

AGENDA ITEM 11

Discuss and consider approving final plat of Creek Meadows Estates.

Moved: **Commissioner Boatright**

Seconded: **Judge Doerfler**

Motion: To approve final plat of Creek Meadows Estates.

Vote: 4 - 0

AGENDA ITEM 12

Discuss and consider approving final plat of Noah's Ark/aka Raceway.

Moved: **Commissioner Boatright**

Seconded: **Judge Doerfler**

Motion: To approve the final plat of Noah's Ark.

Vote: 4 - 0

AGENDA ITEM 13

Consider authorizing the transfer of the following asset at the Sheriff's Office: 1- 35mm Sure Shot Camera SN# 69003286.

Moved: **Commissioner Boatright**

Seconded: **Judge Doerfler**

Motion: To authorize the transfer of the following asset at the Sheriff's office: 1 – 35mm Sure Shot Camera, Serial #69003286 to be sold at the auction.

Vote: 4 - 0

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Consent agenda

Consider authorizing the transfer of the following asset at the Sheriff's Office:

To auction: 1 – 35 mm Cannon Sure Shot Camera SN 69003286

John C Doerfler
3/19/02
3/19

REGULAR AGENDA**AGENDA ITEM 14****Hear presentation on Regional Visionary Project.**

Neil Kocurek, President and CEO, St. David's Healthcare System, and Beverly Silas, Executive Director of the Central Texas Regional Vision project, gave a presentation. The project, which encompasses growth planning for the Central Texas area, includes land use, transportation, and housing models. The Region area consists of Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis and Williamson Counties.

There are 70 board members on the project, and a stakeholders group consisting of over 100 people from the five-county area. The project has been set up as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Mr. Kocurek stated that the stakeholders group selected Fregonese, Calthorpe & Associates of Portland, Oregon, as the contractor for the project.

Commissioner Limmer asked how many members of the board are from Williamson County. Beverly Silas stated that there are 12 board members from Williamson County.

Judge Doerfler inquired about the goal of the project. Mr. Kocurek stated that the goal is to plan growth in advance to decide what the citizens want the community to look like, and to avoid mistakes made by other communities. He stated that it is a guideline that is not binding on anyone.

Judge Doerfler asked why the region would want to spend 1.4 million dollars on a non-binding project. Mr. Kocurek stated that it would allow the general population to decide what they want in their communities. He stated that expenditures for toll-roads and infrastructure cost billions of dollars, and that he believes that 1.4 million dollars for planning over a 40-year period are dollars well spent.

Commissioner Heiligenstein expressed concern that some good people from this region could be lost to other efforts and endeavors that would shut down communication for awhile, which can translate into real dollars. He believes that this effort would survive that kind of loss. He stated that he sees it as a structured approach to regional planning and cooperation.

Beverly Silas stated that what convinced her to join the project was that the people get to decide how they want transportation, housing and open space in their communities to look.

Commissioner Limmer stated that he is concerned about private property rights issues. He feels that the project might encroach on the rights of property owners to determine land use on their property. Mr. Kocurek stated that this project does not affect private property or tie anyone to anything.

Judge Doerfler stated that he had heard that the project was a "covert" operation to promote light rail. He also asked Mr. Kocurek what the project wants from Williamson County. Mr. Kocurek stated that one reason that the project is a non-profit effort is to preserve objectivity. He stated that they would like for Williamson County to support the program in the amount of approximately \$50,000.

Commissioner Heiligenstein stated that this kind of project could help with planning for light rail by allowing for population density in areas that would be served by it, rather than having people moving farther out into rural areas because they cannot afford property in the core areas. He believes that the shift in population away from the core areas puts a strain on the infrastructure.

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