

**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC MEETING
COMMUNITY FORUM (TOWN HALL MEETING)
JULY 27, 2015**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR HERMAN EARWOOD
MAYOR PRO-TEM STEVE HOLLAND
COUNCIL MEMBER JOANN BUTLER
COUNCIL MEMBER JOE ASHTON
COUNCIL MEMBER JOANN GORDON

STAFF PRESENT:

CITY SECRETARY MARVIN GREGORY
EMC JAMES MYRICK
PWD JAMES HATLEY
CC CO-DIRECTOR SHIRLEY WHEAT
CC CO-DIRECTOR SHIRLEY BLOOMFIELD

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

COUNCILMEMBER BRUCE SCOTT (WORK)

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:30 p.m., the Community Forum was opened by **Mayor Herman Earwood** on Monday, July 27, 2015 at the River Oaks Community Center, 5300 Blackstone Dr., River Oaks, Texas. **Mayor Earwood** welcomed everybody in attendance and commented on the project and the value it can bring to the City and then turned the program over to the staff of the North Central Texas Council of Governments that was present.

Karla Weaver then introduced the NCTCOG staff and also introduced **Laura Weiss** and her team with AECOM that has been hired as the consultants on this project. It was presented to the audience that tonight's meeting is the first public meeting with the community intended to obtain citizen input as to what the community would like for River Oaks Blvd. to look like in the future. **Dan Kessler**, Assistant Director of Transportation of the North Central Texas Council of Governments, spoke on the project and once completed the anticipation is to seek funding to make the project a reality.

Following the introductions and presentations, the audience was asked to participate in a visual preference survey in which questions were put up on the screen and the audience with clickers provided to them were to click on their desired selection as to whether it was most desirable, somewhat desirable, neutral, less desirable or not desirable. Questions were posed on slides relating to mixed use, multi-family use, bicycle and pedestrian travel, transportation, drainage and infrastructure, roundabouts, aesthetics, business types and other related issues. With those answers, AECOM will have a better idea as to what they should build on in going forward with the planning phase and at the next public meeting in October will be able to provide for public input visual concepts. Once the visual preference survey was completed, questions were called for from the audience. Both the staff of NCTCOG and AECOM stated they would remain after the close of the meeting to also answer any other questions that anybody may have.

THERE WAS NO OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL TAKEN.

3. ADJOURN: At approximately 7:50 p.m. the community forum was adjourned. No Council Action was taken.

APPROVED:


Herman Earwood, Mayor

ATTEST:



Marvin Gregory, City Secretary