

**INFRASTRUCTURE & GROWTH COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2012
11:30 AM
MUNICIPAL PLAZA ROOM B**

Members Present: Councilmember W. Reed Williams, *Chair, District 8*
Councilmember Leticia Ozuna, *District 3*
Councilmember Rey Saldaña, *District 4*
Councilmember Carlton Soules, *District 10*

Members Absent: Councilmember Ray Lopez, *District 6*

Staff Present: David Ellison, *Acting Assistant City Manager*; Roderick Sanchez, *Development Services Director*, Mike Frisbie, *CIMS Director*; Jed Maebius, *Office of the Mayor*; Carri Wiggins, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: Andres Andujar, *HPARC*

Call to Order

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order.

1. Citizens to be Heard

Chairman Williams noted there were no citizens to be heard.

2. Approval of Minutes from the February 15, 2012 Infrastructure and Growth Council Committee Meeting

Councilmember Saldaña moved to approve the Minutes of the February 15, 2012 Infrastructure and Growth Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Soules seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Consideration and recommendation of Applicants for 1 primary and 17 alternate slots of the Building-Related and Fire Codes Appeals and Advisory Board

Leticia Vacek, City Clerk, TRMC/CMC

Carri Wiggins reported that 1 Primary and 17 Alternate At-Large Member positions needed to be filled for the Building-Related and Fire Codes Appeals and Advisory Board. Mr. Jeff Beyer, President of Beyer Mechanical, Ltd., nominated by the Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA), was introduced as the only applicant for the Primary AC and Refrigeration Contractor open shop position. Mr. Beyer stated he was a lifelong San Antonio Resident and wanted to serve on the board to give back to the community.

Councilmember Saldaña moved to approve the appointment of Mr. Beyer and Councilmember Soules seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

Additionally, it was reported that the position of Alternate Plumbing or Mechanical Engineer had two applicants: Manuel F. Lizcano, PE, nominated by the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), and Paul G. Silber, Jr., PE, nominated by Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors Association of San Antonio (PHCC). It was noted that Mr. Lizcano did not attend the meeting. Mr. Silber spoke about his 55 years of experience in the San Antonio area as well as his long time service on City Boards. Councilmember Soules thank Mr. Silber for his service and making the time to attend the meeting.

Councilmember Soules moved to recommend Mr. Silber for the position of Alternate Plumbing or Mechanical Engineer. Councilmember Saldaña seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Office of the City Clerk received the same number of applications as positions available for the balance of the positions on the Board. Councilmember Soules moved to recommend the following slate of Alternate Members: Louis Faraklas, Jr. (Structural Engineer), Andre S. Garabedian (Fire Protection Engineer), Mark F. Bemis (Electrical Engineer) Robert G. Hanley (Architect), Kyle R. Lindsey (Registered Building Contractor), Frank J. Sitterle, Jr. (Registered Building Contractor), Charles E. Kirk (Master Electrician - Open Shop/Non-Union), Robert H. Ford (Master Electrician- Organized Labor/Union), David D. Munoz (Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractor, open shop/non-union), Gary A. Haby (Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractor - Organized Labor/Union), William K. Monier (Master Plumber - Organized Labor/Union), Perry L. Beyer, Jr. (Master Plumber - Open Shop/Non-Union), Victor F. Huerta (Commercial Building Contractor), Lydell M. Toye (Master Sign Electrician), and Andrew L. Holland (Residential Group R-2 Multifamily Building Owner or Representative), to the Building-Related and Fire Codes Appeals and Advisory Board, waiving the residency requirements for non-residents. Councilmember Saldaña seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Briefing and possible action on the City's Downtown Transportation Plan

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

Mr. Frisbie introduced Louis E. Maltos, P.E., who presented the five street projects that were the focus of the Downtown Transportation Plan. These projects will be funded through the passage of the Bond in May 2012. Mr. Maltos included a brief overview of each of the project: Market Street Re-Alignment, Commerce Street – Santa Rosa to St. Mary's, Frio Street – Houston to Cesar Chavez, Main Avenue & Soledad – Martin to Commerce, and San Pedro/Main/Navarro/Soledad Intersection.

The goal of the group conducting the study was to improve traffic movements in each area and at the same time maintain functionality.

Councilmember Ozuna asked how the bike traffic will flow through the downtown area. In response, Mr. Maltos stated that next month's presentation will include an overlay of bike routes on the streets and that it will be a combination of designated lanes and SHARROW lanes, or lanes shared with vehicles. Mr. Frisbie added that the strategy on bikes would be to have a designated lane when there is enough room and SHARROWS when there was not.

Councilmember Ozuna then asked how many street parking places would this include. Mr. Frisbie responded that had not yet been determined and would depend on the traffic flow.

Councilmember Soules stated he would rather know what the traffic engineers have to say about traffic flow than opinions from an on-line survey. Mr. Frisbie responded that the recommendation of the traffic engineers would be presented at the April Meeting.

Councilmember Soules stated that the street repair projects seem very expensive and would like to know how the expenses break out. Mr. Frisbie responded that the high cost was due to complete reconstruction of each of the areas. Councilmember Soules asked if traffic lanes were being removed from Commerce Street. Mr. Frisbie responded that the traffic engineers' study would address that.

Councilmember Saldaña asked about incentivizing downtown and what type of traffic is projected to increase. Mr. Frisbie responded that an increase in all types of traffic was expected.

Councilmember Soules expressed a concern being that traffic at peak times be considered, not just traffic flow within a given 24 hour period. Mr. Frisbie responded that would be part of the study presented in April.

Councilmember Ozuna stated that she would like to see a comprehensive view of the downtown area with the parking garages identified in conjunction with the corridors on the map.

Councilmember Williams stated a concern is that Bike Sharing Signs and Bike Lanes will be confusing to the public. He added, taking traffic lanes for street parking was an expensive use of real estate. He added that a conflict of priorities of the people and the designers have not been resolved. In addition, he stated a list of priorities for the streets and the functionality of them should be outlined. Again Mr. Frisbie stated that he would include that in next month's presentation.

Councilmember Williams stated he did not see the need for street parking. He emphasized that it should be made clear the reason Commerce Street is being made 2-Way is to give better access and mobility to the East Side.

Councilmember Soules questioned the safety of angled street parking and bike traffic. Councilmember Williams restated the need to resolve the Bike versus parking issue. Mr. Frisbie stated a closer look would be taken at that specifically and presented next month.

5. HemisFair Framework update

Presented by Andres Andujar, CEO, HemisFair Area Redevelopment Corporation

Andres Andujar provided an overview of HemisFair Street Redevelopment and proposed timeline. Included in the presentation was an example of proposed changes to Cesar Chavez Street with isolated bike lanes being against the pedestrian lanes segregating the pedestrians from vehicular movement. Trees would be planted in between sidewalks, bike lanes, and vehicles to create a tree canopy.

Mr. Andujar stated that the park construction will begin in 2013 in the southwest corner. The northwest corner construction begins in 2015 and the western edge begins in 2017. In 2015, the City will take control of the Federal Courthouse.

Mr. Andujar stated that staff had been presenting to the community to explain the Bond Projects and their associated funds.

Councilmember Ozuna asked if the Camino Real Historic Route will be included in the redevelopment. Mr. Andujar responded that the project seeks to honor the history of the great City of San Antonio, but the most recent research indicated the route did not go through the downtown area.

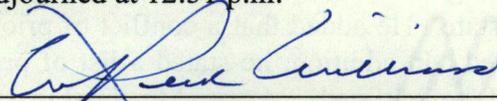
6. Consideration for future meetings

Chairman Williams stated for the record that the agenda was changed by removing a briefing on the VIA Downtown Transportation Plan and that was a mistake. He expressed concern that VIA refused to attend the meeting. He added they have not made good faith attempts to meet individually with each committee member in the last month as they had promised.

Davis Ellison stated that VIA requested that their item be pulled from the agenda due to the Infrastructure and Growth Meeting conflicting with the VIA Board of Trustees Meeting.

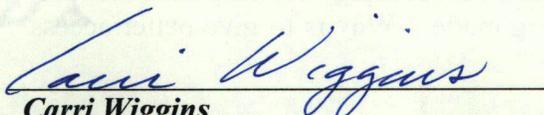
7. Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:31 p.m.



W. Reed Williams, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,



Carri Wiggins
Office of the City Clerk