

**TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING RECORD**

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Meeting Date: March 26, 2012 **Start Time:** 1:03 p.m. **Adjournment:** 2:32 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Linda L. Koop (Chair), Sandy Greyson, Vonciel Jones Hill, Delia Jasso and Pauline Medrano

Committee Members Absent:

Sheffie Kadane (Vice-Chair), Absent on City Business

Other Council Members Present:

Ann Margolin

City Executive Staff Present:

Jill Jordan, Assistant City Manager
Theresa O'Donnell, Director, Sustainable Development and Construction
David Cossum, Assistant Director, Sustainable Development and Construction
Peer Chacko, Assistant Director, Sustainable Development and Construction
Rick Galceran, Director, Public Works
Alan Hendrix, Assistant Director, Public Works
Mark Duebner, Interim Director, Aviation

TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes for the February 27, 2012 Meeting

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Motion was made to approve the minutes for the February 27, 2012 meeting, subject to corrections. No corrections were suggested and the minutes were approved as submitted.

Made by: Greyson

Seconded by: Medrano

Passed unanimously

2. 2012 Bond Program Planning – Streets and Transportation Needs Inventory and Ranking Criteria

Rick Galceran, Director, Public Works, provided the Committee with a briefing on Defining and Developing the Needs Inventory; Categories, Technical Criteria, and Related Cost; and Street Condition Goals and Strategies. Jill Jordan and Alan Hendrix assisted in answering questions.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Ms. Jasso asked what it will take to get from where we are with today's street condition ratings at 83.2 percent to 86.7 percent and how will we maintain the rating in 2012-2013. Mr. Galceran stated he expects to reach a rating of 87 percent later this year, completing the 1986 bond program. Mr. Hendrix stated it will cost approximately \$50 million per year in capital improvements and \$2-\$2½ million in O&M to maintain the rating.

Ms. Greyson asked for an explanation on the target neighborhood categories shown on slide 34. Ms. Jordan stated there are instances where there are a few owner-occupied properties and then there are residents of rental properties who can not get a petition. The target neighborhood was an attempt of creating a category to include those properties on a bond program; however, those residents would have to pay the cost for the assessment.

Ms. Margolin stated she does not believe the City is going in the right direction and does not agree with spending \$300 million on flood control and less than \$200 million on streets and alleys.

No action was taken on this item.

3. Proposed Development Code Amendments to Parking Requirements for Certain Uses

Sally Wolfish, City Plan Commissioner and Chair of ZOC, briefed the Committee on the history of the proposed parking requirements. David Cossum, Assistant Director, Sustainable Development and Construction, provided the Committee with a briefing on the Proposed Development Code Amendments to Parking Requirements, including background, (ZOC/CPC) Zoning Ordinance Committee and City Plan Commission Recommendations; and issues and questions raised during discussion. Theresa O'Donnell, Director, Sustainable Development and Construction, and Kerry Elder, Streets Services, assisted in answering questions.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Ms. Jasso asked if there was input from developers or chambers of commerce on the proposed amendments. Mr. Cossum stated there were representatives from zoning consultants, transportation traffic and parking engineers, and neighborhood representatives. Ms. Jasso stated she has a concern that the chambers were not involved in the process and she would not be in support of making a recommendation at this time.

Ms. Medrano stated she agrees with Ms. Jasso.

Ms. Greyson commended Ms. Wolfish and ZOC on their efforts and progress on the proposed development code amendments to parking requirements. Ms. Greyson asked for clarification on the current parking requirement for a church use. Mr. Cossum stated church parking is based on a calculation of 54 inches of a pew per parking space. Mr. Cossum mentioned church parking was discussed in ZOC, however, became controversial due to the overlapping hours, days of operation, and time of day.

Greyson stated the issues with compact parking would need to be addressed soon and she hopes that we continue with the provisions that prohibit remote parking in residential areas

Ms. Greyson also asked what guidelines were in place to address the valet parking issues. Mr. Cossum stated the City is involved when valets are using the right-of-way, it does not get involved in licensing or regulating valet parking. Ms. O'Donnell stated parking is free to the public and only becomes a problem when the valet is charging for the valet service and the parking space. Ms. Wolfish stated there were several meetings regarding restaurant parking and she believes the issue should be addressed through a City Council initiative, not ZOC.

Ms. Greyson stated there are issues with resident only parking which prohibits handicapped or individuals without a driver's license from participating in the program. Mr. Elder stated that when it was brought to Street Services' attention, they volunteered to assist those individuals with obtaining parking tags. Ms. Greyson asked why not develop a standard rule instead of on a case-by-case basis. Mr. Elder stated the ordinance is setup for those who drive vehicles and states you must provide a driver's licenses, insurance, and a utility bill to participate in the program. However, they would not prevent anyone from getting a parking tag and he would be receptive to making those provisions in the revised ordinance.

Ms. Koop asked Pam Conely, President of the Kidd Springs Neighborhood Association, Phil Leven, President of the Oak Cliff Conservation League, and Macey Davis, Representative of the Real Estate Council, who were in the audience, for comments.

No action was taken on this item.

Ms. Koop requested the Committee forward their questions and concerns to Ms. O'Donnell and that this item be placed on a future agenda.

4. Mayor's Grow South Initiative and Transportation and Environment Committee Goals

Jill Jordan, Assistant City Manager

This item was briefly discussed; however, due to time constraints no action was taken.

Linda L. Koop, Chair
Transportation and Environment Committee