

**Vision 2020 Infrastructure Meeting Notes
May 26, 2009**

The Infrastructure Committee of Vision 2020 met on May 26, 2009, at 8:00 a.m. in the Lufkin/Angelina Chamber of Commerce Community Room. Present were Amanda Anderson, Susie Cardwell, David Collmorgen, Don Hannabas, James Flournoy, Bruce Milstead, Ellen Temple, Dorothy Wilson, with Bob Brown presiding.

Bob Brown opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m. with a welcome to all.

Green Infrastructure (*Ellen Temple*)

Ellen reviewed the goals on page 23 of the Green Infrastructure Plan (brochure) and most of the goals are well underway.

- The plan is still in need of a sponsor for the watershed protection plan and suggestions were offered for possible sponsors for Ellen to contact.
- The Lufkin/Angelina Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the first section of the paddling trails which is the same area used for the Neches River Rendezvous.

Angelina Beautiful/Clean (*Amanda Anderson*):

- Amanda reported that a task force is being created to work on the City of Lufkin entrance signs and will coordinate with Kathy at TxDOT.

Transportation (*David Collmorgen*):

- TxDot is working with the County (Judge Suiter) on the 2 roadside parks that will be closed just below Diboll. One will reopen as a weigh station.
- TxDot is still waiting on a Core Permit for the 94 Bridge. This will also provide canoe access to the Neches River. There will be excess right of way property when this project is completed and it could be used for car parking for the canoeing.
- The construction on Hwy 59 and 287 should be complete by August 2010. This is still 8 months ahead of schedule.
- In Diboll, the bridge located at the Civic Center is being replaced. There will be 1 lane access across the bridge with a red light on a trailer on each side of the bridge. This project will take about a year and will start next week (June 1st). TxDOT hopes to have 2 lanes open by September.

Economic Development (*James Flournoy*):

- The park project in Diboll is now finished.
- The Safe Walk project in Huntington is still waiting on funds. The funds were awarded a year ago. James has asked for help in getting these funds in place to move forward.

- The City of Lufkin hopes to get funds through Congressman Gohmert for the 150 acres of industrial park land.
- A new sewer collection system is going in outside of Diboll in an area of development.

Parks and Recreation (*Don Hannabas*):

- A trails grant is being used for Kit McConnico Park. A fiberglass bridge is being installed by volunteers.
- The Masterplan process has begun with a consultant from Tyler and a task force for land acquisition and trails.
- Maintenance has been moved from Winston Park
- A new special needs ball field will move to the vacated area of Winston Park. This will accommodate children with special needs through age 22.

City of Huntington (*Bruce Milstead*)

- The City of Huntington is growing with 81 new utility connections.
- New homes are being built in and around Huntington with large homes being built in a new subdivision at Salem.
- Huntington had a large clean-up day last Thursday with 6 large roll offs filled with trash. City employees worked for 2 days going from house to house collecting trash. It was very successful!
- Huntington has 5 employees for 6 months being paid by a grant and will apply for another 6 months.
- James Flournoy will serve on the Economic Development Board for Huntington.
- New gateway entrance signs are under way.
- The work on the schools is almost complete.
- The parks are looking wonderful! There are two volunteers that have been planting and working in the parks.

City of Lufkin (*Dorothy Wilson*):

- Ordinances – The City is ready to start public hearings for the historic ordinance and the tree preservation landscape ordinance.
- Emergency training - The meeting was recently held on coordination with other counties on emergency training. Bob Brown requested that there be a contact person to coordinate locally in the County when there is an emergency and this be available for use when there are emergencies.
- Census - Angelina County is #1 in Texas for partnerships in preparing for the census.

Next Meeting: July 21st at 8:00 a.m. at the Huntington City Hall (802 Hwy. 69, just past the Dollar General).