

Infrastructure Committee Meeting

April 15, 2008

The Infrastructure Committee of Vision 2020 met on April 15th at 8:00 a.m. in the Chamber Community Room. Present were Jim Watkins, David Collmorgen, James Flournoy, Kenneth Williams, Bobby Young, Don Hannabas, Barbara Thompson, Ellen Temple, Dorothy Wilson, Susie Cardwell with Paul Parker presiding.

The meeting was began with the introduction of Ellen Temple as a new member of this committee. Ellen is heading the **Green Infrastructure** project and coordinating with The Conservation Fund. She gave the committee an update on the recent community meeting of the Green Infrastructure and the current status of creating a county-wide green infrastructure to accompany the gray infrastructure plan. The committee reviewed the individual goals for the planning process and some suggestions were made such as:

- to upgrade and improve the current public park facilities to attract more visitors and tourists
- to include a Corps of Engineers representative in the Green Infrastructure meetings
- To work with and involve our federal representatives and government agencies to assist in making positive changes in our public park facilities.

Update on Highways

David Collmorgen reported that the overpass on Whitehouse/Daniel Mccall and both intersections on each side will be closed beginning May 5th to begin the process of raising the bridge and reconnecting it. Once this is done, the Tulane work will begin and that overpass will be closed for 15 months. The last item was the concern for the rock wall at the Forest Service. TxDot was not able to grant an extension for moving the rock wall due to the construction delay that would cause. There is concern that the rock wall will not withstand removing sections of it at a time.

The next meeting of the Infrastructure Committee will be June 17, 2008 in the Chamber Community Room.