



**DOWNTOWN COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2011**

The Downtown Commission convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 20, 2011, at 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, Dan Leary, Michael McGill, Chris Schorre, Joel Sher, Bruce Willenzik

**City Staff in Attendance:**

Michael Knox, EGRSO; Howard Lazarus, Christopher Meyer, Robert Hinojosa and David Magana, Public Works 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. 707 WEST AVENUE REZONING (C14-2011-0058) – GO TO CS**

After receiving a briefing, a resolution to support the rezoning, with a limited set of permitted uses, was approved on Commission Member Knight's motion, Commission Haas' second, on a 10-0-1 vote, with Commission Member Dealey abstaining.

**4. MANAGEMENT OF DOWNTOWN RIGHT-OF-WAY TREES**

The Commission received a briefing by Howard Lazarus and Christopher Meyer, Public Works Department

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the June 15, 2011 meeting were approved on a 9-0-2 vote on Commission Knight's motion, Commission Member Daniels' second, with Commission members Guerrero and Lanier abstaining.

**6. PROPOSED CONVENTION CENTER HOTEL – CESAR CHAVEZ AT RED RIVER**

Robert Knight recused himself due to conflict and left dais.

After receiving a briefing, there was a motion by Commission Member Haas, seconded by Commission Member Cady, to support the project.

A substitute motion, to support the project in concept, was approved on Commission Member Willenzik's motion, Commission Haas' second, on a 10-0-1 vote, with Commission Member Knight recusing.

**7. NEW ITEMS FOR INFORMATION FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS**

Commission Member Haas asked for backup information on a statement made in the Downtown Austin Plan.

**8. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Staff liaison Michael Knox reminded the Commission of the schedule for the Downtown Austin Plan approval process.

**9. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Update from Austin Transportation Department on downtown parking and downtown wayfinding
- Status of the State Theater

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Mandy Dealey adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m. without objection.