



Minutes City of Tempe Transportation Commission July 10, 2012

Minutes of the City of Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, July 10, 2012, 7:30 a.m., at the Don Cassano Community Room, 200 E 5TH St., Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Matthew Garcia, Ben Goren, Pam Goronkin, Marcellus Lisotta, Sue Lofgren, Phillip Luna, German Piedrahita, Gary Roberts, Steven Saiz, David Strang, Peter Schelstraete,.

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Charles Huellmantel, Susan Jones, Catherine Mayorga, Melody Moss.

City Staff Present:

Tanya Chavez, Joe Clements, Jason Hartong, Eric Iwersen, Dana Janofsky, Yvette Mesquita, Shelly Seyler, Robert Yabes.

Guests Present:

Aaron Golub (TBAG)

Commission Vice-Chair Pam Goronkin called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

None

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Goronkin called to approve.

Commissioner Peter Schelstraete requested that page 3, paragraph 4 be amended to say ordinance instead of licensing. Commissioner Gary Roberts made a motion to approve the May 8, 2012 Transportation Commission meeting minutes with the amendment. Sue Lofgren seconded the motion. All approved except Ben Goren who was not present for the approval.

Phillip Luna made a motion to approve the May 22, 2012 Transportation Commission meeting minutes. Sue Lofgren seconded the motion. All approved except Ben Goren who was not present for the approval.

Agenda Item 3 – Orbit Earth Route Changes

Jason Hartong presented.

At the May 31, 2012 Council Meeting, Council asked staff to work with the North Tempe Neighborhood Association (NTNA) to devise an alternative solution for Earth. An alternative was created that reduces

travel time, duplication of service, and costs. There has been a great response from the open comment period which will continue through July 22nd.

Commissioner Schelstraete asked if the Commission had already voted on Orbit Earth changes why are there significant changes made since and has there been any discussion on the existing service that exists along Scottsdale Rd. Jason explained that it was acknowledged that the Route 72 is different than Orbit and that Route 72 is not considered a n acceptable alternative due to the routes, stops and costs. Staff was directed by Council to work with NTNA to come up with an amicable solution.

Greg Jordan stated that a decision would be made in early August and services changes would start in October.

Commissioner Goronkin proposed to conditionally approve the changes, and if anything arises it will come back to the Commission for more discussion. Commission Steven Saiz made a motion to approve. David Strang seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Agenda Item 4 – Bicycle Ordinance Update

Eric Iwersen presented.

The program was started in 1988 and was in place for 10 years. It was not working for PD. There is a national registry for bicycles. ASU found that more than 80% of stolen bicycles are the owner's fault by using a bad lock or left overnight. Eric stated that there is general agreement by the city Attorney's Office and PD to strike the regulation. Currently waiting on new Council Committees to see where this issue will end up.

Commissioner Schelstraete stated that the ordinance needs to be changed and we should not wait because it is embarrassing that the Commission cannot recommend a change to the ordinance after we identified it as a problem over a year ago. He asked Eric where the old records were. Eric explained that they were hard copies only and is gone.

Commissioner Ben Goren stated that the code states that records will be kept for the life of the bicycle. Since the Commission is an advisory body then the Commission should advise Council and get them up and running.

Commissioner Goronkin stated it would be more prudent to wait for Council and suggested writing a draft summary of the ordinance issues and where the Commission stands.

Commissioner Matthew Garcia stated that any attempt to require registration is a penalty for bicyclists and not an incentive for biking. Bicyclists should be rewarded not penalized.

Commissioner German Piedrahita said that the program is unsustainable.

Commissioner Sue Lofgren stated that it just doesn't make good sense to make it unlawful without registration. Voluntary registration is sensible.

Commissioner Gary Roberts stated in the recommendation summary that Council, Tempe, and ASU include more information to students.

Commissioner Goronkin asked if the Commission would be satisfied with a summary to Council. No one opposed.

Agenda Item 5 – Current Comprehensive Transportation Plan: Sections 4 & 5

Shelly Seyler and Greg Jordan presented.

Shelly Seyler presented Section 5 for the current Comprehensive Transportation Plan - Streets and Travelways.

Travelways include Highways, Regional Routes , Arterials, and Local Streets.

The section includes: existing conditions, goals, objectives, strategies, issues and needs, recommended actions for improvements, overview of current planning and design parameters, and proposed physical roadway improvement,

Greg Jordan presented Section 4 of the current Comprehensive Transportation Plan – Transit.

This section includes existing conditions, goals and objectives, and recommended actions. Greg identified if each item was met and what current policy issues exists for each. Greg also discussed updates such as asset management, fiscal sustainability, and investment opportunities.

Agenda Item 6 – Future Agenda Items

Tour of the TMC

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 am

The Commission's next meeting will be held Saturday August 4, 2012 at 7:30 a.m. Don Cassano Room at the Tempe Transportation Center, 200 E Fifth St, Tempe, Arizona.