

Comprehensive Planning Citizen Work Group

October 11, 2007

Facilitator: Shira Rodgers

Public Facilities: Library

Kyle's library system is adequately sized for the present City: but as the city grows so must the library system.

- **Some citizens go to other city's library**
- **Additional locations would be beneficial**

Current Services:

- Books
- Computer Services
- Reading times
- Tax help
- Public meeting rooms

Current Issues:

- Location only on west side, east side not served
- Size of building --- HUGE ISSUE
- Staffing
- Additional services – more “beefed” up services
- Separate computer services (HS, elementary, seniors)

PUBLIC FACILITIES: Education

Expand the skill sets of the available workforce in anticipation of future job growth demands. Maintain the quality and expand the range of education opportunities within the community.

- **To maintain excellence of Hays CISD**
- **To increase educational offerings within Kyle.**

Recommendations:

- Promote increased training programs in public schools.
- Expand secondary education opportunities by recruiting a 2-year college
- Coordinate City planning efforts with Hays CISD efforts for future schools.
- Consider collocating public schools with community parks.
- Need a private school (up to HS)
- Consider creating a focus group to study future educational needs of the Kyle community.

PUBLIC FACILITIES: Police

We believe we currently have a 6 minute response time.

- Staffing is 18
- In January, staffing will increase to 2 officers on each side of IH35 per shift.

Recommendation:

- West & East substation
- Coordinate Kyle Police with regional police jurisdictions and their efforts
- Build a new police headquarters and justice center.
- Consider the viability of a police substation, when the city's population demands it.

- Increase staffing to 1 per 1,000

PUBLIC FACILITIES: FIRE

Recommendations:

- Once we hit 40,000 we would like to explore having dedicated City fire.
- Consider sites for future fire stations
- Coordinate plans with regional fire fighting jurisdictions and their efforts by advocating a long range regional fire fighting master plan.
- Better response time with additional stations – density based, geography based, ISO based.