

**TRANSPORTATION, TECHNOLOGY, & UTILITIES COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2015
12:00 PM
MEDIA BRIEFING ROOM, CITY HALL**

Members Present:	Councilmember Ray Lopez, Chair, <i>District 6</i> Councilmember Rey Saldaña, <i>District 4</i> Councilmember Shirley Gonzales, <i>District 5</i> Councilmember Ron Nirenberg, <i>District 8</i> Councilmember Joe Krier, <i>District 9</i>
Staff Present:	Peter Zanoni, <i>Deputy City Manager</i> ; Ben Gorzell, <i>Chief Financial Officer</i> ; Hugh Miller, <i>Chief Technology Officer</i> ; Doug Melnick, <i>Chief Sustainability Officer</i> ; Leilah Powell, <i>Chief of Policy</i> ; Shreya Shah, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Tim Mulry, <i>Sustainable Transportation Manager</i> ; Joseph Cortez, <i>District 6</i> ; Justin Renteria, <i>District 9</i> ; Errol Reid, <i>City Manager's Office</i> ; Alexander J. Pytel, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
Others Present:	J.D. Simpson, <i>Executive Director of San Antonio Bike Share</i> ; Gilbert Garcia, <i>San Antonio Express News</i> ; Katherine Blunt, <i>San Antonio Express News</i> ; Brendan Gibbons, <i>San Antonio Express News</i> ; Anusha Roy, <i>Kens-5</i> ; Nick Quinn, <i>GLC</i> ; Clarissa Ramon, <i>Google Fiber</i> ; Gustavo Lopez, <i>Sears Clean of San Antonio</i>

Item 1. Approval of the Minutes for the November 4, 2015 Transportation, Technology, and Utilities Council Committee Meeting

Councilmember Nirenberg moved to approve the Minutes for the November 4, 2015 Transportation, Technology, and Utilities Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 2. Consideration of Three Appointments to the San Antonio Bike Share Board of Directors

Mr. Peter Zanoni reported that the San Antonio Bike Share Board of Directors consisted of 9 members; three of which are appointed by the City Council. He noted that 15 Applicants had submitted applications for appointment to the Board.

Mr. Doug Melnick stated that the Board was charged with examining options to vehicular traffic as well as subsequent impacts on tourism within the City Limits. He stated that the Board would be responsible for reviewing the San Antonio Bike Share's mission, strategic direction, budget, and fiscal and governance policies. He explained that the key to Board development was establishing a diverse membership and added that Applicants had submitted letters of interest to the Committee for consideration. The following applicants were interviewed:

Anita Ledbetter
Nicholas Jones

Nicholas Guinn
Gustavo Lopez

Roberto Rangel
Deborah Korinchock

Executive Session

Chairman Lopez recessed the Transportation, Technology, and Utilities Council Committee Meeting into Executive Session at 12:42 p.m. to deliberate the appointment, evaluation, and duties of public officers and discuss legal issues pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (personnel matters).

Chairman Lopez reconvened the meeting at 1:01 p.m. and stated that no action was taken during Executive Session.

Councilmember Gonzales moved to forward the appointment of Deborah Korinchock to the Bike Share Board of Directors to the full City Council for consideration. Councilmember Nirenberg seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Gonzales, Nirenberg, Lopez

Nay: Krier

Councilmember Gonzales moved to forward the appointment of Anita Ledbetter and Sylvia Montemayor to the Bike Share Board of Directors to the full City Council for consideration. Councilmember Krier seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 3. Briefing on the Digital Inclusion Initiative Program

Mr. Hugh Miller reported that the Digital Inclusion Initiative Program was requested by the Mayor's Office during the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Amendments. He stated that \$100,000 was allocated to the ITSD Budget and that Program Target Areas included affordable broadband, digital devices, and community training and education. Ms. Leilah Powell discussed the Connect Home Program as a component of the Digital Inclusion Initiative. She spoke of the need to increase computational literacy to raise community standards of living and break the poverty cycle. She explained that the first step of the Digital Inclusion Initiative Program was implementation of the Connect Home Pilot Programs.

Mr. Miller explained that the Digital Divide was the opportunity gap that exists between those who have access to the Internet and those who do not. He added that the Internet is critical for advancing Education and Business in the United States. He provided an overview of the Digital Inclusion Initiative Program Plan. Ms. Powell described the need for highly technical computer skills and noted that the Program offered an opportunity to take citizens from underemployment to high level technical jobs without the need for a college degree.

Chairman Lopez noted the shift to Mobile Computing and Mobile Application Developers. Mr. Miller discussed the existence of a device spectrum to address diverse community needs. Ms. Powell highlighted a range of educational approaches to better educate different population segments.

Councilmember Nirenberg asked for information regarding the History of the City's Efforts in improving digital connectivity and access to technology. Mr. Miller referenced the implementation

of CoSA Net to connect City Facilities and provide links for other governmental entities. He noted that San Antonio was working to catch up with other major cities by connecting to Fiber Networks through strategic partnerships with companies such as Google and AT&T. Councilmember Nirenberg highlighted the need to implement technology as a policy initiative in order to move the City forward.

Councilmember Gonzales referenced the opening of Public Facilities at the San Juan Gardens and asked what role Public Housing would play in pursuit of Initiative Goals. Ms. Powell stated that some Public Housing Facilities would be able to accommodate mobile access and facilitate digital inclusion. She noted that the utilization of technological access would suffer without adequate educational opportunities and community outreach.

Councilmember Saldaña asked what the ultimate success of the Program would entail. Ms. Powell reported that the final goal of the Program included Connect Home Pilot Programs operating in communities with Public Housing Residents having Internet access in their units. She added that completion of the Literacy Assessment, development of a Strategic Plan for additional investments, and identification of additional partners would also be major goals of the Program. Mr. Miller explained that the Program entailed a targeted approach to enhance digital literacy throughout the City and strengthen San Antonio's Workforce in Technical Industries.

No action was required for Item 3.

Items for Future Consideration

Mr. Zanoni reported that a Council Consideration Request addressing a ban on the use of Tar Sealant would be discussed in January 2016. He added that an overview on the CPS Energy Step Program would be provided in the future. Chairman Lopez requested that an update on Fiber Deployment be presented at a future meeting.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ray Lopez, Chairman

*Alexander J. Pytel,
Office of the City Clerk*