

City of Wimberley
City Hall, 221 Stillwater
Wimberley, Texas 78676
Minutes of Regular Meeting of City Council
July 1, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

City Council meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Bob Flocke.

Mayor Flocke gave the Invocation and Councilmembers led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Bob Flocke and Councilmembers Charles Roccaforte, Mac McCullough, Bill Appleman, Steve Thurber, and John White.

Staff Present: City Administrator Don Ferguson, City Secretary Cara McPartland, and City Attorney Cindy Crosby.

Citizens Communications

No citizen comments were heard.

1. Consent Agenda

This item was heard after Agenda Item 5A.

- A. Approval of the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of June 17, 2010
- B. Approval of the reappointment of Nancy Britner to the City of Wimberley Economic Development Commission. (*Mayor Bob Flocke's nominee*)
- C. Approval of the reappointment of Jesse Brown to the City of Wimberley Building Code Board of Review. (*Mayor Bob Flocke's nominee*)
- D. Approval of the reappointment of M.F. Johnson to the City of Wimberley Parks and Recreation Board. (*Mayor Bob Flocke's nominee*)
- E. Approval of the reappointment of Tracey Dean to the City of Wimberley Planning and Zoning Commission. (*Mayor Bob Flocke's nominee*)
- F. Approval of the reappointment of Bert Ray to the City of Wimberley Transportation Advisory Board. (*Mayor Bob Flocke's nominee*)
- G. Approval of the appointment of Beth Mitchell to the City of Wimberley Water Wastewater Advisory Board. (*Mayor Bob Flocke's nominee*)
- H. Approval of the reappointment of Christine Byrne to the City of Wimberley Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. (*Place Three Councilmember Bill Appleman's nominee*)
- I. Approval of the reappointment of Bob Bullock to the City of Wimberley Building Code Board of Review. (*Consensus nominee*)
- J. Approval of the reappointment of Gary Weeks to the City of Wimberley Economic Development Commission. (*Consensus nominee*)
- K. Approval of the reappointment of Dell Hood to the City of Wimberley Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. (*Consensus nominee*)

- L. Approval of the reappointment of Mike Jones to the City of Wimberley Planning and Zoning Commission. (*Consensus nominee*)
- M. Approval of the reappointment of Gene Woodruff to the City of Wimberley Transportation Advisory Board. (*Consensus nominee*)
- N. Approval of the reappointment of Joe Malone to the City of Wimberley Water Wastewater Advisory Board. (*Consensus nominee*)

City Administrator Ferguson requested an amendment to the minutes on page two (Consent Agenda) as follows: "Councilmember Appleman moved to approve the *Consent Agenda* as presented."

Councilmember McCullough moved to approve the minutes as amended and all remaining Consent Agenda items as presented. Councilmember Appleman seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0 on Consent Agenda Item 1A. Councilmember Thurber abstained. Motion carried unanimously on all remaining Consent Agenda items.

2. Presentations

- A. Presentation of the Quarterly Activities Report for the Pedernales Electric Cooperative (PEC). (*Cele DeLeon, PEC*)

This item was heard after Agenda Item 5B.

Cele DeLeon reported on two new democratically elected PEC Board members, appointment of Luis Garcia as interim general manager, members' Bill of Rights, by-law changes, and Board quorum requirements. He noted holiday closures and advised of PEC's participation in Wimberley's Fourth of July parade. Mr. DeLeon announced that he will be retiring from PEC on August 31, 2010 and that Joey Thompson will be attending future Council meetings. He presented Mayor Flocke with PEC's franchise payment in the amount of \$21,539.02. Mayor Flocke congratulated Mr. DeLeon on his upcoming retirement from thirty-three years of service with PEC.

- B. Presentation by representative(s) of the City of Wimberley Transportation Advisory Board regarding traffic control alternatives for Las Flores Drive. (*Bert Ray, Transportation Advisory Board member*)

Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) member Bert Ray reported on an alternative to closure, enforcement, and speed humps. He presented background information on Wimberley's Transportation Master Plan, traffic patterns, and proposed future Ranch Road 12/FM 2325 connectors, including continuation of Green Acres to Ranch Road 12. He displayed visuals of landscaped traffic islands and stated that studies show narrow lanes/stripping also help to slow traffic.

Discussion addressed possible costs of islands compared to speed humps, timeframe for Las Flores street improvements, stripping, and number of islands needed.

3. City Administrator Report

This item was heard after Agenda Item 1.

- Status report on the efforts underway to secure federal funding for the downtown wastewater project

City Administrator Ferguson reported that presentation of the City's Tier III, Phase I loan application is anticipated during the Texas Water Development Board's (TWDB's) August meeting agenda. He will advise Council of an exact date, when known.

- Status report on the *Wimberley Square Improvement Project*

City Administrator Ferguson provided background information and reported that presentation of preliminary plans are anticipated for Council's next meeting, including restriping, sidewalks, leveling of Old Kyle Road, and drainage improvements. He reported on proceeding with acquiring cost estimates and project bids. He stated that coordination with merchants and night construction will help minimize impact to businesses. There was brief discussion of the effect of Square improvements on proposed downtown wastewater service construction. City Administrator Ferguson reported on the City's financial commitment related to this project.

- Status report on development activity in the City of Wimberley

City Administrator Ferguson that he will report on development activity at Council's next meeting.

- Status report on the *Ranch Road 12 Parkway Project*

City Administrator Ferguson reported that right-of-way acquisition is underway and issues related to development and signs are being examined. He noted safety improvements, such as the redesign of the Junction intersection, are planned that will create a triangular piece of property that the City might use as a gateway to Wimberley. Discussion established that there will not be a traffic light at the Junction and that planned improvements will increase safety.

- Status report on the operation of the Blue Hole Regional Park

City Administrator Ferguson reported that attendance is up eight to ten percent (8-10%), with revenues up about twenty percent (20%) over last year. He pointed out that additional manpower might be needed for security and safety. He reported on a recent article placing Blue Hole in the top ten swimming holes in the United States and anticipated a positive effect on attendance.

- Status report on Fourth of July festivities in the City of Wimberley

City Administrator Ferguson reported on the upcoming Fourth of July Jubilee and fireworks display and ongoing fireworks fundraising. He provided details on the parade, which will be

held on Monday, July 5th at 10:00 a.m., route specifics, and participation. Mayor Flocke provided details on the Fourth of July Jubilee events.

4. Public Hearing and Possible Action

- A. Hold a public hearing and consider approval of an ordinance approving an application for a conditional use permit submitted by *Leaning Pear, LLC* to permit a sit down eating establishment including the sale of beer, wine, and alcohol for on premise consumption on a tract of land located at 111 River Road, Wimberley, Hays County, Texas, zoned Commercial – Low Impact (C-1), and imposing certain conditions; and providing for findings of fact; amendment of the zoning district map; repealer; severability; effective date; proper notice and meeting; and providing for certain conditions. (*Leaning Pear, LLC, Applicant*)

City Administrator Ferguson requested that Council continue this item until its meeting on July 15, 2010 to allow Planning and Zoning to hear this case at its meeting on July 8, 2010. Planning and Zoning was scheduled to hear this case at its June 24, 2010 meeting, which was cancelled due to lack of a quorum.

Councilmember Appleman moved to continue this item until Council's meeting on July 15, 2010. Councilmember Thurber seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

- B. Hold a public hearing and consider approval of the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 155 (Zoning) Subsections 155.107(B)(2) and (B)(3) (Planning and Zoning Commission) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Wimberley, Texas in order to revise the appointment process for Planning and Zoning Commission members; and providing for findings of fact, and effective date; proper notice and meeting, and severability. (*City Administrator*)

City Administrator Ferguson provided background information and requested that Council continue this item until its meeting on July 15, 2010 to allow Planning and Zoning to hold a hearing and consider a recommendation at its July 8, 2010 meeting.

Councilmember Thurber moved to continue this item until Council's meeting on July 15, 2010. Councilmember White seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

5. Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Discuss and consider possible action regarding the proposed closure of Las Flores Drive at the 500 block of La Buena Vista Drive. (*Mayor Bob Flocke*)

This item was heard after Agenda Item 2B.

Mayor Flocke spoke favorably about the public hearing held on Tuesday, June 29th at the Wimberley Community Center. Mayor Flocke noted his own calculations showing that speeding on Las Flores does not appreciably save travel time.

Bob Bullock spoke positively about the recent public hearing and felt that his inquiry about the existing interlocal agreement directly resulted in today's observation of radar enforcement by Hays County law enforcement officer(s).

Ann McFadden of 14 Las Flores spoke of moving to Wimberley for its small-town atmosphere. Ms. McFadden stated that she is subjected hourly to road rage, speeders, loud vehicles, and trash, which are common in large cities. She recounted an incident earlier today with a speeder and asked that everyone consider residents' safety.

Mayor Flocke spoke of Jean Veriato's statements made at a July 2005 TAB meeting, which considered the same issues that currently exist.

Jean Veriato stated that law enforcement is not a solution and that speed humps are ineffective and too costly. She spoke about past Council discussion, arguments heard at the public hearing, narrow Las Flores neighborhood streets, daily use by certain drivers, and reporting of speeders. She stressed that Las Flores needs to be closed.

Ruth Mince stated that she uses Las Flores six to eight times a day in her workday and recounted an incident involving Ms. Veriato that was blocking traffic. She asked that everyone be reasonable and that people concerned about the safety of neighbors and citizens "do what you are preaching."

Tammy Sedam of 10 Las Flores questioned why congestion on Emergency Lane is more problematic than congestion on Las Flores, when Emergency Lane was designed as a crossover street. She stated that it takes less time to travel Emergency Lane than Las Flores and felt that comparisons to River Road were not valid due to driveway accessibility. She did not understand how the convenience and rights of businesses take precedence over residential property owners, and that safety is more important than convenience. Ms. Sedam stated that drivers throw out lit cigarettes and trash, yell profanity at her children, and swerve into her yard. Ms. Sedam asked why business traffic is more important than her children being able to ride bikes or walk their dog. She spoke about the condition of neighborhood roads and worried about future costs of maintaining or replacing speed humps. Ms. Sedam questioned the feasibility of the traffic islands presented earlier due to space limitations and felt that drivers would speed around them.

Craig Fore of 311 La Buena Vista observed at the recent public hearing that those opposed to closure either lived outside the neighborhood or on a cul-de-sac off Las Flores. He stated that all other residents favor closure and noted that law enforcement will not work based on past experience and lack of manpower. He felt that speed humps may help slow down vehicles, but will not solve the high traffic volume. He spoke of the benefits and cost-effectiveness of certain alternate routes for cross traffic. He favored use of Emergency Lane as a connector and immediate closure of Las Flores Drive to through traffic. Mr. Fore felt that creation of an acceptable alternate route would satisfy the majority and end the frustration that residents have

suffered for many years. He recalled a former statement by TAB member Bert Ray stating that “no residential neighborhood should ever have to have a major thoroughfare inside of it.” Mr. Fore asked Council to approve closure of Las Flores as proposed and restore his neighborhood to a safe and friendly environment, and thanked Council for trying to do what is best for all citizens.

Candace Fore of 311 La Buena Vista stated that there is very little difference in driving times between using Las Flores versus Emergency Lane, when driving at the posted speed limits. She asked that people be willing to try Emergency Lane, which she felt is not inconvenient. Mrs. Fore stated that the Las Flores/Texan Boulevard intersection would be safer without the heavy volume of traffic. She suggested that closure saves money compared to speed humps or islands and asked that people be considerate of one another.

Bruce Banks of 331 La Buena Vista stated that the cheapest solution is closure and felt that the islands presented earlier would actually encourage traffic, rather than decrease it. If Las Flores were closed, Mr. Banks said that money would not have to be spent on repaving and realigning the intersection at FM 2325. He stated that the most efficient, economical solution is closure and is not an inconvenience. Mr. Banks noted that all residents facing Las Flores Drive favor closure and that people will get used to going around due to the minimal time difference.

Sylvia Banks of 331 La Buena Vista feared that this issue will never be resolved and that speed humps may create more problems such as drivers cutting into yards to go around them. She stated that residents’ primary concerns are about safety and property damage, not inconvenience. Mrs. Banks stressed that residents have waited far too long for action.

Vance Hobbs of 13 Las Flores concurred with Mr. Banks and Mr. Fore and did not feel that inconvenience is a problem. He stated that volume at FM 2325 and Las Flores will continue to increase. He said that houses were built before the businesses existed, and that business tenants continually speed through the neighborhood. He said that the right answer is to block the street and asked Council to close Las Flores in order to protect residents and drivers alike. He advised that David Di Traglia was ill and could not attend tonight’s meeting. Mr. Hobbs was pleased to see that law enforcement was present for part of the day, but said that speeding picked up later. He expressed appreciation and asked Council to do the right thing.

Madonna Kimball of 6 De Luna Lane stated that she has never had a problem with access on Las Flores from her cul-de-sac. She said that the entire town is not designed for heavy traffic, not just Las Flores. She cited thirty-seven signatures from the public hearing opposed to closure and in favor of enforcement, with some signatures from Las Flores Drive residents. She said that people traveling to work or school will be inconvenienced and increase traffic at the “Y” at Ranch Road 12 and FM 2325. Mrs. Kimball questioned the projected time differences of crossing over at Emergency Lane and noted that during the school year the actual time difference will be greater. She thought that enforcement and islands have a deterrent effect on speeders. She stated that gates blocking access will have to be lighted and will probably have to be repaired when damaged by unaware drivers. Mrs. Kimball said that safety should be for everyone, not just thirteen people.

John Blais of 504 La Buena Vista stated that those living west of the proposed barricade will be inconvenienced more than those living to the east. He warned that traffic will likely continue to increase on FM 2325 and that those favoring closure need to consider the dangers of accessing FM 2325, especially at certain times.

Allan Kimball of 6 De Luna Lane provided examples indicating that speeders are everywhere, not just on Las Flores, and that closing off streets is not the answer. He stated that the people asking for closure now originally asked for speed humps. Mr. Kimball favored speed humps and traffic enforcement, acknowledged Hays County's staffing limitations, and suggested presence of a city marshal as a possible solution. He asked that Council act on behalf of all of the people of the City of Wimberley.

Ruth Mince offered to deed to the City the part of her property needed to construct the earlier proposed traffic island. Mayor Flocke stated her offer will be taken under consideration.

Tabitha Sedam of 10 Las Flores stated that she wants to feel safe walking her dog and riding her bike. While walking her dog, Tabitha said that a speeding car almost hit her dog and that she cannot play outside due to speeding cars.

Clint Frankmann spoke of effective use of speed humps to slow cut-through traffic near his property in Houston, which is next to a high school. He described properly designed speed humps as "silent sentries" that are effective in reducing speed and not cost-prohibitive.

Though the focus has been on speed, Doug McElwee of 9 Las Flores stressed that speed and volume are major problems. He stated that he has to wait to exit his driveway due to the solid line of cars. Mr. McElwee noted that he lives west of the proposed barricade and offered to install lights on barricades at no charge. He asked Council to please close the road.

David Slider stated that Council should consider those in the community that use Las Flores.

Mayor Flocke stated his opinion that Council should not postpone action and acknowledged that any action taken will upset some.

Councilmember Roccaforte cited statistics of those for/against various options. He provided a recent instance of speeding on CR 1492, suggested offset speed humps to slow traffic, and considered reinstating the city marshal program.

Councilmember McCullough favored reinstating the city marshal and preferred speed humps over closure.

Councilmember Appleman stated that focus should be on the amount of traffic through a residential neighborhood, not speeding and enforcement. He said Las Flores and La Buena Vista are not thoroughfares like other streets such as Flite Acres, CR 1492, River Road, Woodcreek Drive, and Jacob's Well Road. He recognized the frustration of the majority of residents who want their neighborhood back and felt that speed humps are not the solution. Based on personal

observation, Councilmember Appleman stated that the benefits of rerouting to Emergency Lane outweigh any inconveniences, which are minor.

Councilmember Thurber agreed that Las Flores and La Buena Vista were never meant for cut-through traffic. He stated that residents have a highway, not a neighborhood. If closure is approved, he proposed working in conjunction with Hays County and City of Woodcreek to find alternative crossover routes, including Emergency Lane and other recommendations. He felt that closure is the safest option and whatever problems might arise from such closure will be far outweighed by residents getting their neighborhood back.

Councilmember White agreed that action has to be taken and favored speed humps. He stated that very few roads in Wimberley were built to handle the current volume and that there are not enough funds to upgrade every road. Construction of future connectors are years away and are costly. Councilmember White hoped that speed humps would decrease both speed and volume of traffic.

Mayor Flocke thanked everyone for speaking and stated that if Las Flores were closed that the previously discussed land acquisition for turnaround space would not be necessary and provided examples of how to accomplish adequate turnarounds. He referred to speed humps as “sleeping policemen,” which work as a type of enforcement. Mayor Flocke reminded that it was his suggestion to close Las Flores to through traffic and reiterated that “no action” is not an option.

Discussion clarified that any action taken at tonight’s meeting is confined to the issue of closure per agenda item language.

Councilmember Appleman moved to approve closure of Las Flores Drive at the 500 block of La Buena Vista Drive. Councilmember Thurber seconded. Mayor Flocke called for a vote as follows: Councilmember Roccaforte, nay; Councilmember McCullough, nay; Councilmember Appleman, aye; Councilmember Thurber, aye; Councilmember White, nay. Motion failed on a vote of 2-3.

City Attorney Crosby advised that Council may provide direction to staff for future actions.

Councilmember Appleman asked that staff research closure of Las Flores at La Buena Vista and placing speed humps on La Buena Vista. Mayor Flocke requested that staff provide options that are broadly worded on the agenda, in order to allow multiple options for action.

Mayor Flocke called a brief recess at 7:40 p.m.

Mayor Flocke reconvened the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

- B. Discuss and consider possible approval of policy relating to the installation of speed humps. (*Transportation Advisory Board*)

This item was heard after Agenda Item 5D.

City Administrator Ferguson explained the need for a policy relating to installation of speed humps on city streets. The proposed policy outlines the criteria for installation, assigned responsibility for costs of installation, and removal requests. Transportation Advisory Board member Bob Bullock spoke in support of approval.

Discussion clarified the intent/wording of language relating to impact on adjacent streets, statements regarding residents' and homeowners associations, cost-sharing formulas, three-year time limit on project completion and the review process, removal criteria, design standards, administrative costs, price per pad, possible financing methods, and deviation from the proposed policy.

Councilmember Thurber moved to continue this item until Council's next regular meeting on July 15, 2010 to allow for further review. Councilmember Appleman seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

- C. Discuss and consider approval of a request form the Guadalupe Blanco River Authority (GBRA) for the City of Wimberley to file an Amicus Curiae Brief, individually or as a member of a group, in support of the State of Texas and GBRA's motion to dismiss the federal lawsuit filed by "The Aransas Project" (TAP) under the Federal Endangered Species Act against the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) alleging a "take" of endangered whooping cranes. (*City Administrator*)

City Administrator Ferguson explained GBRA's request based on its position that relief being sought by TAP would have a significant adverse impact on all people and the environment in the Guadalupe River and San Antonio River basins. GBRA is asking cities, including the City of Wimberley, to support TCEQ by adding their names to the filing of an amicus brief with the court supporting the State and GBRA in the motion to dismiss.

Councilmember White moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Roccaforte seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

- D. Discuss and consider action designating a *Poet Laureate* for the City of Wimberley, Texas. (*Place Two Councilmember Mac McCullough*)

This item was heard after Citizens Communications.

Councilmember McCullough explained this honorary, unpaid position and recommended that local poet Oda Lisa be declared *Poet Laureate* for the City of Wimberley, which is known as an emerging area for artists, writers, and musicians.

Oda Lisa provided her resume, background information on her works and upcoming events, and sample writings. Bill Johnson praised the poetry readings at Maui Wowi organized by Oda Lisa.

Councilmember McCullough moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Roccaforte seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0. Councilmember White abstained.

6. City Council Reports

- Announcements
- Future Agenda Items

Based on information from Hays County Commissioner Will Conley, Mayor Flocke reported that the City of San Marcos will close Ranch Road 12 at the Wonder World Drive extension on the evenings of July 5 through 7 for paving work. Delays could be up to forty-five minutes on the evening of July 5, 2010.

Mayor Flocke reported on a successful meeting with U.S. Senator John Cornyn's representative last week, who offered assistance with the City's efforts to find possible funding sources for downtown wastewater service and Blue Hole Regional Park development. Mayor Flocke also planned contact with Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison's office, as well Congressman Lloyd Doggett, Governor Rick Perry, and a member of the House Appropriations Committee.

Hearing no further announcements or future agenda item requests, Mayor Flocke called the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

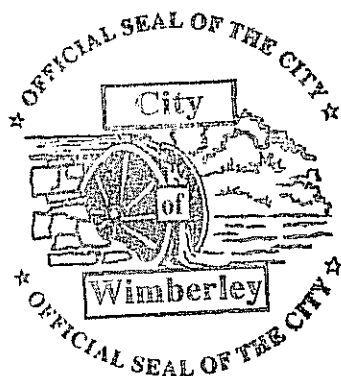
Adjournment: Council meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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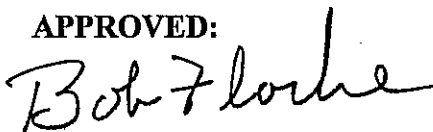


Cara McPartland

These minutes approved on the 15th of July, 2010.



APPROVED:



Bob Flocke, Mayor

Don Ferguson

From: Madonna [madonna@anvilcom.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 30, 2010 2:18 PM
To: dferguson@cityofwimberley.com
Cc: bappleman@aol.com; johnny White; Roccaforte Charles; libbysales; Thurber Steve; mayor@cityofwimberley.com
Subject: Las Flores

Thank you to those of you who took the time to attend the public hearing and for listening to the comments on the issue of closing Las Flores.

One point that was not mentioned last night: are there plans for adequate lighting at either side of the gate if you close the street? If not, you may want to take into consideration how many times the "gate" will need to be replaced from these "speeding" cars/trucks running into it at night, not knowing the street has been closed.

Looking at the stats from the opinions, you heard 11 for closing and 36 for wanting it open with modifications. Those who talked enforcement, speed humps, engineer studies, etc are obviously for it to stay open, but controlled and enforced. Clearly 3 to 1 to keep it open. The FOR or AGAINST the closing sheets reflect 39 AGAINST and 13 FOR.

Unfortunately you can't please everyone all the time and as a councilman, I know it's got to be hard, but you were elected by people throughout the village and not just a handful on one street. Although, in this case, it seems the enforcement issue and the speed humps will make this neighborhood happy and not closing the street will make a lot of people in the village happy.

I talked to David Di'Traglia and Jean Veriato and they agreed that if we can work to get the enforcement and the speed humps we are all on the same page. You'll have people like the woman who sits all day and counts traffic and shows a video of what I considered to be light traffic flow for any street who may not be happy. Some people always have to have a cause. This is the first issue I've been involved in since I put the town meeting together for Don't Mess With Our EMS and I feel very strongly about this issue and hope this is the last time I am compelled to stand up and fight for the good of our entire community.

I pray that council uses the information they gathered last night, common

sense and logic and makes a decision that they will not regret later. I understand from his quote in the View that Mr. Flocke had his mind made up, although it is you, the council who have the votes and I hope that this council is a council of individuals and each one has a mind of their own and will vote for what they feel is right and for what is best for all residents (voters) of this community.

Thank you and see ya Thursday.

madonna

Don Ferguson

From: Candy Fore [cfore2@austin.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 30, 2010 9:23 PM
To: dferguson@cityofwimberley.com; bflocke@cityofwimberley.com; croccaforte@cityofwimberley.com; sthurber@cityofwimberley.com; jwhite@cityofwimberley.com; mmacullough@cityofwimberley.com
Subject: Closure of Las Flores Drive

June 30, 2010

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

Yesterday evening, I attended the public hearing concerning the proposed closure of Las Flores Drive. I would again like to thank the mayor and council members for hosting this meeting. I was especially grateful for the attention given by the mayor and council to each speaker.

As I reflected on the comments shared by the mayor at the onset of the meeting, I remembered that he stated that, initially, the city intended for Emergency Lane to be the east-west artery between RR12 and RR2325. The mayor said that traffic was expected to return to Emergency Lane after completion of road improvements, but that this never happened. I would contend that it should happen immediately by closing Las Flores Drive.

A couple of thoughts, none of which were mentioned last night, lead me to this conclusion. First, and foremost, is safety. Not only the safety of the people living in this neighborhood which was discussed at length last night, but also for the safety of those who use this road as a thoroughfare. Specifically, it is my contention that the intersection of Las Flores and RR2325 is a dangerous intersection because of its proximity to Texan Blvd. It is difficult for vehicles to safely turn off of Las Flores onto 2325. No matter the time of day, cross traffic on 2325 is busy. This is compounded by the conflict created when vehicles leave Texan Blvd. and get into the left turn lane to turn onto Las Flores. A dangerous and confusing bottleneck situation exists at this intersection when traffic flows through our neighborhood. Forcing vehicles to use Emergency Lane to cross from RR12 to RR2325 eliminates the dangers posed by this situation and results in a safer traffic pattern for all of the residents of Wimberley.

Also, I tried a little experiment this afternoon. I measured the distance and time from RR12 to RR2325 going through our neighborhood and going across Emergency Lane. Guess what? The differences are negligible when driving the speed limits!

- The distance from Palos Verdes to La Buena Vista to Las Flores to 2325 was approximately .8 mile depending on which way you go at the Y on Palos Verdes. The time travelling this route was 2 minutes 10 seconds going one direction and 2 minutes 5 seconds going the opposite direction.
- The distance on RR12 at the start of Palos Verdes to Emergency Lane across to 2325 to the entrance of Las Flores was approximately 1 mile and the time spent travelling this route was 2 minutes 21 seconds going one direction and 2 minutes 4 seconds going the opposite direction (less time than through our neighborhood)!

Since the traffic pattern would be safer and vehicles should not experience any significant increase in time or distance, it seems reasonable to redirect traffic off of La Buena Vista and Las Flores and onto Emergency Lane. Please vote to close Las Flores immediately.

Thank you for your consideration,
 Candace Fore
 311 La Buena Vista Drive

Don Ferguson

From: Vance Hobbs [vhobbs@austin.rr.com]

Sent: Thursday, July 01, 2010 12:28 PM

To: dferguson@cityofwimberley.com

Subject: Las Flores

Don, there were at least 10 residents who were unable to come to the meeting Wednesday night. Today there was an officer parked next door for about 15 minutes and then he left. This situation is impossible to maintain with miniscule police observance or manned enforcement. There were cars zipping down Las Flores immediately afterwards. The growing population will only continue to overwhelm this street and the residents. If you don't close it on Buena Vista, to close Las Flores and reroute traffic around behind the warehouses would give these unwilling participants their shortcut that I think they could definitely live without. Will a decision be reached tonight? Thank you so much for your willingness and hard work in attempting to solve this difficult task. Being unemployed, I would be willing to take on the ticket-writing marshal job. But that would require full indulgence on this street alone. Let me know if I can help.Sincerely, Vance Hobbs Drop me a line

Proposed Street Closure

My family has resided on LaBuena Vista for 17 years. Kirk teaches at the high school and I deliver lunches to teachers and friends. I have never noticed the traffic being a problem on Las Flores. (I take my husband to school; have lunch with him and pick him up) aside from all of my other trips. We feel that ~~that~~ this closure could cause problems in an emergency and is a total waste of a good paved road.

Cathy Lake

Public Sign-In (SPEAKERS ONLY)

City of Wimberley, Texas

Purpose of Meeting: **City Council**

Date: **July 1, 2010**

Public Hearing Speakers Policy: Speakers must sign in prior to the beginning of the meeting. Speakers who wish to address a specific agenda item will be recognized when that item comes up on the agenda, provided they have signed in prior to the beginning of the meeting and indicated the item to be addressed. Each speaker will be limited to three (3) minutes.

Name of Speaker/Address (Please Print)

Agenda Item/Issue

✓ Bob Bullard	-	SA
✓ Jane McFadden	+	LAS Flores
✓ Jean Veriato	+	LAS FLORES
✓ Ruth Mince	-	S-A
✓ Fannie Sedam	+	Las Flores
✓ Craig Fore	+	Las Flores
✓ Candy Fore	+	Las Flores
✓ Grace Banks	+	331 La Buena Vista Dr
✓ Sylvia Banks	+	"

Name of Speaker/Address (Please Print)

Agenda Item/Issue

✓ Anne D. Jobs +

13 Las Flores

✓ Madonna Kimball -

6 DeLuna

✓ John Blair -

504 LBI

✓ Allan Kimball -

6 DeLuna

✓ Tabitha Sedan +

✓ Cheri Frankmann + hump

✓ Doug McElwee +