

**TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING RECORD**

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Meeting Date: August 28, 2012 **Start Time:** 1:02 p.m. **Adjournment:** 1:49 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
David Cossum, Assistant Director, Sustainable Development and Construction
Peer Chacko, Assistant Director, Sustainable Development and Construction
Rick Galceran, Director, Public Works
Zaida Basora, Assistant Director, Public Works

TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes for the August 14, 2012 Meeting

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Motion was made to approve the minutes for the August 14, 2012 meeting, subject to corrections. The following correction was made on page 4, last paragraph, Plastic Bag ~~Ban~~ Band; and the minutes were approved as amended.

Made by: Hill

Seconded by: Medrano

Passed unanimously

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

David Cossum, Assistant Director, Sustainable Development and Construction, provided the Committee with an update on the administrative exception provisions of the amendments to parking requirements considered by the Committee on April 23, 2012. Theresa O'Donnell, Director, Sustainable Development and Construction, assisted in answering questions.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Ms. Greyson stated we should encourage walking for the retail and personal service uses that are closer to the rail stations and trolleys. Ms. Greyson asked if the problem with 600 feet is that it will bump into the single-family use and if the uses were 600 feet rather than 1200 feet people would be more likely to walk to rail stations and trolley stops.

Mr. Cossum stated the 1200 feet is a standardized distance of $\frac{1}{4}$ mile and is in terms of what people are willing to walk; it is also consistent with the urban form district and other transit-oriented plan development districts. Mr. Cossum also stated that the consistency is based on other studies and recommendations from the (UIL) Urban Land Institute or (APA) American Planning Association.

Ms. Jasso stated the 600 feet is more convenient if we want to encourage people to walk to the rail and trolley stations, rather than the 1200 feet.

Ms. Jasso also stated when we refer to trolley stops, we should refer to the three types of stops, light-rail, trolley and street car stops. Mr. Cossum stated the trolley and street car stops did not give the same convenience and the recommendation was to eliminate consideration of trolley and street car stops. Ms. O'Donnell stated that when the proposal was presented to ZOC it did not receive a favorable recommendation, and the logic was that those stops were new, had not been tested, and may change.

Ms. Greyson stated bus lines were not included for the same reason because DART continues to change their routes.

Ms. Koop stated the proposal could be amended once the stops have been tested.

Ms. Hill stated she would prefer the 1200 feet use to encourage people to walk.

Ms. Koop requested this item come back to the Committee to re-evaluate the provisions after the McKinney Avenue Trolley makes its debut.

Macey Davis, Real Estate Council, who was in the audience, spoke on the Proposed Development Code Amendments to Parking Requirements for Certain Uses and also stated she would also prefer the 1200 feet use.

Motion was made to forward to full council for consideration on September 26, 2012.

Made by: Kadane

Seconded by: Greyson

Passed unanimously

3. Sustainability Plan

Frank Camp, Interim Managing Director, Office of Environmental Quality, provided the Committee with a briefing on the Council-developed Strategic Plan for FY11-12, which also included an overview of the draft Sustainability Plan. Kevin Hurley and Kevin Lafebvre, Managers in the Office of Environmental Quality, were available to answer questions.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Ms. Jasso stated she applauds the Office of Environmental Quality for pulling the plan together into one draft project. Ms. Jasso suggested including targets for funding and mentioned the cease the grease campaign, which is run by one staff person.

Mr. Camp stated he sees the plan as a dynamic document and some of the goals will be completed and drop off, new goals will be proposed and added to the plan, and existing goals that did not work out will be fine-tuned.

Ms. Greyson suggested the Strategy to Procure Land for new parks and projects in the Trinity River Corridor be expanded beyond the Trinity River Corridor if we have an opportunity to purchase property; the Strategy to restore natural contour of River to allow for filtrations and restore creeks to natural state include naming a creek to day light; and the Strategy to Conduct feasibility research and develop a plan to generate energy at City facilities include a goal for City Hall's HVAC System.

Mr. Kadane suggested the Strategy to restore natural contour of River to allow for filtrations and restore creeks to natural state include beginning with a creek rather than include naming a creek to day light. Ms. Greyson agreed with Mr. Kadane's suggestion.

Ms. Hill stated Sustainability is a Federal Government word which most people don't really understand. She suggested making the definition clearer so that when we talk about it people will understand exactly what Sustainability means.

Ms. Medrano stated she interprets Sustainability as being smarter, wiser, and environmental.

Ms. Jasso asked if the Target to create a land use policy governing community gardens on City land by spring 2013 will be added to the ordinance on Community Gardens passed by Council 2011. Ms. Jordan stated this is a policy guide for the City of Dallas which will assist in making decisions.

Mr. Kadane asked if the guide can be included in the TIF projects. Ms. Jordan stated yes the plan is a master umbrella; however there are some targets in the plan that can not be included in the TIF.

Ms. Koop stated when the ordinance is amended the plan can include the TIF projects. Ms. Koop also asked that the Sustainability Plan come back to the Committee after the Mayor's retreat.

Ms. Jordan stated staff is preparing briefings for each Council Committee starting September 2012. Ms. Koop requested including a set a matrix.

No action was taken on this item.

Linda L. Koop, Chair
Transportation and Environment Committee

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