



**DOWNTOWN COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2010**

The Downtown Commission convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, December 15, 2010, at 301 W. 2nd St. in Austin, Texas.

Chair Mandy Dealey called the Commission Meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Downtown Commission Members in Attendance:

Beth Atherton, Bryan Cady, Susan Daniels, Mandy Dealey, Linda Guerrero, Stan Haas, Robert Knight, Dustin Lanier, Dan Leary, Michael McGill, Paul Oveisi, Chris Schorre, and Joel Sher

City Staff in Attendance:

Michael Knox, EGRSO; Howard Lazarus, Public Works Department; Rob Spillar, Steve Grassfield, Gordon Derr and Lee Austin, Austin Transportation Department

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

There were no citizens wishing to speak on items not on the posted agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the November 17, 2010 meeting were approved on an 11-0 vote on Commission Haas' motion, Commission Member Leary's second, with Commission members Cady and Oveisi off the dais.

4. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT DOWNTOWN MAINTENANCE

Howard Lazarus, Director, Public Works Department, briefed the Commission on downtown capital projects and maintenance.

5. EXTENDED PARKING HOURS IN DOWNTOWN

Rob Spillar, Director, Austin Transportation Department briefed the Commission on proposed changes to parking metering hours.

6. DOWNTOWN COMMISSION DRAFT TRANSPORTATION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE RAINEY STREET

Commission Members Cady and Knight recused themselves due to owning property in the Rainey Street area, and left the dais.

Lee Austin and Gordon Derr, Austin Transportation Department, briefed the Commission on responses to the draft recommendations.

Citizens Michael Abraham, Robert Icenhauer-Ramirez and Angela Hovis addressed the Commission on their concerns. Citizens Scranton Twohey and Jude Galligan were called up to answer Commission questions.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Robert Knight Stan Haas reported that the Downtown Development did not meet.

Chair Mandy Dealey reported that Downtown Commission representatives to the Joint Urban Transportation – Downtown Commission Parking Subcommittee had previously been selected. These representatives are Michael McGill and Chris Schorre.

8. NEW ITEMS FOR INFORMATION FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

Chair Mandy Dealey reported that the Planning Commission has initiated an ordinance amendment concerning the timing of demolition permits, site plans and new construction.

Commission Member Cady inquired about the cost of the I-35 Makeover lighting.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff Liaison briefed the Commission on the status of the Downtown Austin Plan.

10. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Making ‘cocktail lounge’ a conditional use in CBD zoning (a recommendation of the Downtown Austin Plan) – Commission Member Oveisi
- Open Space Ordinance - George Zapalac, PDRD – Commission Member Haas
- Improved Public Notification / Communication of Commission Activities – Commission Member Schorre

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mandy Dealey adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m. without objection.