

INFRASTRUCTURE & GROWTH COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2012

10:00 AM

MUNICIPAL PLAZA ROOM B

Members Present: Councilmember W. Reed Williams, *Chair, District 8*
Councilmember Ray Lopez, *District 6*
Councilmember Carlton Soules, *District 10*

Members Absent: Councilmember Rey Saldaña, *District 4*

Staff Present: T.C. Broadnax, *Assistant City Manager*; Mike Frisbie, *CIMS Director*; Jed Maebius, *Office of the Mayor*; Audrey Zamora, *Assistant City Attorney*; Carri Wiggins, *Office of the City Clerk*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: Andres Andujar, *HPARC*; Keith Parker, *VIA Transportation*; Brian Buchanan, *VIA Transportation*; Terri Ramos, *AFL-CIO*

Call to Order

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order.

1. Citizens to be Heard

There were no citizens to be heard.

2. Approval of Minutes from the December 14, 2011 Infrastructure and Growth Council Committee Meeting

Councilmember Lopez moved to approve the Minutes of the December 14, 2011 Infrastructure and Growth Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Soules seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Consideration of appointments to the VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority Board of Trustees (1 slot)

Leticia Vacek, City Clerk, TRMC/CMC

Carri Wiggins reported that there were two applicants for appointment to the VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority Board of Trustees Union Representative Category. She stated that applicant Gwendolyn J. McMahan addressed the Committee last month and that Katherine A. Thompson-Garcia was present to address the Committee today. Additionally, she noted that the Committee must designate one member for appointment to represent the interests of the transportation disadvantaged.

Katherine Thompson-Garcia stated that has been a San Antonio resident for over 60 years and spoke in support of VIA's Expansion Plan. She noted that if appointed, she would like to work closely with the City Council regarding transportation priorities.

Councilmember Lopez moved to recommend Katherine A. Thompson-Garcia for appointment to the VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority Board of Trustees Union Representative category. Councilmember Soules seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

Councilmember Lopez moved to designate Katherine Thompson-Garcia for appointment to represent the interests for the transportation disadvantaged.

4. Briefing on the VIA Downtown Transportation Plan

Presented by Keith Parker, CEO, VIA Transportation

Brian Buchanan provided an overview of the Primo Vehicles to be utilized on the Fredericksburg Road Corridor Bus Rapid Transit Project. He presented details of the vehicle amenities and stated that the first vehicle would be delivered in May, 2012. He reported that the contractor for construction of the Primo Stations had been selected and that the first of 16 stations will be constructed in the Medical Center Area. He stated that VIA received \$15M from the Federal Transit Administration through the TIGER Grant process and that the funding will be utilized to help facilitate the Westside Multimodal Center Phase II. Mr. Buchanan noted that an outline of the Downtown Service Plan would be provided to the Committee next month and that the VIA Operations Staff had been engaged to explore bus fare options.

Chairman Williams asked if there had been any discussion regarding the feasibility of VIA's Downtown Trolley Service. Mr. Buchanan responded that the Trolley issue will be addressed during bus fare discussions.

In response to Councilmember Soules, Mike Frisbie responded that the 2012 Bond Funding Plan had been delineated not to include the streetcar corridor through HemisFair Park.

5. HemisFair Framework Plan Briefing

Presented by Andres Andujar, CEO, HemisFair Area Redevelopment Corporation

Andres Andujar informed the Committee that the final draft of the HemisFair Master Plan was delivered to their offices last week and that he welcomed any input to assist in the development of the plan. He provided an overview of HemisFair redevelopment and possible amenities.

Chairman Williams asked if the Magik Theatre would be included in the bond improvements. Mr. Andujar stated that there were no plans to include the theatre. He noted that Magik Theatre was one of four HemisFair Park Civic/Cultural Anchors that were responsible for their own inclusion in the bond funding process. He added that funding assistance for the theatre would be explored in redevelopment discussions.

Councilmember Soules expressed concern with the vague presentation of bond improvement fund usage. He requested to meet next week with Mr. Andujar for specific details regarding usage of the funds.

Councilmember Lopez stated that the Magik Theatre was a critical component of HemisFair Park with infrastructure issues that need to be addressed. He requested the exploration of funding options to address those issues. He spoke of legislative issues regarding Federal

Courthouse construction and its impact on HemisFair Park and requested to meet with Mr. Andujar regarding a mitigation plan.

6. Briefing on the City's Downtown Transportation Study

Presented by Mike Frisbie, Director, Capital Improvements Management Services Department

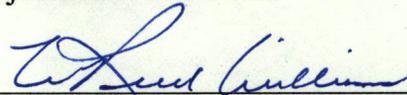
Due to time constraints, Chairman Williams stated that said item will be deferred to the next Committee Meeting.

7. Consideration for future meetings

There were no items addressed.

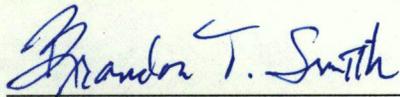
8. Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.



W. Reed Williams, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,



*Brandon T. Smith
Office of the City Clerk*