

INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

**5th FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2007 – 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)
Victor M. Aguirre, D-5 (Rep. Rachel Quintana)
Mike Dipp, Vice-Chair – (Mayor John Cook)
Gerardo Camacho, D-3 (Rep. J. Alexandro Lozano)
Analisa Cordova, D-2 (Rep. Susie Byrd)
Saul Frank, D-8 (Rep. Beto O'Rourke)

ABSENT

Daniel Barnes, D-4 (Rep. Melina Castro)
Mike Breitinger, D-7 (Rep. Steve Ortega)
Blanca Dominguez, D-6 (Rep. Eddie Holguin, Jr.)

OTHERS PRESENT

Daryl W. Cole, Streets Director
Ray Mendoza, Street - Bridges & Meters Division
Jorge Castillo, Economic Development
Christina J. Daly, Customs & Border Protection
Arturo Cuellar, Citizen

Item 2: Motion made by Mr. Dipp, seconded by Mr. Camacho and carried to approve the Minutes to the Tuesday, July 17, 2007 meeting.

AYES: Mr. Berg, Mr. Aguirre, Mr. Dipp, Mr. Camacho, Ms. Cordova, Mr. Frank.

NAYS: None

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Breitinger, Ms Dominguez.

Item 3: Discussion and Action on Presentation of Bridge Management Report.

Mr. Cole discussed the inspection needed of all bridges including the International Bridges on both sides of the border. He stated that the International ports of entry are in satisfactory or overall good condition structurally across the border, which includes the Paso Del Norte, Stanton Street, Bridge of the Americas, as well as the commercial bridge and the passenger bridge at Zaragoza.

A lengthy discussion was held on the wait times at the bridges.

Chair Berg asked Ms. Daly to set up a meeting with Homeland Security and the International Bridge Commission at one of the bridges.

Item 4. Discussion on the GSA Head House Project at the Paso Del Norte Bridge.

Ms. Daly gave a report on the status of the GSA Head House Project.

Ms. Cordova suggested a low frequency radio for public service announcements for people waiting in their cars at the bridges. Recommendations discussed:

- Low frequency radio station controlled by the City.
- Information to have documents ready, and what documents to have ready;
- Information on wait times
- Signs to tune in to radio station
- Information on prohibited items

Mr. George Castillo will contact the UTEP radio station for information on how to start a public radio station.

Item 5. Discussion on Regional Transportation Initiatives

Mr. Cole stated that the bus routes are starting tomorrow from Juarez.

Chair Berg asked that we invite people from the bus lines and Sun Metro to talk to the Commission.

Item 6. OPEN COMMENT PERIOD:

Mr. Arturo Cuellar signed up to discuss wait lines at the bridges.

Item 7.

Motion by Mr. Dipp, seconded by Mr. Camacho and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Approved as to form:

Department Head / Board Secretary