
City of San Antonio Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)

Transportation Advisory Board Minutes Wednesday, May 22, 2024

Board Members Present:

George Mery
David Strainge
Robert Gonzales
Eddie Rodriguez
Erica LaHood
Javier Tristan
George Garcia
Daniela Serna
Nick Roberson

Board Members Absent:

Joey Pawlik
Ty Edwards

Others Present

Rick Riley, Assistant Police Director
Gary Gilbert, Administrative Service Manager SAPD
James Kopp, Assistant City Attorney
Joe Herrera, Ground Transportation Unit Supervisor SAPD

Guests

Roll Call & Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Mery at 5:02 pm. A Roll Call followed, at least six (6) voting board members were present, and a quorum was established.

1. Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Minutes for April 03, 2024 TAB meeting

E. Rodriguez moved for approval; D. Strainge seconded the motion.

For: All **Against:** None **Abstentions:** None **Minutes Approved**

2. Review of Robert's Rules of Order for Public Comments:

Mr. Kopp briefed the board on Robert's Rules and the board's responsibility during public comments.

3. Public Comments:

Ms. Garcia	Yellow Rose/HRH
Chris David	Yellow Rose/HRH
Kathy Stephens	Lollypop/Bluebonnet
Ronnie White	Lone Star Carriage

Briefing and Possible Action on the following Items:

4. Review Council Consideration Request (CCR) to phase our the use of horses with Horse-Drawn Carriages:

Mr. Gilbert briefed the TAB that the Governance Committee met on April 17, 2024, and moved to place the CCR on the agenda for Transportation and Infrastructure Committee on June 4, 2024

A discussion was held.

Mr. Rodriguez motioned to "Recommend City Council to consider keeping horse-drawn carriages in San Antonio, with City Staff to work with the horse industry to set conditions to continue the service in Downtown." Mr. Strainge seconded this motion.

For: All **Against:** None **Abstentions:** None **Minutes Recommended**

5. Addition of Parking Locations for Horse-Drawn Carriages:

Ms. Stephens presented the TAB with a list of possible carriage stand locations the industry believes would be good options for parking locations:

- Presa St. (Between crocket & commerce)
- Magic Theater
- Legacy Park
- Travis Park
- Federal Building

6. Election of a Board Parliamentarian:

Mr. Gilbert placed this item on the agenda due to the concerns about the board's handling of previous meetings.

Mr. Garcia stated that he did not believe the TAB needed a parliamentarian, and a discussion was held.

Mr. Mery stated that there was no need to take a vote for this position.

7. Update on TAB Sub-Committee and Past Recommendations of the TAB:

Mr. Gilbert explained that the TAB Sub-Committee had yet to meet due to scheduling conflicts but stated that the Sub-Committee would be meeting before the next TAB meeting.

8. Items for the next Agenda:

- Update on Horse-Drawn Carriages
- Update on TAB Sub-Committee

8. Announcements:

None

9. Adjournment:

Motion made by Mr. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Strainge

For: All **Against:** None

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm

George Mery
TAB Vice-Chairperson

Gary J. Gilbert
Administrative Services Manager
Recorder/Transcriber of Minutes