

Transportation and Trinity River Project Council Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 27 April 2015

Convened: 1:09 p.m.

Adjourned: 2:19 p.m.

Councilmembers:	Presenter(s):
Vonciel Jones Hill, Chair	Jill A. Jordan, P.E., Assistant City Manager
Mayor Pro Tem Tennell Atkins	Elliott Stovall, P.E., Assistant Engineer-Dallas County Area Office, Texas Department of Transportation
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Monica Alonzo	Denise Prather, P.E., Business Diversity Manager-Dallas District Construction Office, Texas Department of Transportation
Sandy Greyson	Alva Baker, Principal and Owner, Baker Consulting Associates, LLC
Sheffie Kadane	Sarah Standifer, Interim Director, Trinity Watershed Management
Lee Kleinman	Other Councilmembers Present:
Councilmembers Absent:	None
None	
City Staff Present:	
Tanya Brooks	Obeng Opoku-Acheampong
Mark Rauscher	Robert Sims
Rick Galceran	Haroon Abdoh
Gehan Asaad	

AGENDA:

1. Approval of the 13 April 2015 Meeting Minutes

Presenter(s): Vonciel Jones Hill, Chair

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Motion was made to approve the 13 April 2015 Transportation and Trinity River Project Council Committee meeting minutes.

Motion made by: DMPT Monica Alonzo
Item passed unanimously: X
Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by: Sheffie Kadane
Item passed on a divided vote:
Item failed on a divided vote:

2. S.M. Wright Project Status Update

- Construction Update
- Jobs Program

Presenters: Elliott Stovall, P.E., Assistant Area Engineer - Dallas County Area Office, Texas Department of Transportation, Denise Prather, P.E., Business Diversity Manager Dallas District Construction Office, Texas Department of Transportation and Alva Baker, Principal and Owner, Baker Consulting Associates, LLC

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Information Only

Motion made by:
Item passed unanimously:
Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by:
Item passed on a divided vote:
Item failed on a divided vote:

3. Trinity River Corridor Activities Follow-Up

Presenter: Sarah Standifer, Interim Director, Trinity Watershed Management

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): A motion was made to 1) confirm continuation of free programming, 2) approve the proposed Continental Bridge and West Dallas Gateway reservation fees to begin in June 2015, and 3) direct staff to finalize and distribute an RFQ to seek vendors/concessionaires for various destination activities along the Trinity River Corridor. An amendment was made by Vonciel Jones Hill (Chair) that free programming be included through Fiscal Year FY2015-2016, at which time staff will return to the committee to make a decision to begin charging for the programs or continue free to the public.

Motion made by: DMPT Monica Alonzo
Item passed unanimously:
Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by: Sheffie Kadance
Item passed on a divided vote: X
Item failed on a divided vote:

Councilmember Sandy Greyson voted against the motion.

4. DART Board Appointment Process (Discussion Only)

Presenter: Vonciel Jones Hill, Chair

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): A motion was made to move list of six (6) candidates forward to full Council for approval of appointment to the DART Board.

Motion made by: DMPT Monica Alonzo
Item passed unanimously: X
Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by: MPT Tennell Atkins
Item passed on a divided vote:
Item failed on a divided vote:

Additionally, the committee agreed to bring the DART Delegation together with committee members for a luncheon to discuss topics relevant to the City on a date, time and place decided by the committee chair.

5. Upcoming Agenda Item

A public hearing to receive citizens' comments to amend the City of Dallas Thoroughfare Plan to change the dimensional classification of (1) Myrtle Street from Elsie Faye Heggins Street to Bexar Street from a four-lane undivided roadway (S-4-U) within 60 feet of right-of-way to a special two-lane undivided (SPCL 2U) roadway with a bicycle facility within 50 feet of right-of-way and 36 feet of pavement; and (2) Bexar Street from Myrtle Street to Riverfront Extension from a four-lane undivided roadway (S-4-U) within 60 feet of right-of-way to a special two-lane undivided (SPCL 2U) roadway with a bicycle facility within 50 feet of right-of-way and 36 feet of pavement; and at the close of the hearing, authorize an ordinance implementing the change - Financing: No cost consideration to the City

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): A motion was made to move item forward to full Council for approval.

Motion made by: DMPT Monica Alonzo
Item passed unanimously: X
Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by: Lee Kleinman
Item passed on a divided vote:
Item failed on a divided vote:

Adjourn (2:19 p.m.)

Vonciel Jones Hill, Chair
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