

Special Commissioners Work Meeting
May 16, 2007
Woodlands at Bills Island Subdivision Appeal

Present for this meeting were Commissioner Paul Romrell, Commissioner Donald Trupp, and Commissioner Skip Hurt. Also in attendance were Prosecuting Attorney Karl Lewies, Planning & Building Administrator Jeff Patlovich, Clerk Abbie Mace and Deputy Clerk Suzanne Bagley was present to take minutes.

Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting open to discuss the Woodlands at Bills Island Subdivision Appeal hearing.

Attorney Lewies talked about KK3 the loop systems and the ADT's and the conclusion was that the loop system applied.

The next issue was paragraph LL all weather safe road standards from end of the causeway to where it meets the Island and determine whether it was a 30 ft. right of way or a 50 ft. right of way. LL safe roads standard they would like to apply the Gun Barrel standards and build up the roads to county standards within the existing right of way.

Commissioner Trupp asked about the standards of the road.

Attorney Lewies talked about the right of way and the running surface.

Attorney Lewies stated that he did not see the need for any more work from the commissioners on this issue and felt that the ball was in his court to see that the transcript is reviewed.

Commissioner Romrell talked about the causeway being at least 38 ft. with guardrails.

Commissioner Hurt thought that it was a 30ft. roadway from the causeway to the project.

Commissioner Romrell thought that it was 50 ft.

Attorney Lewies said to work with it if it were a 30ft. easement.

Commissioner Hurt and Romrell agree that the causeway bottle neck needs to be looked at and addressed.

Clerk Abbie Mace had referred to her notes from the previous hearing and stated that it was a 50ft. access.

Commissioner Romrell asked if improvement of this stretch of road could be a condition of approval. The major argument was that they had an easement for this section of road.

Commissioner Romrell wanted to know if there was anywhere in the record of an easement for the causeway. Commissioners reviewed the plat.

Attorney Lewies stated that this needs to be left up to the courts and not the board. This is beyond the ability of the board.

Discussion of the gate, ownership will be left up to Attorney Lewies to look over as he reviews the transcript. Commissioner Romrell would like the record reviewed.

Commissioner Hurt talked about page 15 and the deed at the back of the page. The deed does tie the 50 roadway into the plat.

Commissioners would like to see the road as a condition of approval.

Attorney Lewies talked about the lane markers on the causeway, they will have three lanes. They will bury curbing and have reflective markings on it.

Commissioner Hurt thought that this would not be easy to plow.

Attorney Lewies thought that this would be for the causeway only.

Commissioner Romrell asked why the three lanes were so critical. He stated that in the event of a fire they would need to have a safe access from the causeway and you are not restricting anything should you have to evacuate.

Attorney Lewies would like to understand the needs to be three lanes.

Commissioner Hurt talked about the gate, three lanes of traffic with 24 ft. of running surface to the causeway on that segment and to bring the roads up to county standards. Attorney Lewies will address the emergency lane.

Commissioner Romrell does not see a need for a third lane on the causeway.

Commissioners came up with a score of a +29 points total for the project.

Commissioner Romrell stated that despite what is read in the code they are enforcing the document. They cannot make decisions based on emotion, or what a group thinks it should be. They have to make the decision on the code and they work hard to enforce the codes and the ordinances and they do not perceive any biases on this side of the table. All commissioners agreed this statement.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to go executive session pursuant to IC 67-2345 (b) to consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent or public school student at 10:07 a.m. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Hurt voting I, Commissioner Romrell voting I, and

Commissioner Trupp voting I. Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting open at 11:00 a.m. The purpose of the executive session was to discuss a Road & Bridge personnel issue.

There being no further business to come before the board meeting was adjourned.

Paul Romrell, Chairman
Fremont County Commission

Attest: _____
Abbie Mace, Clerk