

DOWNTOWN COMMISSION MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2010

The Downtown Commission convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at 301 W. 2nd St. in Austin, Texas.

Chair Mandy Dealey called the Commission Meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Downtown Commission Members in Attendance:

Bryan Cady, Susan Daniels, Mandy Dealey, Linda Guerrero, Stan Haas, Robert Knight, Dustin Lanier, Dan Leary, Paul Oveisi, Chris Schorre, Joel Sher, Richard Weiss

City Staff in Attendance:

Michael Knox, EGRSO; Howard Lazarus, Annick Beaudet, and Jason Fialkoff, Public Works Department; Jim Robertson, Planning and Development Review Department

Note: All items on the agenda were discussed, but are listed in the order they were taken during the meeting.

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 February 17, 2010 meeting were approved on Commission Member Daniels' motion, Commission Member Leary's second, on an 10-0 vote, with Commission members Cady and Weiss off the dais

4. UPDATE ON BICYCLE BOULEVARD

The presentation was made by Annick Beaudet, Public Works Department, Jeremy Zaborowski, AngelouEconomics

A resolution supporting the staff recommendation, as presented, was approved on Commission Member Haas' motion, Commission Oveisi's second on an 11-0 vote, with Commission member Guerrero off the dais.

5. WALLER CREEK DISTRICT MASTER PLAN

Commission member Knight recused himself from this item due to a possible conflict and left the dais.

Robertson, Planning and Development Review Department briefed the Commission on the Waller Creek District Master Plan.

A resolution supporting the Waller Creek District Master Plan and encouraging methods to preserve, enhance and incentivize development, including the preservation of live music venues and other cultural amenities, was approved on Commission Member Weiss' motion, Commission Daniels's second on an 8-1-1 vote. Those voting aye were Commission members Cady, Daniels, Lanier, Leary, Oveisi, Schorre, Sher and Weiss. Commission member Haas voted nay and Commission Chair Dealey abstained, and Commission member Guerrero was off the dais.

8. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff Liaison Michael Knox and Jim Robertson, Planning and Development Review Department briefed the Commission on the status of the Downtown Austin Plan, and proposed that the Downtown Commission host an upcoming Town Hall Meeting.

6. AMENDMENT OF DOWNTOWN COMMISSION BYLAWS TO ADD BOUNDARY, PER ORDINANCE 20100325-047

Staff Liaison Michael Knox briefed the Commission on the proposed bylaws change to match a recent ordinance change.

A resolution to approve the bylaws change was approved on Commission Member Haas' motion, Commission Cady's second on an 11-0 vote, with Commission member Guerrero off the dais.

7. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

There were no new items from Commissioners.

9. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commission Member Daniels asked for a briefing on the Zachary Scott Theater project. Commission Member Schorre would like to continue the discussion on wayfinding for parking, and to present the findings of his research on pay and display hours in other cities. Commission member Lanier asked that the discussion include "hailing cab" icons.

Chair Dealey asked to an update on the parking survey conducted by the Transportation Department.

Commission Member Knight asked for an item to adopt a resolution thanking artist Magda Sayeg for her temporary knitted art installation at the Lamar Boulevard underpass at W. 3rd St.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mandy Dealey adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m. without objection.