



PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 3, 2015

The Pedestrian Advisory convened in a regular meeting on August 3, 2015 at Austin City Hall.

Elected Members in Attendance

Mike Sledge
Nancy Crowther
Girard Kinney
Patricia Schaub

Luke Urie
Nic Moe
Emily Risinger
Janet Beinke

Joel Meyer
Carmen de la Morena-Chu
Marva Overton

Guests in Attendance:

Caitlin D’Alton
Dave Lardner
John Woodley

Lisa Hinely
Ken Craig
Daniela Nunez

Tom Wald

Staff in Attendance:

Christian Malanka

Marissa Monroy

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Emily Risinger called the meeting to order.

1. INTRODUCTIONS (6:00 – 6:05)

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL (6:05 – 6:07)

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (6:07 – 6:10)

Girard Kinney moved to approve minutes for July. Nic Moe seconded. Nancy Crowther abstained.
No opposition.

Note: Discussion was had on a possible need to approve previous meeting minutes. Minutes for May and June were approved at the July meeting.

4. STAFF AND COMMISSION BRIEFINGS (6:10 – 6:30)

A. Bicycle Advisory Council / Urban Transportation Commission

Patricia Schaub briefed the council on Mobility 35 projects, including the traffic circle at 51st street. The BAC will have a subcommittee meeting on Tuesday, August 11th at 6pm at City Hall Bull Pen.

5. TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE (6:30 – 7:00)

A. Sidewalk Master Plan Research Themes

Presentation by: Peter Baird, Technical Subcommittee Chair

Mr. Baird was unable to attend the meeting; Nick Moe presented this item instead.
Mr. Moe laid out information that will be presented to Austin Public Works staff John Eastman in anticipation of his PAC presentation in September.

Mr. Moe briefed the PAC on six main points:

1. Integrate other plans. Include documents including the transportation criteria manual, Imagine Austin, Code Next, Vision Zero, the Health and Wellness Plan, etc. when developing the Sidewalk Master Plan.
2. Look at alternate pedestrian facilities, mostly focusing on shared streets, without right of way concerns.
 - a. Mr. Kinney state the need to clearly define terms including ‘shared streets,’ ‘shared spaces,’ ‘shared residential streets,’ etc.
3. Criteria for maintenance. Mr. Moe stated there needs to be a system to see where sidewalks need to be maintained or rebuilt and stressed a scoring level of service for all sidewalks; not just a look at where there are gaps in the sidewalk system.
4. Setting goals and performance measures.
5. Look for alternate funding sources for new sidewalk construction such as a bond election, permanently embedding this cost into city funding, grant funding, looking at special districts, etc.
6. Integration of GIS software, ensuring the City has the tools necessary to look at sidewalk infrastructure.

6. PROJECTS SUBCOMMITTEE (7:00 – 7:10)

A. Vision Zero Task Force Update – Briefing

Presentation by: Nic Moe, Projects Subcommittee Chair

Mr. Moe explained that the Vision Zero Task Force has been meeting since January to eliminate all serious traffic injuries and deaths in Austin. At a meeting on Friday, August 7, 2015, Mr. Moe said he expect the Task Force will be provided a skeleton document of the Vision Zero Action Plan. Ultimately, that action plan will be presented to groups including the PAC, and other boards and commissions for modification and approval. Eventually, this document will be presented to City Council for approval in an effort to guide city departments to help create safer streets in Austin. Recommendations will be made in the areas of engineering, education and enforcement.

7. PROPOSED CHANGES TO BY-LAWS (7:10-7:30)

Proposed changes are required to clarify the number of full-members to be elected in odd and even years to ensure staggered elections.

John Woodley inquired whether the PAC had considered increasing the number of members because of the 10-1 Council representation. Emily Risnger responded that they had not considered it.

Mr. Kinney requested we note the terminated dates for full council members on the roster.

Mr. Kinney moved to approve change. Ms. Crowther seconded. No opposition.

8. FORMATION OF THE MEMBERSHIP AND NOMINATION SUBCOMMITTEE (7:30 – 7:50)

Bylaws call for the election of four new full members as well as Chair and Vice Chair. A Membership and Nomination Subcommittee will be formed to review applications and make recommendations to the full PAC membership at the September meeting. Deadline to apply for PAC full-membership will be 5pm on Tuesday, September 1st, 2015.

Ms. Risinger encouraged interested parties to reach out to Laura Dierenfield, Active Transportation Program Manager to volunteer to serve on the Nomination and Membership Subcommittee.

Ms. Crowther requested we send out the membership application on the PAC, and resend it once a week.

9. FUTURE BUSINESS (7:50 – 7:55)

Ms. Risinger reminded the PAC to reach out to Ms. Dierenfield to put items on the agenda.

Mr. Kinney announced that he is moving forward with a suggested revision to the Land Development Code related to where one can develop on a right of way when property owners have a corner lot. Mr. Kinney is interested in presenting this issue to the PAC and the Planning Commission.

Ms. Risinger announced that an item related to the non-bicycle use of bicycle lanes will be added to the September agenda of the Bicycle Advisory Council. The Bicycle Advisory Council invites the PAC to this discussion which will occur at the next BAC meeting scheduled for September 14th, 2015.

Mr. Woodley requested an item be placed on the agenda that addresses how inspection applications handle repairs or modifications to right of way that results in the removal of ADA access ramps.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPDATES (7:55 - 8:00)

- **September meeting will be Monday, September 14, City Hall Room 1029 (Bull Pen) 14th**
- **City Council Calendar**
 - [Mobility Committee](#) meets on August 5, 3pm. The meeting is held at City Hall Council Chambers.
 - [Planning and Neighborhoods Committee](#) – Check for posting information.
 - [Public Safety Committee](#) meets on August 3rd, 4pm. The meeting is usually held at City Hall Boards and Commissions room, unless listed otherwise.
- [Urban Transportation Commission](#) meets on August 11th, 6pm. The meeting is held at City Hall Boards and Commissions room, unless listed otherwise.
- [Bicycle Advisory Council](#) meets August 18th, 6pm. The meeting is held at City Hall, Room 1029 (Bull Pen), unless listed otherwise.
- [CAMPO Calendar](#)
 - CAMPO Transportation Policy Board Meeting meets Monday, August 10, 6pm. The meeting is at Joe C. Thompson Conference Center, 2405 Robert Dedman Drive.
 - CAMPO Technical Advisory Committee Meeting meets August 26th, 2pm. The meeting is at One Texas Center, 505 Barton Springs Road, Suite 300, unless listed otherwise.
- ADA Access and Sidewalk Task Force – Check for postings.
- [Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities](#) meets on August 10th, 12pm. The meeting is held at City Hall Boards and Commissions room, unless listed otherwise.
- A Vision Zero grassroots meeting will be the second week of August. Mr. Moe will send out further details.

ADJOURNMENT