirt roads. Addressing budget concerns, Mr. Vasant and Mr. Kilber noted the need to have a long-term plan setting aside funding for items such as engineering and land acquisition, allowing projects to be completed in stages. Further discussion of budgeting issues included grants (with possible matching funds) and tax revenue options.

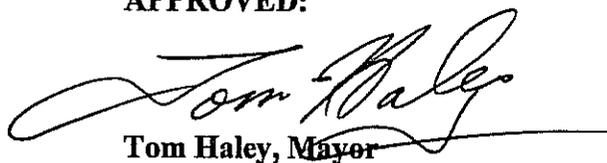
Mayor Haley called for any questions and hearing none, adjourned the meeting.

Adjournment: Joint Council/Transportation Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Cara McPartland
Recorded by Cara McPartland

These minutes approved on the 6th of September, 2007.

APPROVED:


Tom Haley, Mayor

TAB Project List

Capital Projects	Major Maintenance	Emergency Projects	TXDot Projects
RR 12 @ Square	Wayside @ River Road	Emergency Access & Exits	RR 12 @ Square
Parking @ Square	Rockwood		Old Kyle @ RR 3237
Sidewalks @ Square	Loma Vista		RR 12 @ River Road
Texan @ Las Flores	Cypress Creek In.	* Traffic Enforcement	
Mill Race Lane			
River Road - Low area			
Blue Hole Lane			
Unpaved streets	Low Water Crossings (River)	Low Water Crossings (Streams)	Hays County Projects
Davis	1492	Valley Drive	Green Acres Bridge
Jewel	Hidden Valley	Flite Acres Road	Drainage Projects
Hinson	Little Arkansas	14982 @ Pierce Creek	Interlocal Agreement
	Erosion Repair	RR12 @ Wimberley Hills	
	Pierce Creek	Wilson Creek @ River Road	
	Panther Creek	Smith Creek	
	Hoots Holler	Wilson Creek @ F. S.	
	Loma Vista @ River Rd.	Leveritts Loop	
		Spoke Pile Creek @ Spoke hill	
		River Road @ W. City Limit	

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Unpaved streets

- Davis
- Jewel
- Hinson

Major Maintenance

- Wayside @ River Road
- Rockwood
- Loma Vist
- Cypress Creek Ln.

Low Water Crossings (River)

- 1492
- Hidden Valley
- Little Arkansas

Low Water Crossings (Streams)

- Valley Drive
- Flite Acres Road
- 14982 @ Pierce Creek
- RR12 @ Wimberley Hills
- Wilson Creek @ River Road
- Smith Creek @ 2207
- Wilson Creek @ F.S.
- Leveritts Loop
- Spoke Pile Creek @ Spoke Hill
- River Road @ W. City Limit

Erosion Repair

- Pierce Creek
- Panther Creek
- Hoots Holler
- Loma Vista @ River Rd.

Emergency Projects

- Emergency Access & Exits

Hays County Projects

- Drainage Projects
- Interlocal Agreement

Need	Time	Cost	Budget	Status
C-1	N-1	O-1	O-1	
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C-1	N-1	O-1	O-1	
C-1	N-1	M-2	P-2	
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STATE PROJECT				
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STATE PROJECT				
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