

SALT LAKE CITY
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of the March 4, 2013 Meeting

Present from the Transportation Advisory Board were Andrea Olson, Rachel Otto, Jonathan Springmeyer, Whitney Ward, Xuesong, Zhou, Haytham Ibrahim, Lamar Ewell and Robin Hutcheson.

Also present were Russell Weeks, Mike Barry, Becka Roof and Dan Bergenthal.

The meeting held at the Transportation Division Office, 349 South 200 East, Salt Lake City, Utah, was called to order at 4:06 p.m. by Jonathan Springmeyer.

Motion: Whitney Ward moved to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2012 meeting with a modification. Rachel Otto seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Robin handed out certificates of appointment to the TAB to Haytham Ibrahim & Rachel Otto.

Mike Barry, a Transportation Engineer, was introduced by Robin Hutcheson. He handed out the Safety and Appearance Standards for Ground Transportation Vehicles as related to HB104. These standards were written by a sub-committee consisting of members from Salt Lake County, Wasatch Front Regional Council, The Downtown Alliance, and TAB. Mike acted as the moderator of the group with Larry Bowers, from the Salt Lake City Airport, as the Special Consultant. The sub-committee discussed the new standards and compared them to the standards from the Utah Department of Public Safety. Lamar Ewell and Jonathan Springmeyer questioned the inspection process of Ground Transportation Vehicles. The board will read the Standards and discuss them next month.

Bicycle Advisory Committee update: Dan Bergenthal said 79 applications were received for the Bicycle Advisory Committee. Those 79 were narrowed down to 22 applicants who will be discussed in a closed session of the Board and then presented to the Mayor for his consideration. The Mayor will then reduce the number down to 13 committee members. Robin Hutcheson explained the process the City is going through to adopt an ordinance to create the Bicycle Advisory Committee as a standing committee. City Council proposed changes to the proposed ordinance. The City Attorney's Office is making those changes and will re-submit to the Council Office as quickly as possible. Until then, the Bicycle Advisory Committee will act as a proposed committee.

Motion: Whitney Ward moved to enter into a closed session to discuss the names of applicants for the Bicycle Advisory Committee. Cheryl Heying seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Closed Session was adjourned and the regular session meeting was reopened.

General updates/other business:

Robin Hutcheson updated the board on the installation of 17 speed boards throughout the City. She presented a map of where the new speed boards will be located. These locations were refined by observed and measured speeding problems, roadway volumes and citizen complaints. The effectiveness of speed boards was questioned. Robin said they have been shown to be quite effective but they have not yet compiled that data. Lt. Ewell agreed that the speed boards are effective on the streets. Half of the new speed boards will be equipped with the technology to send data to the Transportation Offices in order to better measure the effectiveness. The speed boards will be installed this spring.

The City Council gave Transportation \$88,000.00 to pilot some mobile traffic calming devices. Robin presented the board with a preliminary map of streets where planters could possibly be installed. Additional work is needed to understand the final design and to select final locations. The maintenance of the planters will be a community effort and partnership. These streets were determined by recommendations from City Council, requests from citizens and where Transportation sees the need. The concern for blocking citizen parking was expressed. It is proposed the planters be installed this summer.

In March Transportation will be holding their first stakeholder meeting and public open house for the bicycle/pedestrian master plan update. TAB members will be receiving invitations for the open house.

The next meeting of the Board was scheduled for Monday, April 1, 2013. Tentative agenda items include: Ground Transportation Subcommittee report and Air Quality Update.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

(A recording of the meeting will be available for one year)