

**THE WOODLANDS TOWNSHIP
AD HOC TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2013
MINUTES**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTIES OF HARRIS & MONTGOMERY §**

The Ad Hoc Transportation Committee of The Woodlands Township Board of Directors met in regular session, open to the public, on January 10, 2013, posted to begin at 2 p.m. The committee meeting was held in a meeting room at the office of The Woodlands Township Town Hall, Executive Conference Room, 2801 Technology Forest Boulevard, The Woodlands, Texas, within the boundaries of The Woodlands Township.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Jeff Long, Mike Bass, Bruce Tough

STAFF/ADVISORS: Don Norrell, President/General Manager, Miles McKinney, Director of Legislative Affairs and Transportation, Mike Page, Legal Counsel, Bret Strong, Legal Counsel

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

Call to Order:

Chairman Long called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m. As there was a quorum of members present, the committee proceeded to conduct business regarding the following matters:

2. Receive, consider and act upon adoption of the meeting agenda:

MOTION: Motion by Director Bass to adopt the agenda, with items 6, 8 and 9 taken out of order to be discussed in executive session after other items are considered; second by Director Tough.

VOTE: **Ayes:** Mike Bass
 Jeff Long
 Bruce Tough
 Nays: None
 Abstentions: None

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously (3-0).

3. Receive, consider and act upon approval of the December 13, 2012 Committee meeting minutes:

MOTION: Motion by Director Bass to accept the minutes as presented, with a second by Director Tough:

VOTE: **Ayes:** Mike Bass
 Jeff Long
 Bruce Tough
 Nays: None
 Abstentions: None

4. **Receive and consider a briefing from The Woodlands Development Company concerning transportation master planning;**

Robert Heineman, The Woodlands Development Company, briefed the committee on the history of and future planning for community roadways, land use, density considerations and mobility needs as build out of The Woodlands comes closer to fruition.

MOTION: No action was taken

5. **Receive, consider and act upon a report from The Goodman Corporation regarding the Town Center Transit Terminal and Streetscape Program;**

Bryan Brown of The Goodman Corporation presented an overview of the 2009 plan for a transit terminal in Town Center, accompanying streetscape enhancement program and funding status. The committee directed him to bring an updated version of the plan back in one to two months.

The following agenda items were taken out of order:

7. **Receive, consider and act upon participation in the Transportation Advocacy Group;**

Don Norrell briefed the committee on the Transportation Advocacy Group (TAG), which consists of more than 150 individuals representing scores of local businesses, nonprofits and special purpose districts who have united to demand adequate funding of the greater Houston region transportation infrastructure. TAG is dedicated to building a broad-based coalition of businesses, local governments and community organizations to demonstrate public support for full and adequate funding of transportation infrastructure by the state and federal governments.”

MOTION: Motion by Director Bass to recommend to The Woodlands Township Board to join TAG, at a cost of \$5,000 annually, and to reevaluate after one year, with a second by Director Long.

VOTE: **Ayes:** Mike Bass
 Jeff Long
 Nays: None (Director Tough was out of the room.)
 Abstentions: None

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously (2-0).

10. **Receive, consider and act upon finalizing the Mobility Success Factor tracking form;**

Director Bass suggested that on the tracking form under Success Factor 5-Open Issues to be Addressed, Item C should be combined with existing Item B. Staff will make corrections.

The Committee recessed to Executive session at 3:50 p.m. to discuss matters relating to real property pursuant to section 551.072, Texas Government Code; deliberation of economic development negotiations pursuant to Section 551.087, Texas Government Code; discuss personnel matters pursuant to Section 551.074, Texas Government Code; and to consult with The Woodlands Township’s attorney concerning pending litigation pursuant to Section 551.071, Texas Government Code.

The Committee reconvened in open session at 4:40 p.m.

Consideration of items to be placed on the agenda for the next committee meeting;

The following were discussed as February agenda items:

- Request for qualifications for engineering services
- Bike lane master plan study
- Invitation to Commissioner James Noack for briefing
- Updating the Framework for Mobility and Transportation Program Success Factors

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.