

## **Infrastructure Foundation Meeting**

November 21, 2006

The Infrastructure Foundation, lead by Paul Parker, met with committee leaders at 8:00 a.m. this morning at the Chamber for a progress report on each committee. In attendance were: Paul Parker, James Flournoy, Barbara Thompson, Keith Wright, and Susie Cardwell.

It was determined that the committee would not meet in December but would begin meeting again in January at the same time, day and place throughout 2007—the third Tuesday of the month at 8:00 a.m. in the Chamber Community Room. Susie Cardwell will reserve the Community Room for these dates each month. The January meeting will be an important one and each participant should review his notes before coming to the meeting to be up-to-speed on what has been accomplished and where each committee is in accomplishing their action benchmarks.

Paul Parker reported that the City is trying to find a demographer to determine the overall density of the area including Hudson, Huntington, and Lufkin. This will work in conjunction with LISD on the mock census to give the City more of the type data needed for their purposes.

Paul also reported that I-69, now called TTC-69, is definitely in the works. Plans are being made to finalize the route in 2007.

Susie Cardwell reported that Don Hannabus held a meeting at Parks & Recreation a couple of weeks ago and had a small turnout. The list of suggestions for our local and county recreational facilities was reviewed and each item was assigned to one of several categories for manageability.

James Flournoy reported that developers will drive a lot of the infrastructure and determine where it goes. Growth follows the sewer lines and water will be the main need in the future. James and Paul suggested that they look at some possible future sights for a pump station.

Barbara Thompson reported that the Lufkin downtown occupancy rate is about 60 (occupied)/40 (unoccupied). She said there is a lot of turnover downtown as a result of small new businesses opening downtown and about three months later moving to a south location.

Paul Parker suggested that his foundation might want to add to their agenda an economic development study to determine a plan of development for downtown Lufkin. This would tell us to who we should market the downtown locations.

Susie Cardwell to send out a reminder of the upcoming January meeting and the cancellation of the December meeting.