



APPROVED

**Urban Transportation Commission
Meeting Minutes**

**Regular Meeting
14 August 2012**

The Urban Transportation Commission convened in a regular meeting on 14, August, 2012, at the Boards and Commissions Room located at 303 West 2nd Street, Room 1101, Austin, Texas.

Commission Members in Attendance:

Dustin Lanier – Chair
Boone Blocker – Vice-Chair
Dana Lockler
Richard MacKinnon
Stanton Truxillo

Commission Members Absent:

Sheila Holbrook-White
Eileen Schaubert

Staff in Attendance:

Peter Marsh	Tiesha Payne	Betty Torres	Leah Fillion
Carlton Thomas	Gilda Powers	Renee Orr	

Chair Lanier called the Commission meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 10, 2012

The minutes from the 07/10/12 meeting were not approved due to lack of quorum of members present at the July meeting.

May 8, 2012

The minutes from the 05/08/12 meeting were not approved due to lack of quorum of members present at the May meeting.

2. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Joseph Iley addressed the commission regarding Yellow Cabs Wheel Chair Permits.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Real Estate Vacation – Presentation and Possible Action

Jennifer Grant, Property Agent with the Office of Real Estate Services presented the request for the vacation of Right-of-Way adjacent to 2518 Wooldridge Dr.

On Commissioner Blocker’s motion, Chair Lanier second, with Commissioners Holbrook-White and Schaubert absent, on a 5/0/0/2 vote, the UTC voted in support of this item.

Ayes: Blocker, Lanier, Lockler, MacKinnon, Truxillo

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Holbrook-White, Schaubert\

B. Bus Rapid Transit – Briefing and Possible Action

John-Michael Cortez, Business & Community Development Coordinator with Capital Metro, provided a briefing regarding Capital Metro Bus Rapid Transit Project. **No Action Taken.**

C. Karaoke 5K – Briefing and Possible Action

Adam Ruma, Event Promoter, with Groundstone Productions, LLC provided information on the proposed Karaoke 5K event. The perimeter of this event falls within the Old West Austin Neighborhood Association (OWANA) territory. OWANA is opposing the event due to the simultaneous closing of South 1st and Cesar Chavez . One citizen representing OWANA addressed the commission in opposition of this event.

On Commissioner MacKinnon motion, Commissioner Truxillo second, with Commissioners Holbrook-White and Schaubert absent, on a vote of 5/0/0/2, the UTC voted in support of this item with the recommendation that staff take this item to Council to review staging on the bridges, and the role of neighborhood associations in the approval/disapproval of events.

Ayes: Blocker, Lanier, Lockler, MacKinnon, Truxillo

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Holbrook-White, Schaubert

D. Formula 1 Temporary Vehicle for Hire Permitting – Briefing and Possible Action

Carlton Thomas, Transportation Regulatory Supervisor with the Austin Transportation Department, provided a presentation regarding a proposal for Temporary Special Event Vehicle-for-Hire Permitting affecting Limousine and Charter Services. The proposed amended ordinance would allow the following:

- A process to temporarily license and permit drivers and vehicles
- The process to be enacted by the Director of Transportation
- Temporary permits to be valid for no more than 16 days

Chair Lanier recommended that staff clearly define the meaning of Special Events within the Ordinance. The Commission requested that staff bring the item back in September. Five citizens addressed the Commission with three in favor and two opposing the proposed ordinance changes. **No Action Taken.**

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. LATM – Update and Possible Action

Renee Orr, Project Manager with the Austin Transportation Department, gave an update of the Local Area Traffic Management Program. **No Action Taken.**

5. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Meeting**

Commissioner Blocker requested the next meeting date for the Bike and Ped committee. No date was set due to Commissioner Schaubert and Holbrook-White not being in attendance at the meeting.

- **East Riverside Corridor Update**

Commissioner Lockler reported that a draft of a document with public input to make modifications will be forthcoming, however a definite date of release has not been established.

- **South Congress Improvements Project –**

Commissioner Lockler provided a brief report on activities including a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon, curb ramps, and bulbabouts between Milton and Live Oak. Work of this nature will continue between Gibson and James Street.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- F1 Update – (Special Events)
- F1 Special Permit Update
- Valet Ordinance change
- Wheelchair Taxicab Update
- Neighborhood connectivity projects
- Taxicabs – Update UTC as they occur
- Special Events revision/changes to the Ordinance and Rules – Report –
- Urban Rail – Initial Funding Plan
- Parking update in 6 months

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Lanier adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m. without objection.

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