

New Braunfels Outer Loop Study

Task Force Meeting #2

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Meeting Minutes

- Correction – pg. 13 – Public Comments – Loop 610 instead of 1604 – Houston
- Pg. 12 – add that it has to do with absenteeism – “no revisiting.” If new information is available, it may be reconsidered.
- Approved as corrected.

Operating Guidelines

- Guidelines for interaction approved as proposed – no additions. **DECISION**
- Communication with constituents – add “two-way” – and bring forth concerns from constituents to task force – **DECISION**
- Before and after – only meet until 8:00 p.m. – 6-6:15 and 7:45 - 8:00
- Ask people to speak to their representation as much as possible – 6 – 6:15
- 15 min – 6 - 6:15 pm – submit comments in writing after that
- 15 min at end
- Be sure copies of comment cards are sent to TF members
- Communication –
- Copies of press releases sent to TF members
- Facilitator can make corrections when appear in the media.
- And posted on the website – **DECISION**

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- Digital recordings as podcasts – **DECISION**
- No posting it to YouTube – **DECISION**
- No security unless there is clear danger - **DECISION**
- Info subcommittee – Tipton Ross, Rod Smith, Donna Jones, Connie Krause, Sharon Levett, Laura West [Notes: May 27, 2009, 5 p.m. at Library/need to reserve]
- Glossary requested

SMALL GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS

Mandy's Group

- Group continue on path they're on – good job
- Multiple maps at meetings
- Group provide more official looking notices – letter instead of postcard
- Insure open communication with elected officials, and environmental agencies – to and from them

2nd Group

- Use of multiple media outlets good
- Be sure to have a good way to communicate with affected landowners
- Way to address alternatives to a loop up front

Kevin's Group

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- Be sure to avoid community events
- Notification of property owners needs to be improved
- Have a better dialogue, not lectures

Cheryl's Group

- NEPA and Section 106 synopsis – 1906 Antiquities law and Texas antiquities laws to date, noise abatement and biological studies, and hydrology studies
- Recommend two meetings regarding the environmental process and data

Karen's Group

- Keep elected officials involved by inviting them to TF meetings
- For them to be visible at the public meetings
- More information available on consequences – tax issues, property evaluations, environmental impacts

Tom's Group

- Do not ignore public comments – do more than tolerate them
- Accept opinions of public as part of the process
- Movable messages good
- Property owners still not aware

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Suzy's Group

- Include comment cards (#) with the PI data
- Have a list of what public feels is most important (TF)
- Have data posted in public places for viewing

Next Meeting

Monday, June 15, 2009

Environmental Process/Need & Purpose

- Purpose & Need Statement – opportunity to discuss it
- Stand alone projects – what are they?
- Environmental constraints
- TxDOT guidelines about existing ROW and avoiding dividing land holdings