



**DOWNTOWN COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2010**

The Downtown Commission convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 20, 2010, at 301 W. 2nd St. in Austin, Texas.

Chair Mandy Dealey called the Commission Meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Downtown Commission Members in Attendance:

Bryan Cady, Susan Daniels, Mandy Dealey, Linda Guerrero, Stan Haas, Robert Knight, Dustin Lanier, Michael McGill, Chris Schorre, Richard Weiss, Bruce Willenzik

City Staff in Attendance:

Michael Knox, and Fred Evins, EGRSO; John Gillum, Library Department

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

There were no citizens wishing to speak.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the December 16, 2009 meeting were approved on Commission Member Daniels' motion, Commission Member Schorre's second, on an 10-0-1 vote, with Commission members McGill abstaining.

4. DOWNTOWN AUSTIN ALLIANCE BI-ANNUAL SURVEY

Molly Alexander, Associate Director of the Downtown Austin Alliance introduced Marie Crane, Ph.D, who made the presentation.

5. NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY STATUS REPORT

The presentation was made by John Gillum, Facilities Planning Manager for the City of Austin Library Department.

A resolution, adopting formal support for the idea that the City of Austin look for alternate funding sources to fund library parking, so that more of the funding allocated for the library project go for library uses, was approved on Commission Member Weiss' motion, Commission Member McGill's second on an 11-0 vote.

**6. SEAHOLM POWER PLANT AND GREEN WATER TREATMENT PLANT
REDEVELOPMENT STATUS REPORT**

The presentation was made by Fred Evins, Redevelopment Project Manager for the City of Economic Growth & Redevelopment Services Office.

7. RESTRICTIONS ON COMMERCIAL OFF-STREET PARKING IN THE CONVENTION CENTER OVERLAY DISTRICT (Land Development Code Sections 25-2-166 and 25-2-644)

Before the presentation, Commission Member Knight recused himself due to a conflict of interest and left the dais.

Commission Haas began discussion of the issue. After discussion, the Commission requested that staff from the Planning and Development Review Department brief the Commission on the background on the Overlay District and whether its requirements should be revisited. They also requested that staff from the Convention Center and Transportation Departments be contacted for comment.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

Commission Member Lanier reported on taxi-related items being discussed at the Urban Transportation Commission.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff liaison Michael Knox provided the Commission with an update on the Downtown Austin Plan process and schedule. The Commission discussed the status of proposed Density Bonus Program.

Staff liaison Michael Knox provided the Commission with a handout on Art in Public Places (AIPP) projects in the downtown area (taken from December 2009 *Downtown Report*).

10. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Additions to List

- § Wayfinding for Parking (Commission Member Schorre)
- § Initial Results of Parking survey (when available)

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mandy Dealey adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m. without objection.