

# **Urban Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes**

Special Called Meeting 13 November 2014

The Urban Transportation Commission convened in a special called meeting on November 13, 2014 at 301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Room 1101, Austin, Texas

Chair MacKinnon called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

# **Commission Members in Attendance:**

Richard MacKinnon - Chair Boone Blocker Meredith Highsmith Mark Gilbert

#### **Commission Members Absent:**

Jace Deloney - Vice Chair Stanton Truxillo Dustin Lanier

# **Staff in Attendance:**

Gordon Derr Samantha Alexander Laura Dierenfield Eva Moore Steve Grassfield Joana Perez

## 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the 09/18/14 meeting were approved on Commissioner Blocker motion and Commissioner Highsmith second, the motion passed on a 4/0/03 vote with Commissioners Deloney, Lanier and Truxillo absent.

Ayes:

MacKinnon, Gilbert, Blocker, Highsmith

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

**Absent:** 

Deloney, Lanier, Truxillo

The minutes from the 10/14/14 were not approved due to lack of quorum of members present at the November meeting. Commissioners asked staff to bring back the October 14th meeting minutes for approval at the December meeting.

# 2. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None.

### 3. NEW BUSINES

A. Creation of Parking and Transportation management District – Briefing and Possible Action

Mr. Steve Grassfield, Parking Enterprise Manager for Austin Transportation Department discussed the existing ordinance; parking and transportation management district (PTMD); potential PTMD revenue projects, parking and monitoring/enforcement and designation of on street zones. The City of Austin has received an application from Mueller PTMD and East Austin PTMD that included boundaries; requirements; initial implementation and parking proforma. Mr. David King expressed his concerns about surrounding neighborhoods being notified of the parking changes; businesses using metered spots so they can meet their parking needs and feels this idea should be thought about further before making a decision. Mr. Joseph Iley expressed his concerns about the pedi-cabs not paying the meters to park along the Cesar Chavez Street area.

On Commissioner Highsmith motion, Commissioner Gilbert second, and Commissioners Deloney, Truxillo, and Lanier absent, the motion passed on a 4-0-0-3 vote.

Ayes: MacKinnon, Gilbert, Blocker. Highsmith

Nays: None Abstain: None

**Absent:** Deloney, Lanier, Truxillo

# B. Introduction of Laura Dierenfield Program Consultant for Active Transportation Program

Ms. Laura Dierenfield provided background information on her previous employment history, where she came from and bicycle background. The active Transportation Program name was changed so we could later add the Pedestrian Program. No Action Taken.

# C. CAMPO Letter - Briefing and Possible Action

The Urban Transportation Commissioner's did not have an update on this item.

# D. Road Impact Fees – Briefing and Possible Action

Item was postponed until December 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

#### 4. OLD BUSINESS

# A. TNC Working Group Update - Discussion and Possible Action

Mr. Gordon Derr, Assistant Director with the Austin Transportation Department, provided an update on City Council passing the ordinance related to the Transportation Network Companies. The application for Transportation Network Companies to be regulated under the new ordinance is available online. So far only one company has applied. No Action Taken.

#### 5. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **A. CSAC** There was discussion on downtown gateways.
- B. Downtown Commission Commissioner MacKinnon was elected Chair. No other updates.
- **C. CAMPO** No update.
- **D. BAC/PAC** –BAC-No Update. PAC-No update.

- E. Taxi Task Force There was discussion regarding franchise renewals and recommendations for changes. Joseph Iley expressed his frustrations about the task force not meeting their recommendations and requirements of covering driver issues and they have rolled over some issues like Legacy permits and it seems like they want to make drivers work more like employees without the employee benefits.
- **F.** TNC Committee No update. Committee will be disband.
- **G.** TNC Working Group There was discussion under old business.

# 6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. 2040 Campo Status Update
- b. Redline Update
- c. Transit Impact Fee
- d. Transit Gateway
- e. Vehicles for Hire

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair MacKinnon adjourned the meeting at 07:23 p.m. without objection.

Approved Minutes

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