



APPROVED

**Urban Transportation Commission
Meeting Minutes**

**Regular Meeting
09 October 2012**

The Urban Transportation Commission convened in a regular meeting on October 9, 2012 at Boards and Commissions Room located at 303 West 2nd Street, Room 1101, Austin, Texas.

Chair Lanier called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance:

Dustin Lanier – Chair
Boone Blocker – Vice Chair
Richard MacKinnon
Eileen Schaubert
Jace Deloney

Commission Members Absent:

Sheila Holbrook-White
Stanton Truxillo
Commissioner MacKinnon was off the dais for the first 15 minutes of the meeting

Staff in Attendance:

Gordon Derr	Tiesha Payne	Steve Grassfield	Gregory Pepper
Jason Redfern	Frances Hargrove	Howard Lazarus	Betty Torres
David Douglas	Michael Curtis		

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 08, 2012

The minutes from the 05/08/12 were approved on Commissioner Schaubert motion, Chair Lanier second, with Commissioners Blocker and Deloney abstaining, Commissioner MacKinnon off the dais and Commissioners Holbrook-White and Truxillo absent. Vote count 2/0/2/3

Ayes: Lanier, Schaubert
Nays: None
Abstain: Blocker, Deloney
Absent: Holbrook-White, MacKinnon, Truxillo

July 10, 2012

The minutes from the 07/10/12 were approved on Commissioner Blocker motion, Commissioner Schaubert second, with Chair Lanier and Deloney abstaining, Commissioner MacKinnon off the dais and Commissioners Holbrook-White and Truxillo absent. Vote count 2/0/2/3

Ayes: Blocker, Schaubert
Nays: None
Abstain: Lanier, Deloney
Absent: Holbrook-White, MacKinnon, Truxillo

September 11, 2012

The minutes from the 09/11/12 were approved on Chair Lanier motion, Commissioner Blocker second, with Commissioners Deloney and Schaubert abstaining, Commissioner MacKinnon off the dais and Commissioners Holbrook-White and Truxillo absent. Vote count 2/0/2/3

Ayes: Blocker, Lanier
Nays: None
Abstain: Deloney, Schaubert
Absent: Holbrook-White, MacKinnon, Truxillo

2. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Taxi Cab operator Joesph Iley spoke in reference to a gas powered golf cart located on Enfield Dr. Joseph questioned the City's involvement in enforcing the perimeters in which the golf carts will operate, as well as keeping illegal carts off the streets. Gordon Derr, Assistant Director with Austin Transportation advised the citizen that the issue would be addressed by Carlton Thomas, Transportation Regulatory Supervisor with Austin Transportation during the meeting.

Pedicab operator, Stephen Merritt requested to address the Commission in advance regarding agenda item 4C, Pedicab Moratorium, due to a scheduled pedicab appointment. Chair Lanier approved Mr. Merritt's request. Stephen spoke in regards to ghost pedicabs (permitted pedicabs that are non-existent). He is questioning if the issue was addressed under the Pedicab Moratorium. Carlton Thomas, Transportation Regulatory Supervisor with Austin Transportation addressed the issue raised by the citizen stating that all pedicabs will have to be shipped or in the owner's possession by December 31, 2012, or the compan's cap will be lowered.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Neighborhood Connectivity Projects – Briefing and Possible Action

Howard Lazarus, Director with the Public Works Department, and Michael Curtis, Division Manager with the Public Works Department, provided a presentation outlining what Neighborhood Connectivity does as a division, recently completed projects, and future projects that Neighborhood Connectivity will undertake. One Citizen addressed the commission. **No Action Taken.**

B. Live Strong Austin Marathon – Briefing and Possible Action

Frances Hargrove, Special Events Manager with the Office of Special Events, introduced the Conley Sports Race Director, John Conley, and the Conley Sports Community Relations Director, Ari Witkin. Conley Sports addressed the Commission requesting a waiver of signature requirements for this year’s event. Staff is requesting that UTC make a Council recommendation to approve the signature waiver.

On Commissioner MacKinnon motion, Commissioner Deloney second, with Commissioners Truxillo and Holbrook-White absent, on a 5/0/0/2 vote, the UTC voted in support of staff’s recommendation supporting a waiver of the notification. They also requested that staff review the notification process, and solicit complaints/feedback from promoters for a year-to-year analysis.

Ayes: Blocker, Deloney, Lanier, MacKinnon, Schaubert
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Holbrook-White, Truxillo

C. 3M ½ Marathon – Briefing and Possible Action

Betty Torres, Special Events Associate with the Office of Special Events, introduced the Conley Sports Race Director, John Conley. Conley Sports addressed the Commission requesting a waiver of signature requirements for this year’s event. Staff is requesting that UTC make a Council recommendation to approve the signature waiver.

On Commissioner MacKinnon motion, Commissioner Blocker second, with Commissioners Truxillo and Holbrook-White absent, on a 5/0/0/2 vote, the UTC voted in support of staff’s recommendation supporting a waiver of the notification. They also requested that staff review the notification process, and solicit complaints/feedback from promoters for a year-to-year analysis.

Ayes: Blocker, Deloney, Lanier, MacKinnon, Schaubert
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Holbrook-White, Truxillo

D. Election of Officers

Commissioner Schaubert made a motion to nominate Commissioner MacKinnon as Chair.

Ayes: Blocker, Deloney, Lanier, Schaubert

Nays: None

abstain: MacKinnon

Absent: Holbrook-White, Truxillo

Commissioner MacKinnon made a motion to nominate Commissioner Blocker as Vice-Chair.

Ayes: Deloney, Lanier, MacKinnon, Schaubert

Nays: None

Abstain: Blocker

Absent: Holbrook-White, Truxillo

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Special Events Ordinance – Update and Possible Action

Frances Hargrove, Special Events Manager with the Office of Special Events, provided a summary of efforts to prepare an update to the Special Events Ordinance. **No Action Taken**

B. Valet Ordinance Changes – Briefing and Possible Action

Jason Redfern, Right-of-Way Manager with the Austin Transportation Department, provided a presentation regarding an assessment of Valet services, and an update on the Valet Ordinance Changes and proposed fee schedule. UTC approved staff recommendations to implement a revised fee schedule for valet operations at the November 1, 2012 Council. Two citizens addressed the commission in opposition of the changes.

On Chair Lanier motion, Commissioner Schaubert second, with Commissioners Holbrook-White and Truxillo absent, on a 5/0/0/2 vote, the UTC voted in support of staff's recommendation to implement a revised fee schedule for valet operations.

Ayes: Blocker, Deloney, Lanier, MacKinnon, Schaubert

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Holbrook-White, Truxillo

C. Pedicab Moratorium – Briefing and Possible Action

Carlton Thomas, Transportations Regulatory Supervisor with Austin Transportation provided a briefing regarding their most recent round of discussions with Pedicab stakeholders. UTC recommended that the Moratorium end date be changed to November 30, 2013 to reflect their objection to a permanent cap for Pedicabs. Three citizens addressed the Commission.

On Commissioner MacKinnon motion, Commissioner Schaubert second, with Commissioners Holbrook-White and Truxillo absent on a 5/0/0/2 vote, the UTC voted in support of the item with a revision to the date November 30, 2013.

Ayes: Blocker, Deloney, Lanier, MacKinnon, Schaubert

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Holbrook-White, Truxillo

- On Chair Lanier motion, Commissioner MacKinnon second, on a 5/0/0/2 vote, the motion to continue the meeting past 10:00 p.m. was approved.

5. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bike/Ped sub-committee – Commissioner Schaubert advised that the Committee met on October 4, 2012 and is working to clarify what information should be presented to the full UTC. The next meeting will be scheduled for the end of the month.

Commissioner Deloney is the Chair of the Customer Satisfaction Advisory Committee (CSAC) – The committee meets monthly and will be meeting tomorrow, October 10, 2012 to discuss an update on open data issues.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Metro Rapid Update
- Surcharges to fund transportation
- CAMPO Twig update – Fall UTC
- Project Connect Update – Fall UTC
- Regional Transportations Discussion – Fall UTC
- APTA Group report – Fall UTC

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Lanier adjourned the meeting at 10:27 p.m. without objection.

Approved Minutes _____
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