

INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

5th FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2008 - 3:00 P.M.

The International Bridge Commission met at the above place and date.

Item 1: Chair Tanny Berg called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Those present were:

Tanny Berg, Chair – D-1 (Rep. Ann Morgan Lilly)
Mike Breitinger, D-7 (Rep. Steve Ortega)
Gerardo Camacho, D-3 (Rep. J. Alexandro Lozano)
Analisa Cordova, D-2 (Rep. Susie Byrd)
George Salom, (Mayor John Cook)
Michelle Barron, D-4 (Rep. Melina Castro)

ABSENT:

Saul Frank, D-8 (Rep. Beto O'Rourke)
VACANT, D-5 (Rep. Rachel Quintanilla)
VACANT, D-6 (Rep. Eddie Holguin)

OTHERS PRESENT

Said Larbi-Cherif, International Bridges Director
Ray Mendoza, International Bridges
Jane Shang, Deputy City Manager, Mobility Services
Robert Andrade, Mayor's Office

Item 2:

Motion made by Mr. Breitinger, seconded by Mr. Camacho and carried to approve the Minutes to the last meeting.

AYES: Mr. Berg, Mr. Salome, Mr. Breitinger Mr. Camacho, Ms. Cordova, Ms. Barron.

NAYS: None

Item 3: Introduction of new Mobility Deputy City Manager, Jane Shang

Item 4: Discussion and Action on Presentation of Bridge Management Report.

Mr. Ray Mendoza presented report for the budget.

Items discussed:

- Account that has been set up for bridge maintenance fund. Three percent of revenue is set aside for fund.
- Chair Berg suggested placing a "thank you" message in the newspaper to the Mayor and City Council.

- Bridges are being pressure washed on a monthly basis. Security has been increased at all bridges. Painting of buildings and fences at bridges has also been completed. Discussion of ADA compliance. Santa Fe bridge currently not in compliance.
- Jane Shang spoke on how she would like to see a building and not just ideas on paper. Suggestion presented that everyone that has anything to do with international bridges should be invited to IBC meetings including Mexican counterparts, state, US customs, trade commission, etc.
- Discussion of bridge canopy. There are currently seven proposals and three consultants. Discussion on color, another independent cost report, different design, construction and price and if TXDOT should be involved and canopy federally funded.
- Robert Andrade from the Mayor's office spoke about old elevators on the Juarez side and invited Jane Shang to check it out and for a meeting with Juarez mayor.
- Bridge inspection is due between October to December 2008.
- US Customs has not approved use of trash cans. Discussion on restrooms for pedestrians.

Item 6: Discussion and Action on the GSA Head House Project at the Paso Del Norte Bridge.

Mr. Mendoza reported that they are assisting GSA with minor adjustments at their facilities. He was told by a representative from GSA that the project is on schedule.

Item 7: Discussion and Action on Potential Proposals for Shortening Wait Times at the Ports of Entry.

- City has sent application for TTI, freight shuttle system. Discussion of electronic message boards. Bridge construction detours need to inform businesses/pedestrians with coordination amongst all. Give public information on bridge times.

Item 8: Discussion on IBC membership and Duties

- Create a plan for a subcommittee for the next agenda. Set up monthly bi-weekly meetings.

Item 9: OPEN COMMENT PERIOD:

There were no open comments.

Item 10: Adjourn.

Motion was made by Chair Berg, seconded by Mr. Breitinger and carried to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Approved as to form:

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