

VILLAGE OF WIMBERLEY
Transportation Advisory Board

Minutes of Meeting
October 11, 2006

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Corwin Vansant at 9:03 AM

PRESENT:

TAB MEMBERS: Corwin Vansant, Bob Bullock, Kelly Kilber, Charles Lancaster, Bert Ray, Mark Roden and Gene Woodruff.

COUNCILPERSONS: Tom Haley, Mayor and Bob Flocke, Council Member

CITY STAFF: Bill Bowers, Public Works Assistant

VISITORS: Kim Harrell

MINUTES:

Minutes of the September 27, 2006 meeting were reviewed and approved without change.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Bob Flocke distributed copies of a letter from John Blais with attached citizens petition opposing any revision of the intersection of La Buena Vista and La Pais, and recommending law enforcement as a better solution.

A. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Transportation Master Plan Subcommittee: At their last meeting, the subcommittee reviewed the draft plan of primary roads with County Commissioner Will Conley, County Roads Engineer Jerry Borcharding and Council Member Marilee Wood. The reception was very good and it was agreed that the County and the Village should work together to develop a general plan for the Valley that will meet the transportation needs for the future.

Commissioner Conley also reviewed upcoming repaving/improvements on several roads close to or adjacent to the Village. It was strongly recommended that Public Works obtain more detailed information on this program and work with the County to assure proper coordination.

The subcommittee plans to schedule a similar review at their next meeting for the three Council Members who have not seen the draft plan: Bob Flocke, Carroll Czichos and Curt Busk. It also plans to set up a meeting with TxDOT Area Engineer Don Nyland to discuss how the TMP may interact with future TxDOT plans.

2. Square Improvements Subcommittee: The status of the proposed plan for improvements to RR12 through the Square was discussed. There has been no further response from TxDOT since they put the plan on hold, and it was suggested that the Mayor contact TxDOT to determine the status. It was also suggested that since several of the newer members of TAB may have not seen the proposed plan, it might be appropriate to review it at the next TAB meeting.

B. PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS:

1. IWORQ Road Evaluation: Bill Bowers reported that IWORQ has completed their evaluation of the physical condition of the Village roads. He will have copies of this report at the next TAB meeting.

C. CITY ADMINISTRATION REPORTS: None

D. WORK SESSION:

1. Signage Inventory/Replacement Survey: The characteristics of the several versions of the forms were discussed. It was decided that before the next meeting, TAB members should document their trial surveys using Chairman Vansant's revised form, and that the form should be adjusted or edited as necessary to make the surveying as simple and straightforward as possible. This item was continued to the next TAB meeting.

2. Low Water Crossing on Green Acres at Wilson Creek: Information obtained at the TMP meeting with Commissioner Conley and Jerry Borcharding (see A1 above) indicated that this crossing was inadvertently omitted when TxDOT surveyed for their off-line bridge repair program. The County has informed TxDOT of this omission, and TxDOT has recently surveyed the existing conditions.

Since this crossing was presenting significant access permission problems to the Village, the possibility of having a new, safer crossing constructed by TxDOT is very exciting. The Village Administration should work with the County to pursue this opportunity.

3. Survey for Low Water Crossings: TAB requested that Public Works schedule the City Engineer to report on the status of his analysis of the low-water crossings (not including Green Acres per above) at the earliest possible TAB meeting.

4. TxDOT Traffic Counts: It was noted that TxDOT has recently installed Traffic counters on the local highways. TAB requested that Public works contact TxDOT to obtain copies of the counts to assist the City in future traffic planning.

5. Walking to School Program: Kim Harrell reported on the progress of this endeavor:

- a. She started a trial walking program on October 4 although she is still in the process of polling parents about their interest and opinions regarding a more comprehensive effort. The students met in the High School parking lot and walked with adults to their schools. The students have I.D. cards which will be punched after each trip. Upon obtaining a certain number of punches, they will get a prize from participating merchants.
- b. If crosswalks were installed at Texan Blvd./Las Flores, autos would be required to stop when the crosswalks were occupied. For safety, it is legal for citizen crossing guards to help the children cross. Perhaps WISD could request that TxDOT install the crosswalks.
- c. She desires that the organization be a 501c3 and would appreciate help on the registering paperwork process.

E. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: None

F. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None

G. ITEMS ON HOLD:

TAB requested that Public Works report on the status of these items at the next TAB meeting:

1. Traffic Control Study: April 12, 2006
2. Revised Estimate for Texan Blvd./Las Flores Intersection: August 23, 2006

H. SCHEDULED FUTURE MEETINGS:

1. October 25, 2006
2. November 8, 2006
3. No Meeting November 22

I. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 AM

Submitted by Bert Ray, TAB Secretary

Approved at TAB meeting October 25, 2006