

VILLAGE OF WIMBERLEY
Transportation Advisory Board

Minutes of Meeting
October 13, 2004

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

PRESENT:

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

COUNCILPERSONS: Carroll Czichos

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

VISITORS: none

MINUTES:

Minutes of the September 22, 2004 and September 29, 2004 meetings were reviewed and approved without change.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

A. REPORTS:

1. Subcommittees:

a. Transportation Master Plan. The subcommittee has increased to 35 the number of existing subdivisions to be analyzed for percent of build-out, and these are being transferred to a map to provide a comprehensive view of the current population distribution. Working with the County, a comprehensive base map is underway which will have lot lines, contours, city limits, ETJs, and major road designations.

Councilmember Czichos said that the Fire Department and EMS will shortly be preparing a map of their service area to update routes and population patterns. This will be a valuable resource for the transportation master plan.

Work on revisions to the Transportation section of the Subdivision Ordinance is still on hold pending the acquisition of sufficient traffic count data. A request for funding a 10-week, 30-count program was not approved at the last City Council meeting. It will be reintroduced at the next meeting.

It was decided that at the December 8 TAB meeting, the subcommittee will give a status presentation of the material collected and prepared to date.

b. Village Square Plan. A meeting with TxDOT in Austin is scheduled for October 20 to review the TAB proposal to make RR12 three lanes through the Square (center lane would provide for left turns). This will be a further development of the layout presented to Scott Cunningham at the May 12 TAB meeting.

2. Public Works Director:

a. Intersection of River Road and Wayside Drive. At a previous meeting, the Board reviewed the City Engineer's proposal to increase visibility at this intersection by removal of a substantial portion of the high bank at the corner. After an evaluation of the extent of this proposal and concerns expressed by the owner of the affected property, it was agreed that, if possible, a less extensive and expensive solution should be pursued. The Public Works Director will ask the Engineer to do this in time to include it as an Action Item at the next meeting.

b. Status of Improvements to Emergency Lane. Work has been progressing slowly, but paving will commence next week and completion is anticipated by October 22.

B. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: None

C. WORK SESSION:

1. Low Water Bridge at Blanco River and Road 1492. The Public Works Director reported on the status of three previously discussed safety items:

a. Warning Sign. The wording of a proposed sign warning pedestrians and swimmers of the several dangers in this area has been submitted to the City Attorney for approval.

b. Portable Traffic Signals. The long-term (one year) leasing rate for these signals was quoted as \$300 per day, and is therefore unaffordable. The public works Director was requested to see if the County has any such signals which might be available to the City during the two-year RR12 reconstruction project. It was also suggested that local road contractors may have signals which they might lease to the City.

c. Slippery Pavement at Bridge Ends. A discussion regarding techniques and costs of roughening the pavement at the bridge ends led to a general discussion about broader safety problems and solutions---the costs, legal aspects, implementation, practicality, etc. Because other communities have similar issues at their water crossings, their experiences and solutions could be very helpful information for us. The City Administrator said that a report on this had been done several years ago and that he will provide TAB with updated copies.

2. Box Culvert at Pierce Creek and Road 1492. Procedures for implementing larger maintenance items such as this were discussed, such as whether Council approval is required on each specific repair. Further discussion with the City Administrator on this issue will be scheduled for the next meeting.

3. Proposed Revised Sign Ordinance. At this meeting, the draft TAB response to the proposed new sign ordinance was approved as submitted. After the meeting it was sent to the Sign Committee, with copies to the Mayor, Council, P&Z, and EDAB.

4. Intersection of Old Kyle Road and RR3237. The reconfiguration of this intersection has been on TAB agendas for several years. It is felt that speeding traffic on Old Kyle Rd would be slowed considerably if the westbound exit from RR3237 was not a straight line. Since this is not currently a priority item, no future action is planned at this time. However, it was suggested that the Sheriff be requested to patrol Old Kyle Rd. more often to enforce the speed limit.

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Scheduled future 2004 TAB meetings are:

October 27

November 10

November 24 No Meeting

December 8

December 22 No meeting

E. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM

Submitted by Bert Ray, TAB Secretary

Approved at TAB meeting October 27, 2004

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