



**PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)
MONDAY MARCH 7, 2016 – 6:00 PM
CITY HALL – ROOM 1029
301 W. SECOND STREET
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701**

MEETING SUMMARY

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:12 pm by Hayden Walker.

Full Members in Attendance:

Heyden Walker – Vice Chair
Valerie Fruge

Girard Kinney
Tom Wald

Robert Anderson
Emily Risinger

Alternate Members in Attendance:

Janet Beinke
Joel Meyer

Carmen de la Morena
Marva Overton

Patricia Schaub
Mike Sledge

Staff in Attendance:

Laura Dierenfield

Emily Smith

Guests in Attendance:

Louis Alcorn, Capital Metro
Ken Cartwright, Capital Metro
Mark Guerrero, Capital Metro

John Rigdon, Waller Creek
Conservancy
Nic Moe, Children's Optimal Health
& Vision Zero ATX

Joel Myers, Alliance Transportation
Group
John Woodley

Absent Members:

Joe Almazan – Chair (excused)
Peter Baird (excused)
Nancy Crowther

Julio Carillo
Zakq Lockrem
Kathy Rock (excused)

Luke Urie

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first 3 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

None.

2. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER MEETING SUMMARY

Girard Kinney motioned to approve the minutes for February, with the addition of a few minor changes noted by various members. Robert Anderson seconded. Meeting Summary unanimously approved.

3. WALLER CREEK CONSERVANCY PRESENTATION

John Rigdon, Director of Planning and Design for [Waller Creek Conservancy](#), gave a presentation on the organization's plans for the preservation, maintenance, and redevelopment of Austin's Waller Creek. The Conservancy envisions this 1.5 mile area (from Waterloo Park at 15th Street to Lady Bird Lake) connected by [a series of parks](#) and trails running through the heart of downtown, including a Lattice and Pontoon Bridge, Palm Park, the Narrows, the Refuge, and Waterloo Park, and is working with several partners (including the City of Austin) on the design and implementation of their plans. The Conservancy is exploring public funding and mobility-related funding for the project, and could use public support of the project's mobility components when that time comes. Presentation is available [here](#).

The following discussion among PAC members focused on issues of design, mobility, accessibility, sustainability, funding opportunities, and the conservancy's relationship with businesses along the creek and with organizations serving the homeless.

4. CAP METRO DOWNTOWN GATEWAY PRESENTATION

Marcus Guerrero of Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority presented a briefing on the Capital Metro Downtown Multimodal Station, which included the Project Summary, Project Goals & Objectives, Concept Evaluation, Public & Stakeholder Input, 4th Street Traffic Analysis, Potential 5th Street 2-Way Conversion, Opportunities, and Next Steps. Presentation is available [here](#).

The following discussion among PAC members focused on the upcoming community outreach and visioning workshops for the project, opportunities for the project to contribute to better east-west connectivity for all modes downtown, and the need for careful consideration of how the station design can guide safe and predictable interaction for all modes at and around the new station.

5. TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

- Peter Baird, Technical Subcommittee Chair

Peter was absent, so Girard gave the update. Group is still working to understanding of what current pedestrian laws are, how they're interpreted, and how they are enforced, as well as working on an educational booklet. Need to figure out next steps, such as crafting recommendations for state and city level actions.

6. PROJECTS SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

- Robert Anderson, Projects Subcommittee Chair

Robert presented his draft for the PAC's 2015 Annual Report, which includes Overview of the Pedestrian Advisory Council, History and Development, Activities and Formal Recommendations, Topics Discussed, Ongoing Projects, and New Projects.

Girard Kinney motioned to approve the 2015 Annual Report, with the addition of a few minor changes noted by various members. Valerie Fruge seconded. 2015 Annual Report unanimously approved. Laura and Emily will get the final draft posted on the PAC website.

7. VISION ZERO DRAFT ACTION PLAN UPDATE

- Laura Dierenfield, Austin Transportation Department

Laura provided updates on the Vision Zero Action Plan. The plan is being revised and reframed to incorporate public feedback that staff has received; the content of the report will remain mostly the same, but the organization will change. The Task Force is worked on defining specific metrics to help measure various Action Items in the report in their last meeting. Staff will publish the revised report for the public to comment on again before presenting the plan to the City Council Mobility Committee in April or May.

8. STAFF AND COMMISSION BRIEFINGS

- Bicycle Advisory Council Update
- Urban Transportation Commission Update
- Mobility Committee Update

9. FUTURE BUSINESS / ADJOURN

- Future Business discussed:
 - Safe Routes to School: Emily and Laura are working to set up presentation for the March 23rd Projects Subcommittee meeting.
 - National Walking Day: ATD Walk Audit Leader training is coming upon Tuesday, April 5th. Walk Audit Workshop is coming up on National Walking Day, Wednesday, April 6th from 9:30 to 12noon at the North Austin YMCA. Laura will send email with more details and instructions to sign up.
 - April items for full PAC agenda: APD/ECHO pedestrian safety issues + E 6th St. project
 - May items for full PAC agenda: Sidewalk Master Plan
 - Other future items for full PAC agenda: Mobility Talks, Cap Metro safety presentation

Meeting was adjourned at 8:41pm. Motioned by Robert Anderson and then seconded by Heyden Walker.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPDATES

- **City Council Calendar**
 - Mobility Committee meets the first Wednesday of the month, unless listed otherwise. The meeting is held at City Hall Boards and Commissions room starting at 3pm.
 - Planning and Neighborhoods Committee meets the third Monday of the month at 4pm unless otherwise noted. The meeting is usually held at City Hall Council Chambers.
 - Public Safety Committee meets the fourth Monday of the month at 4pm. The meeting is usually held at City Hall Boards and Commissions room, unless listed otherwise.
 - Urban Transportation Commission meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6pm. The meeting is held at City Hall Boards and Commissions room, unless listed otherwise.
 - Bicycle Advisory Council meets the third Tuesday of the month at 6pm. The meeting is held at City Hall, Room 1029 (Bull Pen), unless listed otherwise.
 - CAMPO Calendar
 - CAMPO Transportation Policy Board Meeting meets the second Monday of the month at 6pm. The meeting is usually held at Joe C. Thompson Conference Center, 2405 Robert Dedman Drive unless otherwise noted.
 - CAMPO Technical Advisory Committee Meeting meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at 2pm. The meeting is usually held at One Texas Center, 505 Barton Springs Road, Suite 300, unless listed otherwise.
 - ADA Access and Sidewalk Task Force – Check listings for next meeting.
 - Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities meets the second Monday of the month at 12pm. The meeting is held at City Hall Boards and Commissions room, unless listed otherwise.

The City of Austin is committed to compliance with the American with Disabilities Act. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided upon request. Meeting locations are planned with wheelchair access. If requiring Sign Language Interpreters or alternative formats, please give notice at least 2 days (48 hours) before the meeting date. Please call Emily Smith at the Austin Transportation Department, at (512) 974-2358, for additional information; TTY users route through Relay Texas at 711.

For more information on the Pedestrian Advisory Council, please contact Emily Smith at (512) 974-2358 or emily.smith@austintexas.gov.