

Council Comments....

Good Morning Fellow Residents of the Bay –

I may need to resign as Council Scribe before I run out of salutations. Yesterday was another full day with a Roads Workshop in the morning (long) and Council meeting in the afternoon (short). While both were productive, the road issue continues to have more twists and turns, ups and downs, than a Tilt-a-Whirl. If you don't remember Tilt-a-Whirls, you didn't do near enough carnivals and fairs.

Let me preface my "roads" remarks by reminding you that I am a "glass is half full," "folks are trying to do the right thing" sort of guy. Having said that, as has been mentioned in the past, among the varied participants within the negotiating entities (POA, Resort, Declarant and Council), there are many, often conflicting, positions on issues that have been percolating during the 40 year life of Horseshoe Bay. For a variety of very good reasons, all participants, some more than others, would like to see the issues resolved quickly and the ownership of the Roads assumed by the City. My opinion is that resolution is in sight, but several issues need to be resolved before the transfer of the roads can be consummated. If we do not get all the I's dotted and T's crossed, at some date in the future, the final agreement could be unraveled, resulting in a situation much worse than what we have today. OK, so where are we: There are two or three major issues that may be resolved by amending the EC&R's by the Resort -- if not resolved in that manner, the use of the eminent domain law by the City is another alternative--- either way the May Sales Tax (dedicated to road) election will not be held until November at the earliest --- another Road Workshop in March. There you are. Not pretty, but making sausage never is.

After a somewhat contentious morning, the afternoon was mostly a series of "Kum Ba Yah" 5 – 0 votes on a variety of issues. First though, Reverend Pete prayed, we pledged and Chief Lane introduced our newest Police Officer Jack Schumacher. Welcome Aboard Jack!

Yours truly then spoke briefly about the continuing Broadband Saga. Several meetings with the Resort have resulted in a diligent effort on their part to accommodate the new monopole antennae in as close a proximity as possible to our existing antennae site on That-a-Way (a little bitty short street high on the ridge). The new antennae will allow for an improved wireless internet offering. It is my opinion the monopole will also be an aesthetic improvement over the current array of oversized, 1950 TV looking antennas we have now. Also, Senator Troy Fraser continues to aid us in attempting to "encourage" Verizon to

meet their 14 year old commitments to Rural Texas concerning high-speed data and internet services. More to come on both of these efforts.

Now, on to the votes of unanimity. For the umpteenth time, the moratorium on building in the Cap Rock Zone and Hi Circle North/HSB Blvd properties was passed 5 – 0. This was followed by several 5 – 0 votes on replats, ordinances and variances. All seemed very straight forward and had been handled appropriately.

The Council and the architect of the much discussed and anticipated Village Square then held a discussion of the required Replat and Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for the Planned Development Agreement required to get this project rolling. As you will recall, this is the project that envisions a grocery, several restaurants and commercial office space behind the American Bank. The preliminary plans for the four buildings were pleasing to my eye and appear to have been diligently produced to meet City requirements. In the coming weeks, the architect will be utilizing The Beacon to communicate their plans through word and picture. Much discussion will occur in upcoming Council meetings that will be of interest to our community – so stay tuned.

By the way, while the Road's Sales Tax election will not be held in May ---- The Home Rule Charter will be on the ballot. Vote early and often. Just kidding, we don't do that around here!

Oh well, sun's up and I'm done. Have a great day!!

Your Scribe,
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