

**TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING RECORD**

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Meeting Date: April 23, 2012 **Start Time:** 1:05 p.m. **Adjournment:** 2:06 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

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

Committee Members Absent:

None

Other Council Members Present:

None

City Executive Staff Present:

Jill Jordan, Assistant City Manager
Theresa O'Donnell, Director, Sustainable Development and Construction
Peer Chacko, Assistant Director, Sustainable Development and Construction
David Cossum, Assistant Director, Sustainable Development and Construction
Rick Galceran, Director, Public Works
Kris Sweckard, Interim Director, Library

TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes for the March 26, and April 9, 2012 Meetings

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Motion was made to approve the minutes for the March 26, and April 9, 2012 meetings, subject to corrections. No corrections were suggested and the minutes were approved as submitted.

Made by: Greyson

Seconded by: Kadane

Passed unanimously

2. Overview of ISO 14001 Environmental Management System – Annual Report

Frank Camp, Interim Managing Director, Office of Environmental Quality, provided the Committee with an overview of the ISO 14001 Environmental Management System, including Environmental Policy, Implementation Milestones, External vs. Internal Audits, and Recommendations for Improvements. Jill Jordan, Assistant City Manager, assisted in answering questions.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Ms. Koop commended Mr. Camp and the Office of Environmental Quality staff. Ms. Koop stated this is a very comprehensive program, coupled with iSWM (Integrated Stormwater Management) and other environmental programs.

Mr. Kadane asked for more details on the Notices of Violations (NOVs) with the Sphinx at Fiji Senior Living Center, outlined on slide 19; and if those issues involved their drinking water. Mr. Camp stated there were continuous issues with site stabilization, fences, and uncontrolled run-off. Ms. Jordan stated there were issues with their construction practices and not with the drinking water. The contractors had difficulty keeping up with erosion control during construction. Ms. Jordan also stated the City will be working more closely with Business and Procurement Department at the beginning of the project, contractors as they are selected, and offering educational programs.

Ms. Medrano asked if there are plans to hire someone to oversee the project. Ms. Jordan stated for this type of construction, the contractor is responsible and acting as the city's agent. The City has inspectors who should be monitoring the contractor and Stormwater is obligated to visit all construction sites every 13 days.

No action was taken on this item.

3. Complete Street Initiative Update

Theresa O'Donnell, Director, Sustainable Development and Construction, provided the Committee with an update on community workshop results and preliminary concept proposals for the Complete Streets Pilot Projects. The Committee also viewed a Channel 8 News Video Clip of the Davis Street Workshop. Peer Chacko, Assistant Director; and Keith Manoy, Program Manager, Sustainable Development and Construction, assisted in answering questions.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Ms. Jasso asked the interpretation of the preliminary design element "feeling safe". Ms. Jasso stated her interpretation of "feeling safe" means lighting, wider sidewalks, better striping. Ms. O'Donnell stated "feeling safe" is a community centered value and interpretation differs depending on the area of town. Mr. Chacko stated the main design comments were to consider safety based on the interaction between bicycles, cars, pedestrians and crosswalks. Ms. Jasso asked how the alternative complete streets roadway is defined, as outlined on slide 43. Ms. O'Donnell stated it is an alternative to what is currently there. Mr. Chacko stated the intent is to carry some of the projects identified a step further; and ideally, we would want to identify project to test in order to receive bond funding.

Ms. Greyson asked if Northcliff had similar reservations as Meadowcreek with the complete streets design concepts and if the reservations have to do with these streets being residential rather than commercial. Ms. O'Donnell stated Northcliff is a very interesting situation with insolated areas.

Ms. Greyson made note that the Meadow Creek neighborhood is interested in traffic calming.

Ms. Koop stated there is an option for businesses, if there is an easement, to have the utilities moved to the back; specifically at Alpha Road between the Toll Way and Preston Road.

Ms. Koop mentioned that on Lancaster Road there is a lack of design elements on DART's part. The station in the median has a barrier and the issues with the remainder of the street can easily be addressed with design elements.

Ms. Koop also mentioned there may be bond funds from a previous bond program to address the \$2.4 Million for the Alpha Road Design concept.

Ms. Medrano stated the city is working diligently to make sure the projects outlined on page 42 are part of the bond program. Ms. Medrano also thanked the Complete Streets staff and others who have met with the Deep Ellum community.

Ms. Greyson asked the status and geographic location on the Fair Park - Grand Blvd. Link, connecting to Downtown. Ms. Jordan stated the project is still in development phase, pieces have been built, under design. Mr. Manoy stated the Fair Park link is designed to have an interchange with the new I-30 interchange. The current alignment begins on Gaston, to Malcolm X Boulevard, following south to the DART right-of-way to Elm Street, continuing on New Right-of-Way, and lastly connecting to 2nd Street into Fair Park. The project is currently funded up to Main Street; however, the other pieces of the design will be funded in a future bond program. Ms. Greyson asked if there be identifying features so people will realize it is a Fair Park link. Mr. Manoy stated once I-30 interchange is complete, the link will be much more direct.

No action was taken on this item.

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

David Cossum, Assistant Director, Sustainable Development and Construction, provided the Committee with a draft ordinance on the development code amendment amending parking requirements for certain uses and amending exception provisions to parking requirements for certain uses. The alternatives include amending the administrative exception process to limit it to industrial, trade center, warehouse, and museum and library uses. This briefing is a follow up to the briefing presented to Committee on March 26, 2012. Theresa O'Donnell, Director, Sustainable Development and Construction, assisted in answering questions.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Ms. Greyson asked for clarification of the language in Section 45 (1) "...the maximum reduction authorized by this section is 75 percent or one space..." shown on page 17 of the draft ordinance. Ms. O'Donnell stated the language in Section 45 (1) will be revised prior to presenting to Council.

Motion was made to recommend approval of the Proposed Development Code Amendments to Parking Requirements and forward to full council for consideration.

Made by: Greyson

Seconded by: Kadane

Passed unanimously

Linda L. Koop, Chair
Transportation and Environment Committee

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