

Thursday, July 3, 2014

## Village of Volente Community Survey

Commissioners,

All agree the Village of Volente needs to do its Community Survey sooner than later. The equally needed review of the Village of Volente Comprehensive Plan is ongoing. We are at the end of the Village's budget year, so we need to be as efficient and cost-effective as possible.

Given all that we have heard thus far in our Commission meetings/hearings and Council meetings and public comments, it is my recommendation that we first re-issue the 2004 Community Survey as soon as possible. Doing so will provide all stakeholders of the Village an apples-to-apples comparison of where we were in 2004 and where we are today in 2014.

Since we already possess a vetted survey document prepared by two independent survey companies that went through a lengthy public input period, the Village can save tax dollars here.

What remains is that we need a third party, confidential survey analyst/statistician and the means to distribute the survey electronically (along with some distribution by mail and/or it being hand-carried). Below are the parties who are presently preparing their quote for getting what we need done as simply, efficiently and cost-effectively as possible.

- Dan Sefko, Planning Director/Urban Planning & Design, Freese & Nichols, Austin, TX
- Carper Davis, Senior Research Consultant, Infosurv, Atlanta, GA
- Elizabeth Christian, President, Elizabeth Christian & Associates Public Relations, Austin, TX

NOTE: Knight & Partners no longer do this type of work. The Appraisal Review Board also does not do this type of work, according to my conversations with three of their employees. I am still awaiting word from Jacob Limon, who did the Community Survey raw data analyses for the Village in 2004; Jacob is now Chief of Staff for the Texas House of Representatives.

I look forward to our discussion of this item, as well as the public's input, during our meeting on July 8th.

Many thanks,

Allison Thrash, Chair, Planning & Zoning Commission, Village of Volente