

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
August 6, 2012

Subcommittee Members: Council Member Sheryl Cole, Chair
Council Member Laura Morrison
Council Member Chris Riley

Call Meeting to Order

- 1. Citizen Communication**
- 2. Approval of August 6, 2012 minutes**

Approved by a vote of 2-0 (CM Riley absent)
- 3. Briefing on the Airport East Infill Project**

Jim Smith, Executive Director, Aviation and Shane Harbinson, Assistant Director, Planning Engineer, gave an overview of the East End Project pertaining to the context and plan of the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport Development Plan (ABIA). The Presentation Outline consisted of ABIA Mission, Aviation Industry Environment and Impact on ABIA, ABIA Capital Improvement Program and City Council Actions Timeline and Next Steps.

The ABIA Mission is just like any other airport basically to connect Central Texas with the Global Economy trying to do that as best as we can. The two main things that are done at the airport are: Market Central Texas to airlines to secure destinations, capacity and competition and building operate and maintain infrastructure required for airlines to successfully execute their business models. The marketing function is a major function that we must always pay attention to. Airlines are constantly changing and airports must respond to their business needs or the airlines will take their business to other airports that will meet their needs. TXDot did a study last year, 2011 of the ABIA Economic Impact for Center and overall there are about 41,000 jobs, \$1.2 billion payroll and \$2.5 billion economic activity. TXDot did this study for each airport in Texas as a whole. Texas airports have a tremendous impact on the economy of Texas. TXDot also performed a study for airports all over the country and found that airports are the second largest business in North America with Wal-Mart being first.

Where we are today? ABIA currently ranks as the 42nd busiest airport in North America and we are moving up daily. In 2011 we served 9,090,875 passengers with 39 nonstop destinations. We have an average of a 4% growth rate. At this rate we foresee a 2.8% growth, serving 10 million passengers in 2014, 11 million passengers in 2018, 12 million passengers in 2021 and 13 plus passengers in 2024. Our facility which was designed in 1999 was designated for 11 million passengers as you can see we are about to exceed in a couple of years.

The East Infill Project is designed for the capacity of 11 million passengers by adding a new security checkpoint 8+ lanes, add two new inbound baggage carousels in existing terminal baggage area, add two new outbound baggage carousels in existing apron baggage make-up areas, concession support space, reconfigure loading dock area, add a new service elevator, add an oversized bag belt, explosive detection system expansion and expand federal inspection services capacity. The estimated cost for this project is \$40,000,000 with a City Council Action Schedule of RCA authorization for design/build delivery was approved December, 2011, Award Design/Build Team RCA October, 2012 and RCA GMP #1 May, 2013 and RCA GMP #2 October – November, 2013.

Council Member Cole, thanked Jim Smith for preparing such a detailed presentation. She asked Jim to expound more on the 2008 program.

Mr. Smith stated, the 2008 program was when ABIA put together their existing Capital Improvement Plan together and every 5 years they review where they are and what is coming down the pike and then put together a Capital Improvement Plan that they think can be financed. This becomes a guide for the next couple of years as ABIA bring to Council their projections or Capital Projects they want to initiate at the airport.

Council Member Cole, asked for a detailed explanation of the temporary Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Checkpoint during Formula One in November, 2012.

Mr. Smith stated, beginning Sunday night through Tuesday night after Formula One closes the airport will have their regular traffic but it will also be the week of Thanksgiving. There will be passengers beyond their capacity to process in a reasonable time at the security points. Being that TSA is a federal agent this is no extra cost to the City of Austin. TSA has agreed on a temporary basis to process those numbers and bring in additional security and equipment to help with this processing.

Council Member Riley, Thanked Jim for all of his hard work at the airport. Council Member Riley asked that he explained the growth rate of 3.7 averages

since 1981. If the historic growth rate is 3.7% why are we using a forecast of 2.8% growth?

Mr. Smith stated, each year a number of initiatives that make their numbers for forecast of the growth that will occur. The main one is the FAA forecast on a national basis of what is going to occur. We have to use our best guest of what we project for the future.

4. Update on Norwood Park Conditions Assessment and Feasibility Report and Agreement

Marty Stump, Project Management Supervisor, Park and Recreation Department, Office of C.I.P. and Brian Block, Development Administrator, provided briefing of the Norwood Park that Brian has been working on. This presentation is actually a repeat of what was presented to the City Manager, but was not sure if the Council Member's had an opportunity to review it as well.

The object of the project with about a one year study with the consultants is to establish a vision for the site that demonstrates design excellence, respect for history, sustainability and viability as Public Facility. Gauge public sentiment regarding the site, house and grounds, document historic significance of the site, house and grounds, maximize the sites potential as an iconic park, open space and walkable link to boardwalk, public transportation and neighborhood, determine short-term and long-term costs (construction, maintenance and operations) and explore opportunities for future funding. Establish an agreed-to long range plan for the house and grounds prior to initiating restoration work.

The opportunities for this Historic property are to restore Estate, or recognize the Norwood Estate history, improve security, take advantage of views to and from the site, stay within building setback lines, connect to boardwalk, preserve heritage trees and pecan grove, improve parking, improve pedestrian access, light rail connection, detention pond. Other potential option uses are Dog Park, museum, rental facility, open air pavilion, concessions, offices, gallery, lawn games, playscape, passive park use, event center, education, informational center, water feature and performance. Other preferred alternatives are total restoration/reconstruction with additional facilities or new facility reflecting historical past. Building architecture to be respectful of site history, restore Tea House, Greenhouse, Bathhouse, pergolas and other historical accessory structures.

The project program may include: reserve able facilities for public use, office space for PARD, and other COA staff/and or tenants add 2,000 sf of building space for public use, adaptive reuse of historic pool area as non-swim facility, public restroom facilities, commercial kitchen and concession/vending

opportunities, educational/interpretive and public art elements, adequate on-site parking and removal of remnants of driveway, fenced off-leash area of appropriate scale and design, enhanced connectivity to public transportation and trailhead, preserve/protect trees, screening/buffering to minimize impact to neighborhood and maximize view potential.

The next steps are Park Development Agreement between PARD and Norwood Posse: PARD staff recommends that the following be addressed in the Park Development Agreement: project program (components and intended facility uses) be clearly defined, project scope to include the entirety of Norwood Tract, business, operations and maintenance plan be completed prior to construction, full amount of project funding be secured prior to construction, partnering group will actively participate in all levels of project delivery, a time limit be established for the partnering group to raise necessary funding. Also, establish project schedule, formulate a project advisory group, initiate design phase and identify funding to complete construction and provide for ongoing maintenance and operations.

Council Member Cole asked, what did PARD request in the bond package?

Mr. Marty Stump stated, it was about \$4. Million for the first phase of the infrastructure that would need to be in place such as parking, utilities access and parking and trail connectivity.

Council Member Riley asked, if during the bond election this isn't approved what is the plan for funding improvements for this site?

Mr. Marty Stump stated, if from the City side it does not survive we do have other funds, bucket funds that could use in the 2012 program, though the amount will be limited.

Council Member Riley asked, what sort of things could PARD do with that amount?

Mr. Marty Stump stated, that if it is the site work that is successful or renovated it would take about 1 to 2 million to make the site complementary to the house. This is addressing basic needs general land renovation, tree protection, parking ADA accessibility those types to make it publicly assessable and usable facility.

Council Member Riley asked, so we would be using these funds to work directly for parks grounds and go to private sectors partners for the other funds regarding the house.

Mr. Marty Stump stated, that is correct.

Council Member Riley asked, if we are seeking the Norword Group to see some continued progress on the house.

Mr. Brian Black stated, the mission of the Norwood Foundation is to restore and protect the house and grounds so; there is a proposal from the foundation to help us restore the house and grounds with private resources. We are considering a phase approach because they have funding available but it is not enough or even close to the million to complete what is needed, but it is enough to stabilize the house and they have a funding raising campaign to continue to raise money.

Council Member Riley thanked the staffed and stated this is a great site and it will offer a lot to different user groups. Also, we should extend one last invitation to the Norword Citizens that are in the audience.

Colleen Terrio and Bert Forth of the Norwood Park Foundation stated they truly appreciate the efforts of City staff for moving ahead on this project expeditiously giving the condition of the house itself.

5. Staff Update on Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan

Garner Stoll, Assistant Director, Planning and Development Review Department and Paul DiGiuseppe stated, since the plan was adopted in June, 2012 staff has been working on two issues; one is proof and prep the document for printing and then sending it to the Council offices for staff to review before sending it to the printers. Our schedule is to send it to print August 17th. We also worked pretty hard to ensure the cross referencing was correct. The second issue is re-organizing for implementation the Chapter 5 and the matrixes and indicators.

Council Member Cole asked staff what item are they expecting to bring before Council next?

Garner Stoll stated, the outline for the annual report.

Council Member Cole asked if staff had a time table expected for the annual report?

Garner Stoll stated, staff would like to know with Council's sign off and Planning Commissions sign off by October 1, 2012.

Council Member Cole asked if staff would bring that back to CPT before sign off?

Garner Stoll stated yes.

Council Member Riley, thanked staff for keeping them apprized in regards to the next steps and look forward to hearing the updates in due course.

Council Member Cole, thanked staff for the brief update.

Meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m.