



**Urban Transportation Commission
Meeting Minutes**

**Regular Meeting
13 August 2013**

The Urban Transportation Commission convened in a regular meeting on August 13, 2013 at the Boards and Commissions Room located at 303 West 2nd Street, Room 1101, Austin, Texas.

Chair MacKinnon called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance:

Richard MacKinnon – Chair
Jace Deloney
Mark Gilbert
Meredith Highsmith
Dustin Lanier
Stanton Truxillo

Commission Members Absent:

Boone Blocker - Vice Chair

Staff in Attendance:

Gordon Derr	Gilda Powers	Carlton Thomas	Lorraine Rizer
Joana Perez	Karla Villalon	Steve Grassfield	Eric Hammack
Leah Bojo	Jake Dirr	Frances Hargrove	Chad Crager
Eric Dusza	Virginia Collier	Commander William Manno	

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the 06/11/13 were approved on Commissioner Truxillo motion and Commissioner Lanier second, on a 5/0/0/2 vote, with Commissioners Blocker and Highsmith absent.

Ayes: MacKinnon, Lanier, Gilbert, Truxillo, Deloney
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Blocker, Highsmith

The minutes from the 07/09/13 were approved on Commissioner Lanier motion and Commissioner Gilbert second, on a 4/0/2/1 vote, with Commissioners Truxillo and Deloney abstaining and Commissioner Blocker absent.

Ayes: MacKinnon, Lanier, Gilbert, Highsmith
Nays: None
Abstain: Truxillo, Deloney
Absent: Blocker

2. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Ms. Allison Kaplan stated her concerns with the Guadalupe/Lavaca Project. She said that no notification was sent to let citizens know about the project. Mr. Chad Crager Project Manager with Public Works Department said he will have a presentation on the September 10th Urban Transportation Commission Meeting.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Pedestrian Advisory Council

Ms. Leah Bojo spoke on behalf of Council Member Chris Riley's and introduced a proposal to have a Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC) similar to the Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC) formally established to advise boards and commissions and City Council.

On Commissioner Gilbert motion, Commissioner Truxillo second, with Commissioner Boone absent the motion passed on a 6/0/0/1 vote.

Ayes: MacKinnon, Blocker, Highsmith, Gilbert, Lanier, Deloney
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Boone

B. Presentation of the University of Texas Austin Medical Center and re-routing of Red River Street

Mr. Gordon Derr Assistant Director with the Austin Transportation Department presented a proposed realignment of Red River Street to accommodate the new University of Texas Medical School.

On Commissioner Truxillo motion, Commissioner Highsmith second with Commissioner Blocker absent the motion passed on a 6/0/0/1 vote.

Ayes: MacKinnon, Highsmith, Gilbert, Lanier, Deloney, Truxillo
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Blocker

C. Vacation of a portion of Red River Street F#9235-1307

Mr. Eric Hammack, Property Agent Supervisor with Office of Real Estate presented staff recommendation to vacate a portion of Red River Street to accommodate the realignment of Red River Street and presented a timeline of the closures that will be occurring.

On Commissioner Lanier motion, Commissioner Truxillo second with Commissioner Blocker absent the motion passed on a 6/0/0/1 vote.

Ayes: MacKinnon, Highsmith, Gilbert, Lanier, Deloney, Truxillo
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Blocker

D. Cascades Municipal Utility District – Requesting review and seeking recommendation on the application request to create the Cascades Municipal Utility District (MUD) No. 1 by Onion Associates Ltd., Owner Mr. Marc Knutsen, Case No. C12M-2013-0001

Mr. Eric Dusza, Senior Planner with the Public Works Department presented a petition to create the Cascades Municipal Utility District (MUD) submitted by Onion Associates LTD., Owner Mr. Marc Knutsen. The petition addressed the 223 acres located along the south side of Onion Creek east of IH 35 South with a proposed future development including family and multi-family residential, commercial, and park land uses.

On Commissioner Gilbert motion, Commissioner Truxillo second, with Commissioner Blocker absent the motion failed on a 0/6/0/1 vote.

Ayes: None
Nays: MacKinnon, Highsmith, Gilbert, Lanier, Deloney, Truxillo
Abstain: None
Absent: Blocker

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Rideshare Update – Briefing and Possible Action

Mr. Carlton Thomas, Transportation Regulatory Supervisor with the Austin Transportation Department provided an update of how staff reached out to the stakeholders and ground transportation industry representatives for input on rideshare models that take advantage of smartphone enabled rideshare (SPER) applications. There were several citizens that spoke with the majority of them against SPER applications.

On Commissioner Truxillo motion, Commissioner Lanier second, with Commissioners MacKinnon and Gilbert voting against and Commissioner Blocker absent on a 4/2/0/1 vote the motion passed.

Ayes: Highsmith, Lanier, Deloney, Truxillo
Nays: MacKinnon, Gilbert
Abstain: None
Absent: Blocker

B. Special Events Ordinance Update – Discussion and Possible Action

Mr. Gordon Derr, Assistant Director with the Austin Transportation Department provided an update on a new ordinance that formalizes the Austin Center of Events as a team comprised of several departments to review, approve or deny applications and be accountable for purposes of reviewing any application required for events under Chapter 9-2 and Chapter 25-2, Article 6; and to adopt rules governing administration and enforcement of ordinance. Kevin Molesworth, with the International Special Events Society expressed his concerns about the ordinance change and was against section 32-A.

Commissioner Lanier motion, Commissioner Truxillo second with Commissioner Blocker absent the motion passed on a 6/0/0/1 vote.

Ayes: Highsmith, Lanier, Deloney, Truxillo, MacKinnon, Gilbert
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Blocker

On Commissioner Lanier motion, Commissioner Deloney second, the Commissioners voted to continue the meeting past the 10 p.m. deadline, on a vote of 6/0/0/1, with Commissioner Blocker absent.

5. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Bike/Ped Committee

B. CSAC – Meeting in Bull Pen, Commissioner Deloney will be discussing Fair Restructure, Raising Fairs and Jan 2014 service changes

C. Downtown Commission – No update

D. CAMPO - No update

E. CTAG – Meeting on Friday

F. North Corridor – Have had several meetings will bring to UTC for an update

G. Project Connect – Update on next meeting

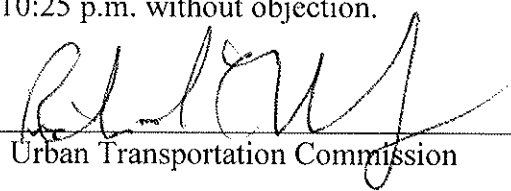
6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Pedestrian Advocates
- Metro Rapid Update
- Guadalupe/Lavaca and “The Drag” update
- Regional Transportation Discussion
- Special Events Ordinance update

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair MacKinnon adjourned the meeting at 10:25 p.m. without objection.

Approved Minutes


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