



**Urban Transportation Commission  
Meeting Minutes**

**Regular Meeting  
10 June 2008**

The Urban Transportation Commission convened in a regular meeting on 10, June, 2008 at the Boards and Commissions Room located at 303 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Room 1101, Austin, Texas.

**Commission Members in Attendance:**

Andrew Bucknall – Chair  
Patrick Goetz  
Melissa Hawthorne  
Dustin Lanier  
Carl Tepper

**Commission Members Absent:**

Richard MacKinnon – Vice Chair  
Ed Easton  
Dana Lockler

**Staff in Attendance:**

Ronnie Bell  
Gilda Powers  
Annick Beaudet

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Bucknall called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

May 13, 2008 Meeting Minutes were not approved due to lack of quorum. There were not enough members present from the May 13, 2008 meeting to approve the minutes. Minutes will be submitted for approval on the next meeting.

## 5. Real Estate Vacation Evaluations

- a. F# 8567-0802 Vacation of the Congress Avenue Alley adjacent to 501 Congress Avenue, Block 56, Original City of Austin, alley runs north and south, connecting 5<sup>th</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

Mr. Alex Papavasiliou, Property Agent, Office of Contracts and Land Management, explained that the purpose of this vacation is to allow a multi-story development on that track of land with the City retaining public utility easements until a site plan comes forth. Commissioner Lanier said he would like to hear more from the developers before approving the motion. Mr. Papavasiliou introduced the applicant to answer some of their concerns.

Mr. Richard Suttle and Mr. Tom Stacy, developer and owner of the block in question addressed the commissioners. Mr. Suttle said that this issue came up about two years ago to the Zoning Commission before Mr. Stacy acquired the entire block. They are asking the City to vacate the alley to allow for easier planning and a continuous line of retail on the bottom floor. Mr. Stacy explained in detail the entire project and answered the commissioners concerns.

**Motion by:** Melissa Hawthorne

**Seconded by:** Carl Tepper

**Motion:** To recommend approval of the vacation.

**Ayes:** Bucknall/Hawthorne/Lanier/Tepper/Goetz

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** MacKinnon/Lockler/Easton