

Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting Minutes
Monday February 4, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.
Austin City Hall – Room 1027
710 W. Cesar Chavez St. Austin, Texas

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Jay Crossley.

Full Members in Attendance:

Jay Blazek Crossley (Chair)	Branigan Mulcahy	Heyden Black Walker
Adam Greenfield (Vice Chair)	Patricia Schaub	
Kimberly Levinson	Mark Wochner	

Full Members Absent:

Anna Bauereis	Justin Henderson
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Alternate Members in Attendance:

Katherine Cox	Nicole McGrath	Dana Meyer
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Alternate Members Absent:

Jackie Ahmad	Michael Deolloz	Tom Wald
Bradley Brey	Sarah Gamble	

City Staff in Attendance:

Emily Smith, Austin Transportation	Jason Redfern, Austin Transportation	John Eastman, Public Works
Joel Meyer, Austin Transportation	Lewis Leff, Austin Transportation	Greg Dutton, Planning and Zoning

Guests in Attendance:

Kelsey Balaban	Charlie Henry, West Campus Neighborhood Association
Rosie Avolio-Toly	Chris Riley, Bike Austin
Allie Runas, West Campus Neighborhood Association	Ryan Thornton, Austin Monitor

1. Introductions

2. Public Communication: None.

3. Approval of January 7, 2019 Meeting Minutes

The [January 7, 2019 meeting minutes](#) were approved on Wochner motion, Greenfield second on a 7-0 vote with Henderson absent.

4. Traffic Fatalities Reported Since Last PAC Meeting

Adam Greenfield read aloud the names of nine people whose deaths due to traffic crashes on Austin streets were reported since the PAC last met: Barkat Umata, Elijah Perales, Corbin Sabillon-Garcia, Jesus Servantez, David Hilburn Sell, Ann Bottenfield-Seago, Laura Wray, Mark Sands, and Tony Diaz.

Adam also presented a brief [recap](#) of data regarding all vehicular fatalities in Austin in 2018.

5. Appointment of Two Alternate PAC Members to Full Membership

Chair Jay Crossley appointed alternate members Kimberly Levinson and Anna Bauereis to the full PAC membership seats recently vacated by Kelsey Veazey and Sarah Gamble. Sarah will continue to serve on the PAC as an alternate member.

6. Parking Districts

Jason Redfern, Austin Transportation Department Parking Enterprise Division Manager, gave a [presentation](#) on [Parking Benefit Districts](#) and [Parking and Transportation Districts](#).

7. Recommendation Regarding Optimizing Parking Requirements for Walkability and Equity

Greg Dutton, Planning and Zoning Department Senior Planner, answered attendee questions regarding the City of Austin's current parking requirements for new development ([City Code Chapter 25-6 Appendix A](#)).

Branigan Mulcahy presented draft recommendation language for the PAC's consideration which, after debate and amendment, read as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Pedestrian Advisory Council recommends that the Austin City Council approve the following improvements this year:

1. Expand the City's current elimination of parking minimums in the CBD to the rest of Austin,
2. Expand the City's current Parking Benefit District structure to the rest of Austin to create a possible dedicated funding source within each neighborhood for sidewalks, parks and other associated infrastructure in the pedestrian right of way, and
3. Implement the following:
 - a. Dynamically adjust the price of parking to optimize the use of public space and so that there is always parking space available on every block,
 - b. Ensure multimodal parking, such as dedicating bike and scooter on-street parking on every block where there is none available,
 - c. Remove time limits for paid parking city-wide,
 - d. Install pay stations when demand for parking justifies raising the price for parking above \$0 per hour,
 - e. Develop fee structure for charging for use of public curbside space based on curb cuts removing parking spots, and return these funds to benefit the local area in the same manner as Parking Benefits Districts,
 - f. Ensure accessibility to ADA-compliant parking remains required in land use code at least as effectively as current code, allowing for off- or on-street accessible parking spots, even after parking minimum requirements are removed,
 - g. Remove the apparent incentive for above ground parking garages through strategies such as including above ground parking in Floor Area Ratio (FAR) requirements or implementing height limits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the PAC requests a response to this recommendation by our meeting on May 6, 2019.

The [recommendation](#) was adopted on Walker motion, Levinson second on a 7-0 vote with Bauereis and Henderson absent.

8. City updates + general announcements: None.

9. Future Agenda Items

- Draft Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (Staff; March)
- Responsible Rider Ordinance (Staff; March)
- Railroad crossings (Schaub; TBD)
- Project Connect (Henderson; TBD)
- Speed Management (Crossley; TBD)
- Street Impact Fee Study (Mulcahy; TBD)
- I-35 Capital Express project (Walker; TBD)

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. by Chair Jay Crossley.