

**VILLAGE OF WIMBERLEY**  
**Transportation Advisory Board**

Minutes of Meeting  
August 24, 2005

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

**PRESENT:**

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

COUNCILPERSONS: Marilee Wood

CITY STAFF: Steve Harrison, City Administrator and Rickey Wright, Public Works Director

VISITORS: David and Shirley Wilson

**MINUTES:**

Minutes of the July 27, 2005 meeting were reviewed and approved without change.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** The Public Works Director reported that the City had received two complaints regarding speeding drivers on La Buena Vista Dr. and on Loma Vista.

**A. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Transportation Master Plan Subcommittee: A draft of the predicted growth patterns in the one-mile band has been completed. Lee Buse attended the meeting to show the Board the first draft version of the computer-generated map of this area.

2. Square Enhancement Subcommittee: The subcommittee is still awaiting TxDOT's response to the July 5 meeting which was promised by early August. The City Administrator will continue try to get TxDOT to schedule the meeting as soon as possible.

3. Traffic Speed Control Subcommittee: The subcommittee has researched a number of resources and ideas to deal with the numerous complaints of excessive speeds in the Village:

- a. The subcommittee recommended that the City take traffic (speed) counts on the affected streets to have a more accurate picture of the severity of the problem. Although a number of counts have been taken in the past year, these were generally done close to intersections and were only for counting trips, not measuring speeds. It

was agreed that new speed measurements should be made mid-block, after vehicles have accelerated. The Public Works Director will arrange the new counts right away. It was recommended that the La Buena Vista area be scheduled first.

b. A meeting was held with the Mayor of Woodcreek to discuss the reasons for the removal of its speed bumps. The Mayor said that they got many citizen complaints about damage to their vehicles, and also had complaints from the Fire Department and EMS which cited the loss of time and harm to patients as the primary reasons.

c. There was discussion regarding the design/configuration of speed bumps (humps). The Woodcreek bumps were the traditional configuration, and it was agreed that more recent designs with gentler slopes and/or slots spaced for emergency vehicle wheels should be researched. Costs and spacing information would also be helpful.

d. Members have had several discussions with law enforcement officials regarding more active enforcement efforts at the critical locations. The general feeling of the Board was that although law enforcement is the most effective and desirable method for mitigating the speeding problem, past experience indicates any hope of this solution is unrealistic.

e. Council member Wood suggested that the citizens who have raised the complaint and signed the petition deserve a response so they'll know that TAB is working to find a viable solution. She volunteered to communicate this effort to them so they will be aware their concerns have been heard. Once possible solutions have been identified, it may also be desirable to arrange a public meeting to get citizen input.

## **B. PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS:**

1. Status of IWORQ Training and Inventory: The City has authorized the employment of a part-time person to assist the Public Works Director in day-to-day road and maintenance tasks. When that person is in place, a training session by IWORQ will be scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week in September.

2. Status of City Engineer's Low Water Crossing Report: Five locations have been completed at this time, and it is anticipated that a draft of the final report will be available for the next TAB meeting.

3. Status of TxDOT Funds for Grants: Although the Federal highway bill has been passed and signed, no funds have arrived at TxDOT yet. They are anticipated soon however, and the City and WISD should keep track of the schedule for the Safe Routes to School program. This item was continued to the next TAB meeting.

4. Open Meetings Act Clarification: The City Administrator reviewed the current court interpretations of the Act. He pointed out that all City commissions, committees and boards must operate under its rules. Non face-to-face discussions (e-mail, phones, etc.) can violate the quorum rules and must be avoided. Draft minutes may be circulated to members but discussions and corrections can only happen at meetings. Subcommittees with memberships smaller than a quorum are exempted.

**B. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**

The draft EDAB Master plan which was presented to TAB by EDAB Chair, Craig Calley at its June 22 meeting was discussed. It was felt that it would not be appropriate for TAB to review the individual Plan items but it was agreed to endorse EDAB's approach per the following motion: "TAB supports the concept of EDAB preparing an economic development plan that is in concert with the Village of Wimberley Comprehensive Plan." Motion: Ray, Second: Roden, passed 9-0.

**C. WORK SESSION:**

1. Historical District: A local group is looking into the possibility of identifying a Historical District in the older part of Wimberley. After a brief discussion, it was concluded that much more information was needed for a thoughtful discussion, and that the subject should be scheduled for a future meeting.
2. CAMPO Grant Proposal: The City and Hays County have agreed to submit a joint application for a CAMPO mobility grant for a hike-and-bike (bike/ped) trail. It would start at the north end of the new by-pass (across from the Woodcreek entrance) and parallel it to RR3237, turn west through Blue Hole, go south near the cemetery, and then west along Old Kyle Road to the Square. The application is due in September.

**D. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. Schedule for Future Meetings:

September 14, 2005  
September 28  
October 12  
October 26

**E. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM

Submitted by Bert Ray, TAB Secretary

Approved at TAB meeting September 28, 2005