

Incorporation of Von Ormy Timeline

Spring/Summer 2006 –discussion about incorporation of Von Ormy into a City is common at the Jarret Volunteer Fire Department. Firefighters believe that it will benefit the residents by giving them the political instrument to provide better public services to the community.

6/1/06 – 6/10/06 – Art Martinez de Vara and Sally Martinez distribute flyers announcing public meeting about the future of Von Ormy and possible incorporation.

6/11/06 – First “Dear Neighbor” letter to Von Ormy distributed to all of Von Ormy by Art Martinez de Vara at public meeting to discuss the possible incorporation of Von Ormy. .

6/14/06 – Blockwalking of Von Ormy Heights, Benton City Road and other Von Ormy areas. Walkers met at Benjamin’s Kitchen on Fischer Rd.

6/16/06 – Article appears in Lytle Leader News regarding public meeting.

6/19/06 – CIVO calls and faxes the following officials and candidates to inform them of Von Ormy’s incorporation effort: Mayor Phil Hardberger, Councilman Kevin Wolff, County Judge Nelson Wolff, Councilman Roger Flores, Councilman Sheila McNeil, Councilman Roland Gutierrez, Councilman Richard Perez, Councilman Herrera, Councilman Elena Guajardo, Councilman Art Hall, Councilman Chip Hass, County Commissioner Chico Rodriguez.

6/20/06 – State Rep. David Leibowitz sends letters to all of Von Ormy about his support of Von Ormy incorporation.

6/29/06 – Committee to Incorporate Von Ormy (CIVO) organizes as a Non-Profit Association and gets FED EIN number: 56-2594382

7/06 – Met with County Judge Nelson Wolff and County Commissioner Chico Rodriguez and received their endorsement of incorporation effort.

7/8/06 – CIVO sends Letter to Bexar County Engineer Rene Green officially requesting assistance in surveying the proposed city limits.

7/9/06 – CIVO sends second “Dear Neighbor” letter to all of Von Ormy, with update and announcing public meeting on July 19, 2006.

7/12/06 – San Antonio Current runs article “Von Ormy, Inc.” about incorporation effort in Von Ormy.

7/19/06 – CIVO public meeting held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Parish Hall.

7/25/06 – CIVO Public meeting is reported in the Lytle Leader News.

7/28/06 – CIVO organizes meeting with City of San Antonio Councilman (District 4) Richard Perez to discuss incorporation

8/5/06 – Bucket Drive, CIVO members held signs at intersection of I-35 and 1604, sold hotdogs, had information booth, passed out flyers and collected money from public.

8/8/06 – CIVO Meeting, donations from business residents United Rental, Valero, Bates, Love's Truck stop, Uniform Company, 84 Lumber, Turnkey, Mr. W Fireworks.

8/12/06 – CIVO fundraiser sold hotdogs on side of road and passed out flyers to the public.

8/16/06 – CIVO Meeting, retained attorney

8/28/06 – CIVO meets with Philips Properties, LTD about land donation for Fire Station and future City Hall for Von Ormy.

8/30/06 – CIVO Meeting, received contributions from business residents, Exxon Station, Burger King etc..

9/6/06 – CIVO Meeting, committee reduced proposed city limits to 5 square miles and will resubmit to San Antonio.

10/5/06 – CIVO Meeting - Organized sending of postcards to all landowners in proposed city limits about upcoming public meeting. First proposal of Von Ormy Day to celebrate 120th anniversary of Von Ormy and inform the public of effort to incorporate. Discussed land donation for fire station and city hall.

10/11/06 – CIVO files petition with COSA City Clerk to release ETJ for the purpose of holding an election on incorporation. 99 registered voters signed petition. Press Release is issued to all San Antonio area media.

10/11/06 – CIVO petition is reported by WOAI and Univision.

10/17/06 – CIVO meets with COSA Councilman Richard Perez.

10/19/06 – Lytle Leader News publishes article about CIVO petition.

10/26/06 – Southside Reporter publishes article about CIVO petition and incorporation effort.

10/30/06 CIVO meeting, organized first Von Ormy Parade, bought postage for mailer to Von Ormy residents regarding filing of petition. CIVO adopts Von Ormy Flag.

10/30/06 CIVO sends letter to Constable Ruben Tejeda, CIVO receives his support and agrees to provide traffic control for Von Ormy parade.

11/1/06 Express-News publishes article "City Seeks to Retain its History" about Von Ormy Incorporation. They report "most residents favor incorporation".

11/10/06 – CIVO Meeting, Von Ormy Day Parade/Festival/Incorporation Update

11/10/06 – Press Release regarding Von Ormy Day Parade.

Early 11/06 – (WEEK AFTER SUMITTING ORIG PET) CIVO (Art Martinez de Vara, Jacqueline Silva, Charlie Brown, John Ortega, Jr.) meeting with COSA Planning Dept. Jesus Garza and his assistant. Christine COSA disputed population stats, refused to accept any population growth since 2000 census.

Late 11/06 CIVO met with COSA Jesus Garza. COSA refused to accept any other basis for calculating population other than 2000 census. COSA suggested we would have a more favorable application if we stayed south of the Medina River, reduced our city limits to 4 square miles, cleaned up our boundaries to follow property lines and eliminated a few irregularities in our proposed city limits caused by our use of the Medina River as a northern boundary line. Garza also indicated that the Planning department would be willing to release ETJ north of Rife Lane and Neighborhood Road after incorporation in order to preserve Von Ormy's traditional boundaries. We agreed to do these things and re-submit our petition.

11/06 – CIVO submitted an amended proposed city limits to the COSA planning department, but Christine was transferred to another department and this petition was lost.

11/30/06 – Lytle Leader News reports about upcoming Von Ormy Parade on Front Page.

12/2/06 – CIVO holds Von Ormy Day Parade and Festival. Congressman "Ciro" Rodriguez and County Commissioner "Chico" Rodriguez are co-Grand Marshalls.

12/06 – Jesus Garza acknowledged that our proposal had been lost and asked us to resubmit, but informed us that he would not be able to revisit Von Ormy incorporation until Jan 15, 2007.

12/3/06 – Express-News publishes article "Von Ormy fetes Heritage" about incorporation effort and CIVO festival.

12/7/06 – Lytle Leader News publishes article and photos of Von Ormy Day Parade and Festival.

12/7/06 – Commemorative Von Ormy Postage goes on sale.

12/7/06 – AJ's Convenience Store in Von Ormy begins selling "I Love VO" t-shirts at their store in support of incorporation.

12/14/06 – Lytle Leader News publishes article "Von Ormy Celebrates 120 Years" about CIVO's Von Ormy Day Parade and Festival.

12/14/06 – Southside Reporter publishes article "Von Ormy Celebrates 120th Anniversary" about CIVO's Von Ormy Day Parade and Festival.

1/28/07 – CIVO lobbies in Austin for incorporation during legislative session with Rep. David Leibowitz, Rep. Mendez, Sen. Uresti, Rep. Farias.

2/1/07 – Lytle Leader News publishes article "Von Ormy Forms Chamber of Commerce"

2/2/2007 – CIVO meeting with Jesus Garza regarding revised petition.

2/8/07 – CIVO organizes the Von Ormy Chamber of Commerce and first meeting is held at Alamo River RV Resort Clubhouse.

2/8/07 – CIVO meets with the Atascosa Rural Water Supply Company about the possibility of them applying for a CCN to provide sewer to Von Ormy

3/7/07 - State Rep. David Leibowitz introduces bill to allow Von Ormy to incorporate, despite the COSA's policy to always reject petitions to incorporate within their ETJ.

4/4/07 – Sally Martinez (CIVO) and Jesus Garza (COSA) testify before the Land and Resource Management Committee of the Texas House in Austin, regarding a bill to allow Von Ormy to Incorporate.

5/18/07 CIVO meets with Jesus Garza of the COSA Planning and Infrastructure about proposed amended petition.

5/21/07 – CIVO meets with County Commissioner Chico Rodriguez and Atascosa Rural Water Supply Company about plan to bring sewer to Von Ormy.

5/22/07 - Von Ormy receives the written endorsement and support of State Rep. David McQuade Leibowitz, District 117.

5/24/07 - Von Ormy receives the written endorsement and support of County Commissioner Sergio "Chico" Rodriguez, Precinct 1.

8/2/07 – CIVO Meeting regarding interfacing with the COSA City Council about upcoming vote on petition.

8/15/07 – CIVO files amended petition with COSA reflecting negotiations with COSA Planning Department over proposed city limits. City is reduced to 1.88 square miles.

8/17/07 - Von Ormy receives the written endorsement and support of County Judge Nelson Wolff.

8/27/07 – Von Ormy receives the written endorsement and support of State Senator Carlos Uresti, District 19.

10/7/07 – CIVO (Art Martinez de Vara, Israel Rocha, Joe Kierstead) met with Councilman Phil Cortez and staff regarding incorporation. He agreed to support our petition.

11/7/07 – Von Ormy receives the written endorsement and support of COSA Councilman Philip A. Cortez, District 4.

11/16/07 – CIVO Meeting to organize parade and other matters.

11/28/07 – CIVO Meeting to organize parade and other matters. County Commissioner Chico Rodriguez addresses CIVO.

11/30/07 – CIVO meets with Congressman Ciro Rodriguez, the EDA and the Atascosa Rural Water Supply Company about a possible planning grant for a Von Ormy sewer system.

12/1/07 CIVO holds Von Ormy Day Parade and Festival. Grand Marshall: State Rep. David Leibowitz. CIVO has booth on incorporation issues.

12/6/07 – Lytle Leader News reports about CIVO's Von Ormy Day Parade and Festival.

1/24/08 – COSA Planning Commission gives its endorsement of CIVO's petition to allow for an election on incorporation.

1/31/08 COSA City Council votes on CIVO's petition to allow an election on the incorporation of Von Ormy