



Urban Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes

**Regular Meeting
31 May 2011**

The Urban Transportation Commission convened in a special called session on 31, May, 2011 at the Boards and Commissions Room located at 303 West 2nd Street, Room 1101, Austin, Texas.

Commission Members in Attendance:

Dustin Lanier –Chair
Sheila Holbrook-White – Vice Chair
Boone Blocker
Allen Demling
Dana Lockler
Richard MacKinnon
Eileen Schaubert

Commission Members Absent:

None

Staff in Attendance:

Robert Spillar	Gilda Powers	Howard Lazarus
Sangeeta Jain	Candace Craig	Gordon Bowman

Chair Lanier called the Commission meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the 04/12/2011 meeting were approved on Commissioner Schaubert motion, Commissioner Lanier second, on a 6/0/1 vote, with Commissioner Blocker abstaining.

Ayes: Lanier, Demling, MacKinnon, Lockler, Holbrook-White, Schaubert
Nays: None
Abstain: Blocker
Absent: None

2. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Transportation Fund FY2011-2012 Budget – Briefing

Howard Lazarus, P.E., Director of the Public Works Department, and Robert Spillar, P.E., Director of the Austin Transportation Department gave a detailed presentation about the proposed Transportation Fund FY2012 Budget. **No Action Taken.**

B. Northwoods Road District No. 1 - Review of Petition for Consent to the Creation of a Road District relating to the Northwoods Road District No. 1 in Williamson County, Texas, and provide recommendation to the City Manager. Discussion and Possible Action.

Mr. Tim Taylor, from the firm Jackson Walker, LLP, spoke on behalf of the petitioner and explained the reasons and benefits behind the creation of the Road District. He asked the UTC for a recommendation. On Commissioner Holbrook-White motion, Commissioner Blocker second, on a 7/0 vote, the UTC concurs with other Boards and Commissions and supports the City Manager's request to Council for the creation of the Road District. This item will be going before the City Council on June 23, 2011.

Ayes: Lanier, Blocker, Demling, Holbrook-White MacKinnon, Lockler, Schaubert
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

C. Casa de Luz Restaurant – 1701 Toomey Road – Request from the Urban Transportation Commission for information pertaining to the parking application for the Casa de Luz Restaurant – Briefing

Sangeeta Jain, Senior Planner with Planning and Development Review Department briefed the UTC on the current parking situation at Casa de Luz Restaurant as well as the steps the City and the restaurant owner have taken so far to resolve the issue. **No Action Taken.**

D. Vivo Restaurant – 2015 Manor Road – Request from the Urban Transportation Commission for information pertaining to parking issues for the Vivo Restaurant – Briefing

Candace Craig, Senior Planner with Planning and Development Review Department briefed the UTC on the parking issue of Vivo Restaurant. Staff will continue to find a viable solution not only for this restaurant, but for others in similar situation. Mr. Spillar will discuss with other directors the parking requirements at various businesses as allowed by code to ensure that parking density requirements are in coordination with the parking management and transportation goals.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Urban Rail - Briefing

Robert Spillar, Director with the Austin Transportation Department gave an update on the Urban Rail program. Staff will update the UTC on a monthly basis. **No Action Taken.**

5. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Taxicab Study Briefing – Mr. Spillar explained that Dr. Mundy's study has just initiated and no information is available. He has met with the three taxicab companies and with other stakeholders. Chair Lanier and Commissioner Blocker requested to be included in the process as they were involved with the Taxicab Task Force.

6. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Urban Rail Update
- South Congress Improvements Updated
- Valet Ordinance / Commercial Zones / Taxi Stands
- Residential Parking Program – Final Recommendation

- Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program (LATM) -
- Special Events revision/changes to the Ordinance and Rules - Report
- Car2go update – Zip Cars vs. Car2go
- Downtown Austin Plan – Update
- Bike Share – RFI Update
- Extra Permits for Pedicabs
- Corridor Studies
- Road blocks and road closures – Consistency on enforcement
- Wayfinding status
- Bike parking on street and on parking facilities

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Lanier adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m. without objection

Approved Minutes _____
 Dustin Lanier –Chair
 Urban Transportation Commission

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