

REGULAR AGENDA**AGENDA ITEM 14**

Recognize Deputy Constables from Precinct #1 with Medals of Honor for heroic action during mental health related calls.

County Attorney Gene Taylor presented the following individuals with the Medal of Honor Award:

Chief Deputy Robert Woodring
Lieutenant Mike Schnautz
Sr. Deputy Constable Trey Tippie III
Deputy Constable Joe Richard Romero Jr.

AGENDA ITEM 15

Hear presentation from Beverly Silas on the current status of the Envision Central Texas project and get information on the upcoming Community Test Site Workshop in Williamson County.

Neal Kocurek made a presentation to the court on the current status of the Envision Central Texas project. The Community Test Site Workshop for the Williamson County project (McNeil Junction) will be held Monday, March 31, 2003, from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. at McNeil High School.

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Monday, March 31, 2003

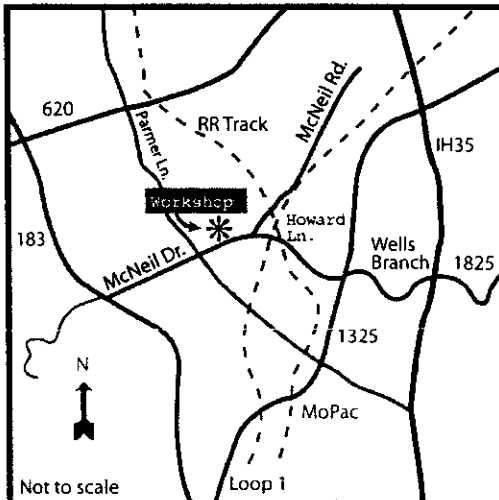
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

McNeil High School

5720 McNeil Drive
in North Austin

Light refreshments provided

Please register early by calling us at 512-916-6037
or via e-mail at dmiller@envisioncentraltexas.org



HELP PLAN THE FUTURE OF McNEIL JUNCTION

Your Community, Your Future, Your Ideas.

Your community needs your help. Envision Central Texas is working with the City of Austin and Capital Metro to plan the future of McNeil Junction – an area of undeveloped land near the intersection of Howard Lane and McNeil Road. The site includes the junction of two existing railroad lines that could become an integral part of our region's transportation system. Planning well for the future means being part of the process, and Envision Central Texas wants to include your ideas about how the local community could change in this unique opportunity.

Join us at McNeil High School on Monday, March 31 to discuss your community's future and participate in a hands-on planning workshop. Envision Central Texas will work with small groups to determine the development options that make the most sense for the local community. Each group will share its ideas with others at the meeting, and together we'll look for ways to combine the possibilities to create the ideal plan for McNeil Junction.

By sharing your thoughts on issues like transportation, the local economy, land use and the environment, you can create a lasting, positive impact for your family and your community. Please participate in this exciting opportunity, and help decide what your future can be.

for more information visit our website **www.envisioncentraltexas.org**



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haga que el trabajo de planificación lo beneficie.

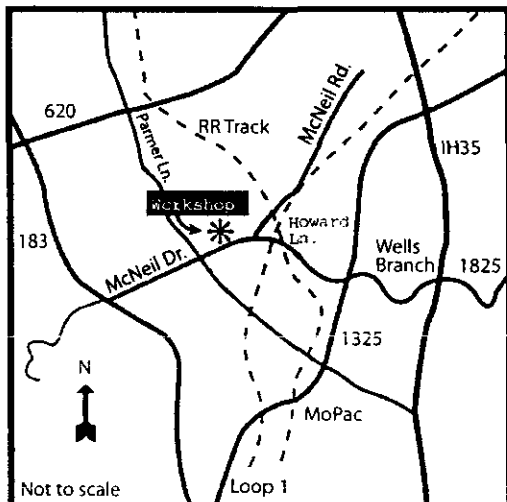
Lunes 31 de marzo de 2003
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Escuela de Secundaria McNeil

5720 McNeil Drive
en North Austin

Se servirán refrigerios

Inscríbase con anticipación en www.envisioncentraltexas.org o comuníquese con nosotros al teléfono 512-916-6037.



AYUDE A PLANIFICAR EL FUTURO DEL CRUCE McNEIL

Su comunidad, su futuro, sus ideas.

La comunidad necesita de su ayuda. Envision Central Texas está trabajando en forma conjunta con la ciudad de Austin y Capital Metro para planificar el futuro del Cruce McNeil – un área de tierra sin urbanizar ubicada cerca de la intersección de Howard Lane y McNeil Road. El sitio incluye el cruce de dos líneas ferroviarias existentes que podrían formar parte del sistema de transporte de nuestra región. Una planificación acertada para el futuro implica ser parte del proceso. Es por eso que Envision Central Texas desea incluir sus ideas acerca de cómo la comunidad local podría cambiar en esta oportunidad única.

Acérquese a la Escuela Secundaria McNeil el lunes 31 de marzo para analizar con nosotros el futuro de su comunidad y participe en un taller práctico de planificación. Envision Central Texas trabajará con grupos pequeños para determinar las opciones de desarrollo más convenientes para la comunidad local. En la reunión, cada grupo compartirá sus ideas con los demás participantes y juntos buscaremos la manera de combinar las posibilidades para crear el plan ideal para el Cruce McNeil.

Al compartir sus ideas sobre temas como el transporte, la economía local, la utilización de la tierra y el medio ambiente, usted puede crear un efecto positivo y duradero para su familia y su comunidad. Participe de esta excitante oportunidad y colabore en decidir respecto a su futuro.

Para obtener más información, visite nuestro sitio Web en **www.envisioncentraltexas.org**

**ENVISION CENTRAL TEXAS
(ECT)
Project Mid-point Overview**

December 2001

- Hired Beverly Silas as Executive Director
- Capitol Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) awarded funding to Central Texas Regional Visioning Project (CTRVP).

January and February 2002

- Began working on funding for project

March 2002

- First Board of Directors meeting on March 22 at the State of Texas Capitol Extension in Senate Finance Committee Room
 - ♦ Overview of the project
 - ♦ Role of board members
 - ♦ Funding strategy
 - ♦ Presentation by Fregonese Calthorpe Associates (FCA) on the tools and methods for project
 - ♦ Vote on initial board member list and executive committee
 - ♦ Capital Area Planning Council (CAPCO) agreed to act as fiscal agent and provide office space

April 2002

- Board of Directors meeting on April 22 at Aquarena Springs in San Marcos
 - ♦ Adoption of by-laws and amendments
 - ♦ Approval of budget and financial policy, election of Brenda Saxon as Assistant Treasurer
 - ♦ Approval to contract with FCA

May 2002

- Davis, Hibbitts & McCaig (DHM) conducted two focus groups on May 18 with citizens from throughout the five-county region to solicit opinions about issues related to future growth in the Central Texas area.
- Finalized contract with CAPCO and officially set up office at 2512 S. IH 35.
- Hired Diane Miller as Project Coordinator.

June 2002

- Board of Directors meeting on June 6 at the Williamson County Annex in Cedar Park
 - ♦ Reviewed results of focus groups
 - ♦ Approval to file with IRS for 501(C)(3) non profit status

July 2002

- Board of Directors meeting on July 9 at LCRA Riverside Conference Center in Bastrop
 - ♦ FCA presented data compiled to date, including jobs, income, land consumption & population allocation
 - ♦ Calthorpe Associates (CA) provided overview of public workshop process
 - ♦ EnviroMedia provided media outreach plan and name/branding options
- FCA conducted meetings with environmental subject matter experts and planners in Austin on July 10.
- DHM conducted telephone surveys from July 18 to July 27.
- FCA conducted meeting with forecasters and demographers on July 30.
- Board of Directors meeting on July 30 at the Lockhart City Hall in Lockhart.
 - ♦ DHM presented telephone survey results
 - ♦ CA reviewed workshop process, chip sets and base map
 - ♦ EnviroMedia reviewed media outreach and web site plan

August 2002

- Media bus tour of five-county region and official roll out of Envision Central Texas

September 2002

- Regional workshop conducted at Austin Convention Center on September 13

October 2002

- Board of Directors meeting on October 3 at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos
 - ♦ FCA provided regional workshop results
 - ♦ FCA provided explanation of scenario building, Community Test Site workshops, guiding principles
 - ♦ EnviroMedia provided update on media outreach, web site launch and outreach video and brochures
 - Sub regional workshops held on October 14 in Bastrop and Georgetown, on October 15 in Austin and Dripping Springs and on October 17 in Lockhart and Austin.
 - FCA introduced Lucy Buck as their Project Manager for ECT
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November 2002

- Board of Directors meeting on November 6 at One Congress Plaza, 8th Floor Community Room, Austin, Texas
 - ♦ Approval of additional budget for outreach
 - ♦ Election of board of directors officers
 - ♦ Added three new board members
 - ♦ Approved FCA issuing RFP for Community Test Site workshops
 - ♦ Discussion of guiding principles

December 2002

- Board of Directors meeting on December 5 at the Sun City Social Building in Georgetown
 - ♦ Approved web site upgrade to level 1 ADA compliance
 - ♦ Presentation of scenarios developed from public workshops
 - ♦ Discussion of guiding principles
- Sub-committee meetings held on December 19 and December 20 to further discuss economic and social equity guiding principles

January 2003

- Board of Directors meeting on January 9 at the First National Bank in Elgin
- Transportation Modeling begins

February 2003

- Board of Directors meeting on February 6 in Caldwell County
- Evaluation benchmarks and system established for transportation

March 2003

- Board of Directors meeting on March 6 in Travis County
- Community outreach
- Community Test Site Workshops

April 2003

- Board of Directors meeting on April 3 in Hays County
- Transportation scenarios analyzed in workshop

May 2003

- Board of Directors meeting on May 1 in Williamson County
- Final workshop for community test sites
- Illustrative plans for communities that had test site workshops
- Public input (voting) on scenarios

June 2003

- Board of Directors meeting on June 5 in Bastrop County
- Presentation of scenario receiving most public votes

July 2003

- Board of Directors meeting on July 10 in Caldwell County
- Draft preferred alternative vision

August 2003

- Board of Directors meeting on August 7 in Travis County
- Develop implementation strategy

September 2003

- Board of Directors meeting on September 4 in Hays County
- Form a compact to support implementation

October 2003

- Board of Directors meeting on October 2 in Williamson County
- Final media effort

November 2003

- Board of Directors meeting on November 6 in Bastrop County
- Presentation of preferred scenario and implementation strategy to all jurisdictions in the five-county region.

December 2003

- Board of Directors meeting on December 4 in Caldwell County
- Final report
- Establish procedures for transforming ECT from planning organization to one of providing assistance to jurisdictions with implementation.

Board of Directors
(*Member of Executive Committee)

1. Suzanna Almanza, People Organized in Defense of Earth and her Resources (PODER)
2. David Baker, Wimberley Valley Watershed Association
3. Gordon Baker, Texas Downtown Association
4. Senator Gonzalo Barrientos*, Texas Senate, District 14
5. Rob Baxter, The Friendship Alliance
6. Joe Beal*, Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA)
7. Jon Beall*, Save Barton Creek Association
8. Lisa Birkman, Cat Hollow Homeowners Association
9. Judge Samuel Biscoe, Travis County Judge
10. Terry Bray, Vision 2010
11. Robert Breunig, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center
12. Samuel L. Bryant, Champion Austin
13. Coyle Buhler, Central Texas Clean Air Coalition
14. Fred Butler, Community Action Network
15. David Chiu*, Former Mayor of San Marcos
16. Pamela Contreras, Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
17. Ashton Cumberbatch, Jr., Council for Community Reconciliation
18. Susan Dawson, Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee
19. Judge John Doerfler, Williamson County Judge
20. David Foster, Trans Texas Alliance
21. Ron Giles, Neighbors for Neighbors
22. Terry Gilmore*, Hill Country Conservancy
23. Vicky Gomez, City of Austin, Department of Small and Minority Business Resources
24. Elizabeth Gonzales, Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
25. Jay Hailey, Urban Land Institute, Austin Chapter
26. Patricia Hayes*, Seton Healthcare Network
27. Mark Hazelwood*, Hazelwood Group
28. Comm. Mike Heiligenstein*, Williamson County Commissioner
29. Ian Inglis, MoPac Neighborhood Association Coalition
30. Bryan King, Austin Neighborhoods Council
31. W. Neal Kocurek*, St. David's Health Care System
32. Rep. Mike Krusee, Texas House of Representatives
33. Scott LaGrone, Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA)
34. Sterling Lands, II*, Eastside Social Action Coalition
35. Laraine Lasdon, Austin-San Antonio Corridor Council
36. Lowell Lebermann*, Hill Country Conservancy; Travis-Williamson Regional Mobility Authority
37. Herman Lessard, Jr., Austin Area Urban League, Inc.

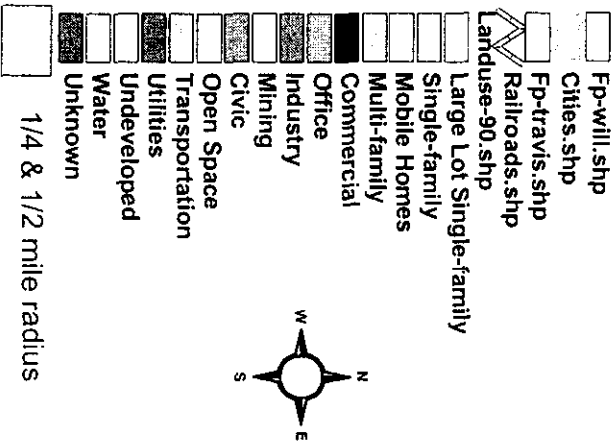
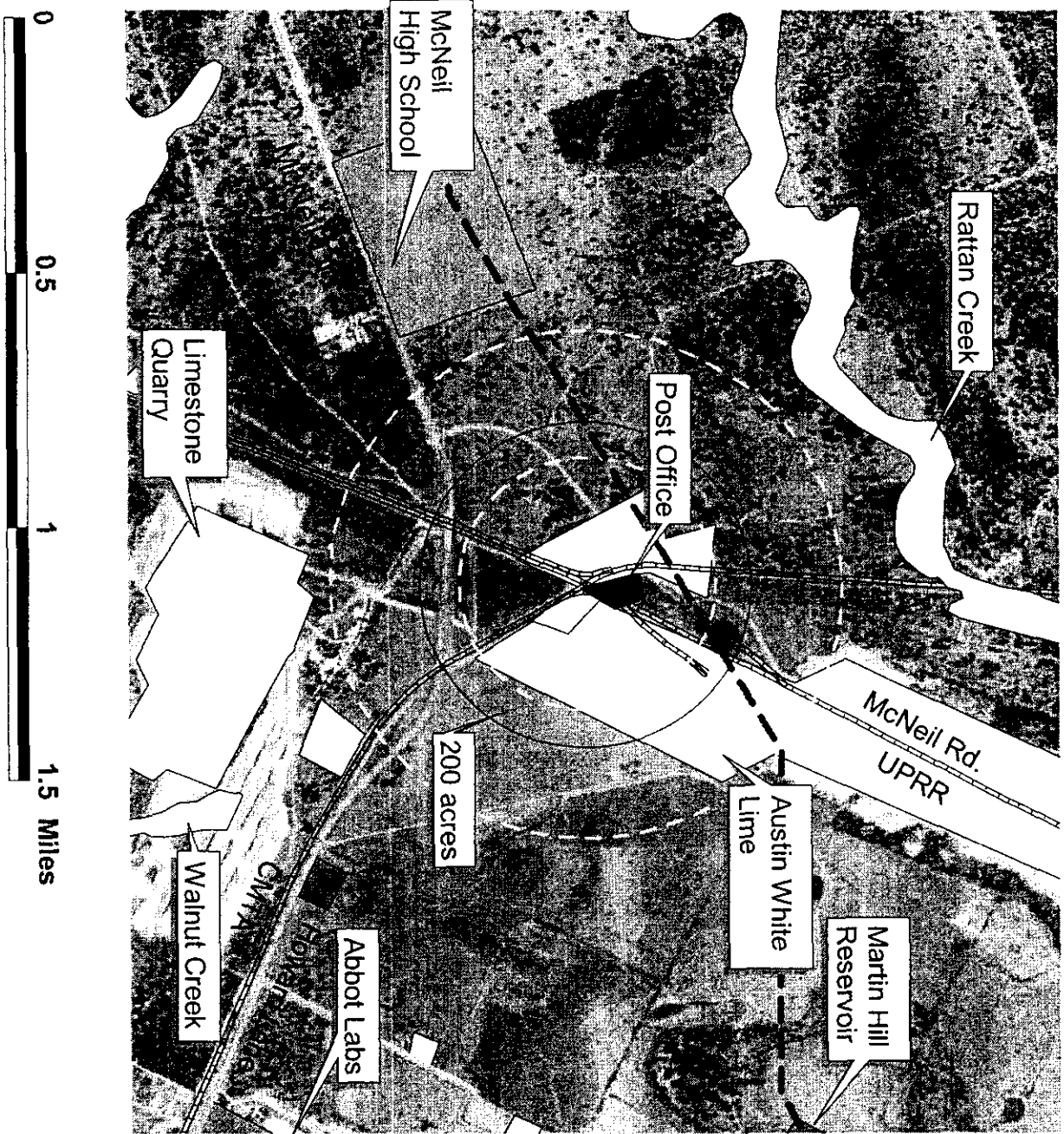
38. Nelson Linder, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Austin Chapter
 39. Julia Marsden, Region K Water Planning Group; League of Women Voters of Texas
 40. Judge Ronnie McDonald*, Bastrop County Judge
 41. Billy Moore, Austin-San Antonio Corridor Council
 42. Margaret Moore, Former Travis County Commissioner
 43. Mayor Gary Nelon, Georgetown City Mayor
 44. John Nelson, Taylor Economic Development Corporation
 45. Dave Newberger, Save Our Springs Alliance
 46. Rev. Joseph C. Parker, Jr., Chestnut Neighborhood Planning Team
 47. Judge Jim Powers, Hays County Judge
 48. Robin Rather*, Liveable City; Hill Country Conservancy
 49. Steve Rivers, AG Edwards & Sons, Inc.
 50. Art Rodriguez, Advanced Micro Devices
 51. Alice Romberg, Rural Capital Area Workforce Development Board (RCAWDB); Community Activist
 52. Mayor Ray Sanders, Lockhart City Mayor
 53. Robin Schneider, Texas Campaign for the Environment
 54. Mayor Tom Scott, Bastrop City Mayor
 55. Jim Skaggs*, Austin-Area Citizens for Mobility Excellence (AACME)
 56. Craig Smith, Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
 57. Sheril Smith, Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club State Conservation Office
 58. Channy Soeur, Asian American Chamber of Commerce
 59. Robin Stallings, Texas Bicycle Coalition
 60. Dean Fritz Steiner*, University of Texas at Austin School of Architecture
 61. Robert Stluka, Former Round Rock City Mayor
 62. Mike Swayze, Round Rock Chamber of Commerce
 63. Joe Vining, City of Round Rock
 64. Betty Voights*, Capital Area Planning Council (CAPCO)
 65. Jim Walker*, Central Texas Sustainability Indicators Project
 66. Lee Walker*, Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority
 67. Jerry Winetroub*, RECA; Hill Country Conservancy
 68. Pete Winstead, Hill Country Conservancy
 69. Judge H. T. Wright*, Caldwell County Judge
 70. Council Member Will Wynn*, Austin City Council
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Community Test Site Workshop

McNeil Junction- 200 acres within a larger site. Nominated by City of Austin and Capital Metro. The proposed site is centered on the junction of the Austin and Northwestern Railroad (Giddings to Llano line owned by CMTA) and the UPRR, near the intersection of Howard Lane and McNeil Road. The site is primarily in Williamson County, although a small part is in Travis County, and it is in Austin's Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction. The site, as well as being located in two counties, is located in the relatively undeveloped triangle formed by the city limits of Austin, Cedar Park and Round Rock, and is less than five miles from Pflugerville. It is the ultimate multi-jurisdictional site in the heart of the fastest growing part of the Central Texas Region. The proposed site, part of the Robinson Ranch, is owned by a single family which has expressed approval of the location being used as a test site.

Site Context



Regional Context

AGENDA ITEM 16

Hear report from Loss Control Committee and take any appropriate action regarding new workers compensation risk management measures.

Lisa Zirkle addressed the court regarding the increase of workers compensation premiums. Lee Garrett presented the court with the recommendations from the Loss Control Team and Steering Committee for steps to control worker compensation losses.

Moved: **Commissioner Hays**

Seconded: **Commissioner Boatright**

Motion: To approve the policy recommendations from the Loss Control Team and Steering Committee for steps to control worker compensation losses.

Vote: 3 – 0. **Commissioner Limmer** was absent from the dais.

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