

**INFRASTRUCTURE & GROWTH COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2011

10:00 AM

MUNICIPAL PLAZA ROOM B

Members Present: Councilmember W. Reed Williams, *Chair, District 8*
Councilmember Rey Saldaña, *District 4*
Councilmember Ray Lopez, *District 6*
Councilmember Carlton Soules, *District 10*

Members Absent: *None*

Staff Present: T.C. Broadnax, *Assistant City Manager*; Leticia Vacek, *City Clerk*; Roderick Sanchez, *Development Services Director*; Mike Frisbie, *CIMS Director*; Earl Crayton, *Assistant Fire Chief*; John Jacks, *Development Services Assistant Director*; Audrey Zamora, *Assistant City Attorney*; Carri Wiggins, *Office of the City Clerk*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: Keith Parker, *VIA Transportation*; Rick Pych, *VIA Transportation*; Pricilla Ingle, *VIA Transportation*; Brian Buchanan, *VIA Transportation*; Jason Rodriguez, *VIA Transportation*; Andres Andujar, *HemisFair Redevelopment Corporation*; Sam Dawson, *Pape-Dawson*; Kerri Collins, *Pape-Dawson*; James Daisa, *ARUP*; Jamie Springer, *HRA*; Terry Bilby, *SA Apartment Association*; Diane Haskins, *PEPP*; Billy Hill, *IEC*

Call to Order

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order.

1. Citizens to be Heard

Citizens were addressed during corresponding items.

2. Approval of Minutes from the October 19, 2011 Infrastructure and Growth Council Committee Meeting

Councilmember Saldaña moved to approve the Minutes of the October 19, 2011 Infrastructure and Growth Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

At this time, the Committee addressed Item 7.

7. Briefing and possible action on CCR (District 3) Building-related Codes Ordinance with consolation of appellate boards

Presented by Roderick Sanchez, Director, Development Services Department

Roderick Sanchez provided staff's recommendation for the adoption of one set of Building-related Codes that consolidates the administrative functions for all of the Building-related Codes into Chapter 10 of the City Code. Staff further recommended the consolidation of the four appellate boards into one balanced appellate board comprised of 15 members and 15 alternate members who represent the design community, trades and building community, building owners and managers; and adoption of the Technical Building-related Codes.

Citizens To Be Heard

Terry Bilby, San Antonio Apartment Association, spoke in support of Items 7, 8, and 9. She stated that the proposed Items were the best solution for the City of San Antonio.

Diane Hoskins, Professional Engineers in Private Practice, spoke in support of the proposed item.

Billy Hill, Independent Electrical Contractors, spoke in support of the proposed item. He stated that the changes would promote unity in the building community.

Councilmember Lopez moved to forward said item to the full Council for consideration. Councilmember Saldaña seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Briefing and possible action on proposed Technical & Building-related Codes Presented by Roderick Sanchez, Director, Development Services Department

- a. 2012 International Building Code (IBC)
- b. 2012 International Existing Building Code (IEBC)
- c. 2012 International Resident Code (IRC)
- d. 2012 International Mechanical Code (IMC)
- e. 2012 International Plumbing Code (IPC)
- f. 2012 International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC)
- g. 2012 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)
- h. 2012 National Electric Code (NEC)

Mr. Sanchez reported that Building-related Codes were updated on a national level every three years. He stated that the proposed ordinance will adopt the codes, with amendments, and consolidate all in a new Chapter 10, Building-Related Codes.

Councilmember Lopez moved to forward said item to the full Council for consideration. Councilmember Saldaña seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Briefing and possible action on Triennial Review of International Fire Code Presented by Chief Charles Hood, San Antonio Fire Department

District Chief Chris Monister reported that the International Fire Code was updated every three years by the International Code Council. He stated that the current version adopted by the City was the 2009 International Fire Code (IFC) with local amendments. He noted that the Building and Fire Board of Appeals recommended adoption of the 2012 IFC in November 2011. He provided an overview of the proposed amendments and added that staff recommended approval of an ordinance adopting the 2012 International Fire Code.

Councilmember Lopez moved to forward said item to the full Council for consideration. Councilmember Soules seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Briefing on the VIA Downtown Transportation Plan

Presented by Keith Parker, CEO, VIA Transportation

Keith Parker provided an overview of the VIA Downtown Transportation Plan to include the following: 1) Downtown Bus Circulator System, 2) Westside Multi-Modal Transportation Center, 3) Robert Thompson Center, and 4) Downtown Amenities Program.

Councilmember Soules asked of the circulator envisioned from the Westside and Eastside Multimodal Centers. Mr. Parker responded that 60' state-of-the-art, natural gas buses would connect the Eastside Robert Thompson Center to the Westside Multimodal Center. He stated that the Downtown Circulator would operate every 10 minutes with a frequency of every 5 minutes during peak hours.

In response to Councilmember Saldaña, Mr. Parker responded that the bus shelter prototype would be constructed in the first quarter of 2012 at Commerce and Navarro Streets. He stated that VIA will assess public response prior to proceeding with construction throughout downtown.

Chairman Williams asked of the status of VIA Downtown Transportation Plan. Brian Buchanan responded that they anticipate presentation of a finalized plan to the Board in January 2012. Chairman Williams requested information on the completed plan so that the City could proceed with the Complete Streets Initiative. He asked of the ground-breaking on Westside construction. Mr. Parker stated that VIA was in the process of developing an internal plan regarding the elements of the five-year plan for Board consideration. He noted that ground-breaking dates would be dictated by Board approval.

6. Briefing on the HemisFair Framework Plan

Presented by Andres Andujar, CEO, HemisFair Park Area Redevelopment Corporation

Andres Andujar provided an overview of the HemisFair Framework Plan and stated that the next level of detail would be presented at B Session on December 14, 2011. He reported that a substantial public engagement process has been the foundation of the plan. He cited several work sessions and noted outreach to approximately 3,000 individuals. He outlined the following discussions to include the following: a) Replacement of 1968 Hall at the Convention Center; b) Expansion toward highway; c) Potential Amphitheatre; d) Water throughout park; e) Street car idea; and f) Integration of streets to open access to park.

4. Briefing on the City's Downtown Transportation Study

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

Kerri Collins, Pape-Dawson, reported that the purpose of the Downtown Transportation Study was to identify areas and corridors that will absorb downtown's economic growth and downtown demographics. She stated that the project website was under development to disseminate project information to stakeholders. She noted that a public meeting was planned for November 29,

2011 to introduce projects and provide information on what has been completed thus far. She added that a tour of downtown was conducted on November 8, 2011 with representatives from the Capital Improvements Management Services (CIMS), Public Works, Center City Development and Downtown Operation Departments to begin prioritizing and identifying potential 2012 bond projects.

James Daisa provided an overview of the ARUP Corporation. He reported that their role under Pape-Dawson was to provide transportation and urban planning. Jamie Springer provided an overview of HRA Advisors. He stated that HRA has been a part of the HemisFair Master Planning Team; Central Partnership Strategic Framework Plan, and the CIMS Transportation Study.

3. Consideration of Applicants to the Planning Commission (2 slots)

Leticia Vacek, City Clerk, TRMC/CMC

Chairman Williams stated that there would be a two-phase selection process. He noted that applicants would address the Committee and those selected would return in December for the final selections for recommendation.

Russell Aldridge stated that he had served in the military, led troops, and was held accountable for difficult decisions. He noted that he was fair and felt that the Planning Commission should have an attorney as a member.

Corina Castillo-Johnson stated that she had served on the Municipal Planning Council in Orlando, Florida. She noted that she is a Land Use Attorney and she would like to give back to the community.

Michael Garcia stated that he served 23 years in the Air Force with a background in planning and architecture. He noted that he had also worked for the Center for Environmental Excellence and provided input on the Southern Sector Developmental for the City.

Andrea Gualt stated that she has a degree in Architecture and serves as president of her neighborhood Home Owners Association (HOA). She noted that she was very diligent about planning and expressed her interest in serving on the commission.

Brian Hanan expressed interest in serving on the Planning Commission to give back to the community. He stated that he would give his very best to serve if selected.

Carl Hanel stated that he was an accountant and financial analyst. He noted that he would like to serve on the Planning Commission to give back to the community.

Charles Jewell stated that he would like to serve on the Planning Commission for the opportunity to serve. He noted that his experience with Valero building gasoline oil truck terminals, adding that he worked with Planning Commissions frequently.

Daniel Kossl cited his experience as a professional engineer as qualification for appointment to the Planning Commission.

Brandon Logan stated that he was Chairman and CEO of Logan Insurance Services. He cited his project management skills and business experience as qualification for appointment.

William Merten stated that he was involved with the San Antonio Housing Trust Fund, Study of Change for the 1604 Route System, and the Rogers Ranch HOA. He asked that the Committee refer to his resume for additional information.

Donald Oroian cited 11 years experience in engineering and development. He stated that he draws and seals his own plats and presents to the Planning Commission. He noted that he was also a registered Accessibility Specialist and had reviewed over 1,000 projects in the State of Texas.

Emeka Ovuegbe provided his professional background in Engineering and requested the Committee's consideration for appointment.

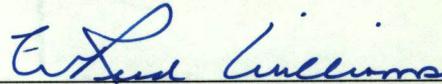
Ryan Sweeney stated that he was certified in Board Real Estate Law and spoke of his knowledge of the zoning and permitting process. He noted that he would further discuss his plans individually if selected for the next phase of the selection process.

The following applicants will return in December for final selection for appointment: Isa Fernandez, Daniel Kossl, Donald Oroian, Emeka Ovuegbe, and Ryan Sweeney.

10. Consideration for future meetings

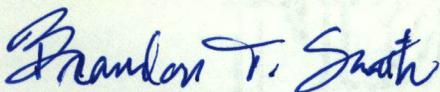
11. Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.



W. Reed Williams, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,



**Brandon T. Smith
Office of the City Clerk**