

MINUTES

Attending: See sign-in sheet.

1. Subgroup A - Butler Landfill Cap and Improvements. Lindsey Sokol reported on group's progress to date.

2. Subgroup B - Short-Term Parking and Traffic Solutions. Angela Richter reported on group's progress to date, including identifying need for information related to park usage and drafting questions for a survey.

3. Discussion of Subgroup Overlaps. James Russell led discussion on need to coordinate among subgroups especially on proposed survey and transportation plans.

- Group agreed to use report-backs of subgroups in ZPWG meetings as mechanism for ongoing coordination.
- For ZPWG survey, Angela and James will combine questions from Subgroups A& B, which will be sent out by December 14 to the entire group for review and comment. Final list will be forwarded to John Dixon (COA Communications/Engagement) for refinement and early January launch. Kim McKnight suggested the survey be clear it is for input to ZPWG scope to distinguish from other surveys.
- A separate (current) PARD survey for long-range park planning has some questions pertinent to ZPWG information needs. ZPWG members are encouraged to send contact lists to Kim for her to include in outreach for PARD survey.

4. CapMetro Presentation & Q&A (Lawrence Deeter, CapMetro). Lawrence gave short presentation on current service. Key ideas:

- There are no plans to change the current routes.
- CM is constrained by charter service regulations from operating a shuttle service or allowing for special fares.
- Under an agreement with TxDOT, CM is currently developing a park and ride at Westgate.
- New bus stop sites may be added but ADA compliance may limit locations.
- Project Connect is the current planning effort where additional "connector" routes are under consideration.
- CM has experience with route promotion, e.g., the "bucket list" provided to incoming UT students.
- Public-private partnerships have been used to improve specific bus stops in Austin, and to create new stops and new routes in other cities.
- If ZPWG wants to make a request for a new loop route, that should be forwarded to Lawrence.
- Bus fares cover about 10% of CM costs.
- A Zilker pilot project and other cities' experience will both help lead to longer-term solutions.

- Access TO the park and WITHIN the park should be distinguished. Zilker Zephyr has potential for improving access within the park.

5. Master Plan Process (Kim McKight, PARD). Kim gave an overview of the general park planning process, and the group discussed some challenges. Key ideas:

- PARD has some funding for MP, but has not started scoping.
- PARD will look at existing plans, including neighborhood plans.
- Iterative process with extensive public engagement.
- Staff has requested delay of December 2019 traffic and parking study required by the Council resolution so that it can be incorporated into the MP process.
- Challenge: Chicken-and-egg nature of need for information ASAP for ZPWG to make meaningful recommendations vs. need to conduct a study that fits within scope of MP.
- Need for promotion of other parks to reduce demand on Zilker and need for Zilker parking.
- In short time-frame and with limited resources ZPWG can provide only concepts and ideas, not detailed recommendations.

6. Group Discussion of Priorities.

Next meeting is Monday, January 7, 2019, Noon – 2 PM. Location still TBD.

7. Summary of Action Items and Requests

- ACTION ITEM #1: James will send draft survey questions to ZPWG by December 14 for review and comment, then staff finalize for early January launch.
- ACTION ITEM #2: Kim will send link to current PARD survey for long-range park planning.
- ACTION ITEM #3: ZPWG members are encouraged to send their organizations' contact lists to Kim for current PARD survey.
- ACTION ITEM #4: Staff will send ZPWG 3 memos recently sent to Council (a) proposing delay of traffic and parking study, (b) update on the ZPWG, and (c) update on the pilot project for e-scooters and e-bikes on select park trails.
- Request for today's Cap Metro and Master Plan presentations to be posted on google drive.
- Request for briefing by Active Transportation Group, including guidelines for e-bikes and e-scooters.
- Request for briefing on MoPac bridge project.
- Request for comprehensive tracking list of information requests made by ZPWG.

Minutes recorded by Gail Rothe in absence of ZPWG Secretary.