

# PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC) MONDAY JULY 9, 2018 – 6:00 PM AUSTIN CENTRAL LIBRARY – 4TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

# **MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m. by Chair Branigan Mulcahy.

**Full Members in Attendance:** 

Branigan Mulcahy (Chair) Katie Deolloz Heyden Black Walker

Jay Blazek Crossley (Vice Chair) Patricia Schaub

**Alternate Members in Attendance:** 

Jackie Ahmad Noah Halbach Tom Wald

Tom Clear Justin Henderson

**Full Members Absent:** 

Sarah Gamble Girard Kinney Adam Greenfield Kelsey Veazey

**Alternate Members Absent:** 

Jonathan Brewer Wallis Goodman Bradley Brey Lenore Shefman

**Agency Representatives Absent:** 

Amir Emamian, Public Works Department (PWD)

**Staff in Attendance:** 

Emily Smith, Austin Transportation Department (ATD)
Tyler Wong, Toole Design Group
Janae Spence, Public Works Department, Community Services Division Manager

**Guests in Attendance:** 

Joanna Wolaver, Shoal Creek Conservancy, Executive Director David Walker

#### 1. INTRODUCTIONS

#### 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

• Katie Deolloz: spoke in opposition to the City Code Section 8-1-31 (Use of Motor vehicles in Parks), which prohibits the use of motorized scooters and bicycles in public recreation areas.

# 3. APPROVAL OF JUNE 2018 MEETING MINUTES

The June 4, 2018 PAC meeting minutes were approved on Crossley motion, Walker second on a 6-0 vote.

#### 4. UPDATE ON FATALITIES IN AUSTIN CAUSED BY TRAFFIC CRASHES

Patricia Schaub read aloud the names of seven people whose deaths due to traffic crashes on Austin streets have been reported since the PAC last met: Bret Treadway, Cheryl Kelly, Mark Capistran, Jonathan Garcia-Pineda, Michael Watson Glenn, Christopher Lewis, and Unknown male.

# 5. ITEMS FROM STAFF

# A. Shoal Creek Trail: Vision to Action Plan – Briefing and Possible Action

Janae Spence, Public Works Department, Community Services Division Manager and Joanna Wolaver, Shoal Creek Conservancy, Executive Director briefed the PAC on the Shoal Creek Trail: Vision to Action Plan.

PAC members then collaborated on draft recommendation language which, after debate and amendment, read as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pedestrian Advisory Council is supportive of adopting the draft plan as an addendum to the Urban Trails Master Plan and rapidly implementing the five Priority Projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PAC encourages staff to ensure that the final designs promote increased access for users of all abilities and that signalization and intersection improvements prioritize active modes of transportation over vehicles. Examples of improvements include leading pedestrian intervals (LPIs), raised cross walks, pedestrian hybrid beacons (PHBs), pedestrian refuge islands, automatic pedestrian recall, and themed wayfinding that identifies a clear path of travel.

**Action taken**: A motion to approve the <u>recommendation</u> was adopted on Walker motion, Deolloz second a 5-0 vote with Gamble, Greenfield, Kinney, and Veazey absent.

The presentation can be found on the PAC's <u>webpage</u>. More information about the Shoal Creek Trail: Vision to Action Plan can be found <u>here</u>.

#### 6. STAFF AND COMMISSION UPDATES

No updates were given due to time constraints.

#### 7. FUTURE BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS/ ADJOURN

- Use of motorized scooters and bicycles on public trails (Deolloz and Schaub; August)
- Traffic Signals (PAC; August)
- Dockless Mobility (Staff; August)
- I-35 Capital Express project (Walker)
- 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
- Street lighting
- Agency Representatives and Community Liaisons
- Medical District Master Plan

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm by Chair Branigan Mulcahy.