



**PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)  
MONDAY AUGUST 7, 2016 – 6:00 PM  
CITY HALL – ROOM 1027  
301 W. SECOND STREET  
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chair Peter Baird.

**Full Members in Attendance:**

Peter Baird – Chair	Girard Kinney	Heyden Walker
Branigan Mulcahy – Vice Chair	Patricia Schaub	
Carly Haithcock	Tom Wald	

**Alternate Members in Attendance:**

Jonathan Brewer	Katie Deollos	Tony Lynch
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**Alternate Members Absent:**

John Andoh	Michael Kram	Mike Sledge
Maria Carmen de la Morena	Lenore Shefman	

**Agency Representatives Absent:**

Amir Emamian, Public Works

**Staff in Attendance:**

Laura Dierenfield, Austin Transportation	Emily Smith, Austin Transportation
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**Guests in Attendance:**

Caitlin D’Alton, Capital Metro	Rayfes Mondal	Kelsey Veazey
Noah Halbach	Phillip Rozell	John Woodley

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

None.

**2. APPROVAL OF JUNE 29 MEETING MINUTES**

The June 29 meeting [minutes](#) were unanimously approved (7-0) on Girard Kinney motion and Heyden Walker second.

**3. ITEMS FROM PAC**

**A. Recommendation Regarding Draft Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP) – Discussion and Possible Action**

PAC member Heyden Walker submitted draft recommendation language for the PAC’s consideration which, after debate and amendment, read as follows:

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Austin Pedestrian Advisory Council:*

*Supports the July 2017 draft Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP) as a strategic next step in addressing pedestrian safety and walkability in Austin.*

*Requests that City of Austin staff continue to gather input through this draft phase, incorporating any changes into the final PSAP.*

*Requests that City of Austin staff consider how to incorporate key findings and action items found within the PSAP into any revisions of the Transportation Criteria Manual (TCM), the Austin Street Design Guide and the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (ASMP).*

*Requests that City of Austin Staff incorporates the PSAP into the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (ASMP) as an Appendix.*

**Action taken:** A motion to approve the recommendation as amended passed unanimously (7-0) on Girard Kinney motion and Jonathan Brewer second. The [recommendation](#) can be found on the PAC's meeting documents [webpage](#).

### **Walking/Movement Break lead by Katie Deollos**

PAC Alternate Member Katie Deollos led meeting attendees on a brief walking break around City Hall.

### **B. Congress Avenue Streetscape and Urban Design Initiative – Briefing**

David Taylor, Project Manager with Public Works, and Tonya Swartzendruber, Project Sponsor with Urban Design, presented a briefing on the Congress Avenue Streetscape and Urban Design Initiative and answered questions from PAC members. Meeting attendees also participated in an interactive street building exercise, the results of which will be incorporated into the public input for the project.

The [presentation](#) can be found on the PAC's meeting documents [webpage](#). More information about the Congress Avenue Streetscape and Urban Design Initiative can be found on the project's [webpage](#).

### **C. Formation of the Membership and Nomination Subcommittee – Discussion and Possible Action**

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.”

**Action taken:** Carly Haithcock, Girard Kinney, Patricia Schaub, and Jonathan Brewer volunteered to serve on the membership and nomination subcommittee for the 2017 elections process. Staff liaison Emily Smith will arrange for their meeting and the subcommittee will report back during the PAC's August 30 meeting (rescheduled from September 4.)

### **D. 2017 Membership Elections and Recruitment Processes – Discussion and Possible Action**

No update.

## **4. PROJECT SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE**

The PAC Project Subcommittee met on August 1 to review the draft PSAP.

## **5. TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE**

The PAC Technical Subcommittee met on July 19 to discuss CodeNEXT, the Downtown Austin Alliance Parking Study, and the Draft Austin Street Design Guide. They will meet in August to continue to discuss the Draft Austin Street Design Guide and to begin drafting recommendation language regarding the draft guide for the full PAC's consideration.

## **6. STAFF AND COMMISSION BRIEFINGS**

None.

## **7. FUTURE BUSINESS / ADJOURN**

*This is a running list of potential future agenda items proposed by PAC members and/or staff which may be placed on a future PAC agenda. These items were not discussed by the PAC as part of this agenda.*

- August 30
  - Membership and Nomination Subcommittee Report
  - Item to elect alternate member to full membership status
  - Draft Austin Street Design Guide recommendations
  - Digital billboards update
- TBD
  - Street widths and safety (Austin Fire and Austin Transportation)
  - Capital Metro Downtown Station
  - Street Impact Fee Study + traffic mitigation ordinance + Traffic Impact Analysis
  - Parking and Transportation Management Districts + Parking Benefit Districts
  - Rocky Mountain Institute
  - CodeNEXT Draft Land Development Code
  - Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety and Transit Buses
  - Street lighting
  - Discussion of Agency Representatives and Community Liaisons (Project Subcommittee)
  - Transportation Systems Development update
  - Medical District Master Plan

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm by Chair Peter Baird.