

**Vision 2020 Infrastructure Meeting Notes
October 21, 2008**

The Infrastructure Committee of Vision 2020 met on October 21, 2008, at 8:00 a.m. in the Lufkin/Angelina Chamber of Commerce Community Room. Present were Amanda Anderson, Susie Cardwell, David Collmorgen, James Flournoy, Alvia Esteves-Garza, Don Hannabas, Bruce Milstead, Tony Moline, Barbara Thompson, James Flournoy, Ellen Temple, Barbara Thompson, and Dorothy Wilson with Bob Brown presiding.

Bob Brown opened the meeting at 8:10 a.m. with an introduction of Amanda Anderson of Angelina Beautiful Clean, Alvia Esteves-Garza of the City of Diboll, and Bruce Milstead of the City of Huntington.

City of Lufkin (Dorothy Wilson):

City Ordinances - Dorothy reported that the City is reviewing some of the its ordinances such as aesthetic design and historical preservation, and hopes to establish a 7-member historical preservation committee.

59 Construction – Dorothy reported that the City continues to work with the ongoing construction around town, especially on Hwy. 59 South at this time.

Census – Dorothy reported that the City is still waiting to hear from the Census Bureau.

Parks and Recreation (Don Hannabas):

Family Fun and Fitness Day – Don reported that his department participated in the Vision 2020 Family Fun and Fitness day at the park at Kiwanas Part this past Saturday morning. Vision 2020 would like to hold this event periodically, each time in a different park.

Grant for the Lost Arrow Trail – A grant for Kit McConnico Park's Lost Arrow Trail is being presented at City Council tonight.

Ike Tree Cleanup – There were about 40 trees down due to Hurricane Ike in and around Kit McConnico Park. Some trees were actually on the trail and some in the woods, along with trees on the train track at Ellen Park Zoo. The City continues to work on the clean-up.

Louis Bronough Park – There is a fund raiser in the works to add an amphitheater and restrooms at the Louis Bronough Park.

Remote Control Park – Don reported that the remote control hobby is doing well in one of the north side parks.

Downtown Redevelopment (*Barbara Thompson*)

Downtown clean-up – Barbara reported that there was quite a bit of wind and water damage downtown from Hurricane Ike

Howard's Tea Room is open and doing business.

The Main Event is open on Frank Street in the old Lewis Furniture location. This is a party planning and rental service.

Pines Theater – Work continues on the Pines Theater and there is more interest in the renovation of the building.

Angelina Hotel – nothing to report at this time.

Music in the Park – Each Friday in October there is live music downtown from noon until 1:00.

Hoe Down - The Hoe Down will be held in April.

Christmas Parade – The parade will be November 25th at 6:00 PM .

City of Diboll (*Alvia Esteves-Garza*):

Diboll Day - Diboll Day was successful in spite of all the destruction from the storm.

Storm Clean-up – Clean-up continues after Hurricane Ike.

Amphitheater – The amphitheater was completed and used during Diboll Days.

City Manager – The City is in the process of interviewing for a City Manager. The new Civic Center Director is Christine Williams.

Morgan Oil bought the Old Stuckey's and construction is underway.

Library: The library will hold its opening celebration on April 26th. The library will actually be open January 1st.

City of Huntington (*Bruce Milstead*)

Catfish Festival – The festival will be in June and will have a carnival with it.

Centennial Park – The City plans to build an amphitheater and restrooms in Centennial Park.

Green Infrastructure (*Ellen Temple*)

Paddling Trail – Texas Parks and Wildlife plans to add the Neches River to their Paddling Trail. There are plans to have one, or possibly two ramps, one on each side of Hwy. 94.

Water Quality Study – Ellen would to have proposals for a water quality study.

The Green Infrastructure brochures are ready and Ellen asked for suggestions for distribution. James Flournoy suggested hosting a First Friday Luncheon and distribute there.

Beautification (*Tony Moline and Amanda Anderson*)

County-wide Clean-Up – ABC held its county-wide cleanup this past Saturday with Brookshire Brothers providing food for the event.

Friends of the Forest – ABC will support them and will focus on proper maintenance of trees and landscaping.

Hardwood Nursery – ABC is in the final stages of opening the hardwood tree nursery and is looking for other sources of donations of trees for giveaways during the year such as Arbor Day.

Transportation (*David Collmorgen*)

Daniel McCall and Whitehouse – Work is being done on two lanes on each side and hopes to have it completed by Thanksgiving, as well as two U-turns.

Tulane Bridge - Things are really going well. Work has started on the south abutment of Tulane. The north-bound direct connect has to be done to be able to use the bridge. David hopes to review the phases of construction and shorten the project by about six months.

North Lufkin – A new proposal will go before City Council tonight.

New Regions for TxDot - Houston, Dallas/Fort Worth, San Antonio, and Lubbock. The Houston region is made up of Houston, Lufkin, Beaumont, and Bryan.

Utilities and Projects (*James Flournoy*)

Capital Improvements Project – the City of Lufkin continues to work on improvement of the infrastructure of Lufkin.

Diboll and Lufkin – continue to work toward growing their water supply

City of Huntington:

- Has a street bond
- Safe Route to School

Other Business: Bob Brown would like to see what kind of effect on local hotels and income the events at the City Parks brings to the area.

Next Meeting: February 17th at 8:00 a.m. at the Chamber Community Room

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.