



DOWNTOWN COMMISSION MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2010**

The Downtown Commission convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 21, 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:

Beth Atherton, Bryan Cady, Susan Daniels, Mandy Dealey, Stan Haas, Robert Knight, Dan Leary, Michael McGill, Paul Oveisi, Chris Schorre, Joel Sher, Richard Weiss, Bruce Willenzik

City Staff in Attendance:

Michael Knox, EGRSO

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 June 16, 2010 meeting were approved on Commission Member Leary's motion, Commission Member Willenzik's second, on a 10-0-2 vote, with Commission members Daniels and Dealey abstaining and commission member Weiss off the dais.

The minutes from the April 21, 2010 meeting were approved on Commission Member Daniels' motion, Commission Member Knight's second, on a 10-0-2 vote, with Commission members McGill and Willenzik abstaining and commission member Weiss off the dais.

4. TRAVIS COUNTY CAMPUS PLANNING

Travis County staff Rodney Rhoades, Leslie Stricklan, AIA and Belinda Powell briefed the Commission on Travis County planning for their downtown campus.

5. UPDATE ON PARKING SURVEY

Steve Grassfield, Austin Transportation Department, briefing the Commission on the results of the recent parking survey.

6. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CITY CODE 9-4-14 (SIT/LIE ORDINANCE)

Bill Brice, Downtown Austin Alliance, briefed the Commission on proposed amendments to City code 9-4-14, known as the "Sit / Lie Ordinance". There was a motion by Commission Member Haas, seconded by Commission Member Schorre, that the Downtown Commission opposes the proposed amendments to the Sit/Lie Ordinance.

A substitute motion that the Downtown Commission supports the existing City Code 9-4-14 and feels it is a fair and effective tool in promoting a clean, safe and inviting environment for

residents, employees and visitors, and believe any additional exemptions will diminish its intent and effectiveness, was approved on Commission Member Sher's motion, Commission Member Haas' second, on a 13-0 vote.

7. FORMATION OF COMMITTEES

The commission discussed but took action on the formation of committees.

8. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff Liaison Michael Knox informed the downtown Commission that Texas Facilities Commission staff would be willing to host a group to present the status of Capitol Complex planning.

Staff Liaison Michael Knox informed the Downtown Commission on the status of the Downtown Austin Plan.

9. NEW ITEMS FOR INFORMATION FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

10. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Election of Officers (August 18 meeting)
- Prohibition of alley closures, to be included in the Downtown Austin Plan

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mandy Dealey adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m. without objection.