

**TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING RECORD**

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Meeting Date: September 12, 2011 **Start Time:** 1:01 p.m. **Adjournment:** 1:57 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
Peer Chacko, Assistant Director, Sustainable Development and Construction
Alan Hendrix, Assistant Director, Public Works
Kelly High, Director, Trinity Watershed Management
Betty Antebi-Taylor, Building Official, Sustainable Development and Construction

TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes for June 13, 2011

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Motion was made to approve the minutes for the June 13, 2011 meeting subject to corrections. No corrections were suggested and the minutes were approved as submitted.

Made by: Kadane

Seconded by: Hill

Passed unanimously

2. Stormwater Ordinance Revisions

Susan Alvarez, Sr. Program Manager, Trinity Watershed Management, provided an overview of the proposed revisions to the stormwater ordinance, including regulatory background, drivers and changes. Kelly High, Director, Trinity Watershed Management, assisted in answering questions.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Mr. Kadane asked if the changes to the ordinance were city or state law requirements. Ms. Alvarez stated the changes were necessary to align the city code with state and federal laws.

Ms. Jasso asked if the donated power washers-soda blasters used for the January 2011 citywide cleanup effort, organized by district 1, will be affected by the minor revisions to clarify the requirements to the prohibited discharges outlined on slide 11. Ms. Alvarez stated she is familiar with the company's operation and after testing the runoff, the process was determined to be environmentally friendly. Ms. Jasso mentioned it will be helpful to provide Spanish translations for the individuals who utilize the outreach efforts listed on slide 20. Ms. Jasso recommended departments be made aware of the revisions regarding the portable sanitation facilities (porta-potties), specifically, the Convention and Special Event Services Department. Mr. High stated they would make sure to point out the revisions when issuing special event's permits.

Motion was made to approve the Stormwater Ordinance Revisions. Full City Council consideration scheduled for November, 2011.

Made by: Kadane

Seconded by: Hill

Passed unanimously

3. Green Building Ordinance

Betty Antebi-Taylor, Building Official, Sustainable Development and Construction provided a brief update to the committee on phase 2 of the green building ordinance. Jill Jordan, Assistant City Manager, assisted in answering questions.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Ms. Koop asked if the City will be carbon neutral by 2012. Ms. Jordan stated it is possible for the City to become carbon neutral by 2012; however, she will confirm and report back to the committee.

Ms. Koop asked how the Integrated Storm Water Management Manual (iSWM) differs from the International Green Construction Code (IGCC). Ms. Jordan stated the IGCC is for the construction of buildings; whereas, the iSWM focuses on how to build the storm drainage outside of buildings. The two would allow for flat work outside of a building or as part of iSWM to use green roofs, or rain water.

Ms. Koop asked if the IGCC has been adopted by the City of Fort Worth. Ms. Antebi-Taylor stated the IGCC has not been adopted and the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) has established a subcommittee to review the green code.

Ms. Greyson asked for clarification on the use of cool roofs. Ms. Jordan stated an example of a cool roof is a roof that has been painted white, a green roof (with vegetation), and other energy efficient roofing systems.

Ms. Greyson also asked if the additional new positions in the building inspection division will be handling the new requirements. Ms. Antebi-Taylor stated it is recommended by the task force to third-party the program.

Motion was made to recommend adoption of a modified version of Phase 1 of the Green Building Ordinance and delay implementation of Phase 2 until October 2012. Full City Council consideration scheduled for September 28, 2011.

Made by: Kadane Seconded by: Hill Passed unanimously

4. Transportation and Environment Committee Proposed FY 2011-2012 Goals

As part of the Mayor's initiative, Jill Jordan, Assistant City Manager, briefed the committee on the proposed goals for the Transportation and Environment Committee.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Ms. Greyson asked Ms. Jordan how she will revisit the City's approach to funding construction and reconstruction of alleys. Ms. Jordan stated it is a challenge for the City when you look at the number of alleys that have never been constructed, alleys that have been constructed but need to be reconstructed, and the street needs. Ms. Jordan mentioned the City had considered returning the responsibility of alley's back to the property owners. Ms. Jordan also mentioned the challenges with construction and reconstruction of sidewalks. Ms. Greyson stated the worst sidewalks are where water meters have been installed.

Ms. Koop asked the committee to forward their suggested goals and comments to Ms. Jordan to be discussed at the next committee meeting.

No action was taken on this item.

Linda L. Koop, Chair
Transportation and Environment Committee