



Urban Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes

**Regular Meeting
08 February 2011**

The Urban Transportation Commission convened in a regular meeting on 8, February, 2011 at the Boards and Commissions Room located at 303 West 2nd Street, Room 1101, Austin, Texas.

Commission Members in Attendance:

Dustin Lanier –Chair
Sheila Holbrook-White – Vice Chair
Boone Blocker
Allen Demling
Richard MacKinnon
Eileen Schaubert

Commission Members Absent:

Dana Lockler

Staff in Attendance:

Gordon Derr	Howard Lazarus	Michael Curtis
Gilda Powers	Leah Fillion	Diane Rice
Steve Grassfield		

Chair Lanier called the Commission meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the 12/14/2010 meeting were approved with two minor changes: A small sentence structure change to Item 4a to read: “Mr. Derr, Assistant Director with the Austin Transportation Department, gave a summary of the policy goals to address the downtown parking shortage, resolving valet parking issues, increasing revenue, and reducing the City’s carbon footprint. ATD will continue discussion with UTC/DC subcommittee and other stakeholders to ensure a comprehensive final recommendation to Council in February.”

Remove Item 5.e from the meeting minutes as this item was added in error.. On Commissioner Holbrook-White motion, Commissioner Demling second, on a 6/0/1 vote, with Commissioner Lockler absent.

Ayes: Lanier, Blocker, Demling, Holbrook-White, MacKinnon, Schaubert
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Lockler

2. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Overview of the Sidewalk Projects to be funded through the 2010 Transportation Bond funds - Briefing

Ms. Diane Rice, Mr. Michael Curtis, and Director Howard Lazarus, with the Public Works Department gave a detailed presentation on the list of sidewalk projects that are in

the planning or construction stages, including explanation on the cost, funding source, and estimated time frame for completion. Some of these projects are being funded with the 2000, 2006, or 2010 Bond monies. One citizen addressed the Commission seeking an amendment to the proposed list of projects. **No Action Taken.**

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. Extended Parking Hours – Discussion and Possible Action

Mr. Gordon Derr, Assistant Director, and Mr. Steve Grassfield, Parking Enterprise Manager with the Austin Transportation Department gave a detailed presentation and answered questions on the proposed changes the department will be presenting to the City Council at the March 3rd meeting, to extend parking meter hours in the downtown area to include evening and Saturday hours. These changes are also being discussed by the Joint Subcommittee of the UTC and Downtown Commission. Commissioner MacKinnon acting as chair of the Subcommittee gave a progress report on the discussion and findings of the Subcommittee. Two citizens spoke against the proposed changes. **No Action Taken.**

5. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Approve Revised Bylaws relating to changes to the Boards and Commissions Standard Bylaws as Directed by City Council – Discussion and Possible Action

Staff presented the revised Bylaws with the changes that were requested by the City Clerk's Office at the direction of the City Council. A motion was made by Commissioner Holbrook-White to approve the bylaws as presented, Commissioner Blocker seconded. After discussion, Commissioner MacKinnon requested that the special events duties given to the UTC by Council be included as part of Article 2, Purpose and Duties section of the bylaws. The original motion was withdrawn by Commissioner Holbrook-White and a substitute motion was made by Chair Lanier to approve the bylaws and to request to the City Clerk to make any amendments as appropriate to reflect the special event duties that have been assigned to the Commission by Council. Commissioner MacKinnon seconded. The Bylaws were approved on a 6/0/1 vote with Commissioner Lockler absent.

Ayes: Lanier, Blocker, Demling, Holbrook-White, MacKinnon, Schaubert

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Lockler

b) Staff update on Ground Transportation Issues – Briefing

Mr. Derr provided an update on three initiatives the Austin Transportation Department is working on: Low Speed Vehicles and Pedicab Ordinances to amend the Transportation Code and include these two categories in the Code; and a recommendation to Council proposing taxicab stands in certain areas of downtown in time for South by South West. One citizen spoke and expressed his concerns about some of the changes to the pedicab ordinance. **No Action Taken.**

6. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Staff Briefings – None

b) Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee - None

c) Downtown Commission – None

d) CAMPO – None

- e) SCIP / East Riverside Corridor – None
- f) CSAC – None
- g) Joint Subcommittee of the UTC and DC – Commissioner MacKinnon reported the Subcommittee has held five meetings and anticipate having a couple more to finalize the Extended Hours Recommendation to Council.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Urban Rail Update –
 - o National Environmental impact of Rail
 - o Alternatives for Urban Rail
- South Congress Improvements Updated
- Extended Hours / Valet / Commercial Zones, - Report
- Economic impact due to street closures in downtown
- Residential Parking Program – Final recommendation – April
 - o RPP mixed with meters
- Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program (LATM) - May
- Implementation of Projects
- Special Events revision/changes to the Ordinance and Rules
 - o Conflict between City Departments that sponsor events
- Car2go update – Zip Cars vs. Car2go
- Extended Parking Hours Report from Subcommittee
- Downtown Austin Plan

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Lanier adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m. without objection

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