



**Transportation Network Companies Committee
Urban Transportation Commission
Meeting Minutes**

**Regular Meeting
17 June 2014**

The Transportation Network Companies Committee of the Urban Transportation Commission convened in a regular meeting on 17, June 2014 at the One Texas Center Building, located at 505 Barton Springs Road, Suite 800 – Room 8-A, Austin, Texas.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Rich MacKinnon-Chair
Stanton Truxillo

Committee Members Absent:

Boone Blocker

Staff in Attendance:

Carlton Thomas Joana Perez

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner MacKinnon called the Committee Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the 01/07/14 meeting were discussed but not approved due to lack of quorum for members present at the January meeting.

On Commissioner MacKinnon motion and Commissioner Truxillo second with Commissioner Blocker absent the minutes from the 05/06/14 meeting were approved, on a vote of 2/0/0/1.

Ayes: Truxillo, MacKinnon
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Blocker

3. CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS – GENERAL

There were several citizens that addressed their concerns about City of Austin Parking.

4. OLD BUSINESS

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Dispatch and Pricing Reform – Briefing and Possible Actions

There was discussion on dispatch reform that will allow increasing the amount of taxi's during peak period followed by a recommendation that the Taxi Task Force look into peak period

demand specifically by allowing marked taxi's from other jurisdictions or permitting our other permitted operators.

On Commissioner Truxillo motion and Commissioner MacKinnon second with Commissioner Blocker absent the motion passed on a 2/0/0/1 vote.

Ayes: Truxillo, MacKinnon
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Blocker

There was discussion on pricing reform for a recommendation that the TNC Task Force look into a weights and measurements certification requirement for TNC's and TNC's are not allowed to drive away from a customer.

On Commissioner Truxillo motion and Commissioner MacKinnon second with Commissioner Blocker absent the motion passed on a 2/0/0/1 vote.

Ayes: Truxillo, MacKinnon
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Blocker

B. TNC Fleet Size - Briefing and Possible Actions

There was discussion that because we're afraid that no limits will result in flooding the market there should be some limits maybe by peak period or by testing the limits.

On Commissioner Truxillo motion and Commissioner MacKinnon second with Commissioner Blocker absent the motion passed on a 2/0/0/1 vote.

Ayes: Truxillo, MacKinnon
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Blocker

C. Cost of Vehicles Permits - Briefing and Possible Actions

There was discussion that there should be a policy statement that the cost of TNC permits should be sufficient to cover the cost of administration and enforcement.

On Commissioner Truxillo motion and Commissioner MacKinnon second with Commissioner Blocker absent the motion passed on a 2/0/0/1 vote.

Ayes: Truxillo, MacKinnon
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Blocker

D. Antidiscrimination Policy and Compliance Accessibility and Sustainability - Briefing and Possible Action

There was a recommendation that the TNC must submit plans for accessibility compliance with guidelines as the CPUC does something similar.

There was a recommendation that in order to address antidiscrimination and accessibility we recommend looking at requiring a specific number of vehicles must be accessible or alternatively allowing TNC's to submit plans for accessibility compliance with guidelines.

There was a recommendation that we recognize the rating systems are useful to consumers and businesses alike however we are concerned about the unintended discriminatory practices and the use of rating systems. We suggest that this be further explored with the TNC Task Force.

On Commissioner Truxillo motion and Commissioner MacKinnon second with Commissioner Blocker absent the motion passed on a 2/0/0/1 vote.

Ayes: Truxillo, MacKinnon
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Blocker

E. FTC Comment – Briefing and Possible Action

There was a recommendation we observe the FTC staff's opinion in the Chicago case and others that there is concern with over regulating the TNC and inadvertently squashing the benefits from the innovation and disruption.

On Commissioner Truxillo motion and Commissioner MacKinnon second with Commissioner Blocker absent the motion passed on a 2/0/0/1 vote.

Ayes: Truxillo, MacKinnon
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Blocker


6. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair MacKinnon adjourned the meeting at 8:44p.m. without objection.


Transportation Network Companies Chair

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