



**PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 6, 2016 – 6:00 PM
CITY HALL – ROOM 1027
301 W. SECOND STREET
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701**

MEETING SUMMARY

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Vice Chair Heyden Walker.

Full Members in Attendance:

Heyden Walker – Vice Chair
Valerie Fruge
Girard Kinney

Robert Anderson
Emily Risinger

Alternate Members in Attendance:

Janet Beinke
Carmen de la Morena
Luke Urie

Patricia Schaub
Mike Sledge

Absent Members:

Joe Almazan – Chair
Peter Baird
Nancy Crowther
Tom Wald

Julio Carillo
Zakcq Lockrem
Marva Overton
Kathy Rock

Staff in Attendance:

Joel Meyer, Austin Transportation
Emily Smith, Austin Transportation

Jorge Rousselin, Planning and Zoning

Guests in Attendance:

Jeff Denning
Tony Lynch, Cap Metro
John Woodley, Advocate
Amir Emamian, Safe Routes to School
Andy Cantu, Austin Chamber
Carrie Gammell
Preston Tyree

Branigan Mulcahy
Katie Deolloz, ATX Walks
Caitlin D'Alton, Cap Metro
Jacob Barrett
Michael Dobbs
Carly Haithcock
Kristie Tingle

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None.

2. APPROVAL OF JULY MEETING SUMMARY

The August meeting summary was unanimously approved on Girard Kinney's motion and Emily Risinger's second.

3. ITEMS FROM PAC

A. CodeNEXT and the PAC and BAC

Jorge Rousselin, Project Manager for CodeNEXT spoke with PAC members about the current public process for CodeNEXT leading up to the release of the draft Land Development Code in January 2017 and the public process for CodeNEXT currently being planned for 2017.

No action taken.

B. I-35 through Downtown (Riverside Drive to MLK Boulevard) section of Central 7-mile Comprehensive Project

Andy Cantu, Director of Regional Mobility for the Austin Chamber of Commerce gave a presentation on the Chamber's efforts to collect as many public comments as possible in support of the Lowered Option for the I-35 through Downtown (Riverside Drive to MLK Boulevard) section of the Texas Department of Transportation's Central 7-mile Comprehensive Project during the public comment period for the Central7 Environmental Study. The presentation can be found here: https://www.austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards_commissions/meetings/121_1.htm

Heyden Walker and Girard Kinney volunteered to draft recommendation language in support of the Lowered Option for the PAC to consider at their October meeting.

No action taken.

C. Connections 2025 Draft Transit Plan

Caitlin D'Alton, Transportation Planner at Capital Metro, gave a presentation and took comments on Capital Metro's Connections 2025 Draft Transit Plan. The presentation can be found here: https://www.austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards_commissions/meetings/121_1.htm

No action taken.

D. Membership and Nomination Subcommittee Report and Proposed Bylaw Amendment

The PAC bylaws state that "a membership subcommittee shall be formed to review applicants' qualifications and make recommendations for membership" and that "the subcommittee shall report at the September meeting." Janet Beinke, Heyden Walker, Robert Anderson and Emily Risinger volunteered to serve on the Membership and Nomination Subcommittee at the PAC's August 8th meeting and they met on August 31st to review the PAC 2016-2018 membership applications.

Heyden Walker shared the subcommittee's recommendations for full members, alternate members, and an agency representative. These recommendations can be found here: <http://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=263966>. Elections will be held the next regularly scheduled meeting of the PAC.

The subcommittee also recommended that language in the PAC bylaws be amended to allow for alternate members to serve staggered terms. Emily Smith, ATD staff liaison to the PAC, presented draft language for an amendment to Article III, Section 4 of the PAC bylaws that would read "For the elections to be held 2016, five alternate member terms will run until the first regular meeting in October, 2017. Five alternate member terms will run until the first regular meeting in October, 2018. This is to ensure staggered elections for the future." The PAC membership present unanimously determined that this would be the final proposed bylaw language.

The final vote of the proposed bylaw amendment will take place at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the PAC.

4. TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

Girard Kinney, Technical Subcommittee member, relayed that City staff from Austin Transportation, Law, and Austin Police departments attended the subcommittee in August to give input on questions that have arisen from the committee's work on creating a pedestrian-focused Road Rules and Regulations document and educational pamphlet.

5. PROJECT SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

Robert Anderson, Projects Subcommittee Chair, announced that the Project Subcommittee will meet this month to discuss which city department, partner agencies, and community groups should be considered for PAC membership as agency representatives and community liaisons

6. STAFF AND COMMISSION BRIEFINGS

Joel Meyer announced that the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation is currently taking comments on the proposed for the course content and curriculum for the Driver Education and Safety Program.

7. FUTURE BUSINESS / ADJOURN

- Pedestrian Advisory Council Elections (October)
- Bylaw amendment to allow for staggered alternate member terms (October)
- I-35 through Downtown (Riverside Drive to MLK Boulevard) section of Central 7-mile Comprehensive Project recommendation (October)
- Austin Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee 2016 Policy Agenda

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm by Vice Chair Heyden Walker.