



**DOWNTOWN COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2011**

The Downtown Commission convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 17, 2011, at 301 W. 2nd St. in Austin, Texas.

Chair Mandy Dealey called the Commission Meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.

Downtown Commission Members in Attendance:

Bryan Cady, Susan Daniels, Mandy Dealey, Linda Guerrero, Stan Haas, Dustin Lanier, Dan Leary, Paul Oveisi, Chris Schorre, Bruce Willenzik

City Staff in Attendance:

Michael Knox, EGRSO; George Zapalac, Planning & Development Review Department; John Gillum, Library Department

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Former Commission Member Michael McGill spoke to the Commission.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the July 20, 2011 meeting were approved on a 9-0 vote on Commission Daniels' motion, Commission Member Schorre's second, with Commission member Lanier off the dais.

4. PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO REDUCE PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPERTY ZONED P-PUBLIC IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA

After receiving a briefing, a resolution to support the ordinance amendment was approved on Commission Member Haas' motion, Commission Member Willenzik's second, on a 10-0 vote.

5. NEW ITEMS FOR INFORMATION FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

Commission Member Lanier spoke on the issue of the impacts of development (especially parking) on nearby neighborhoods.

Commission Member Oveisi spoke on three issues: 1) the proposed designation of Red River as an Entertainment District, 2) the ongoing conflict between residential development and noise impacts, especially from outdoor music venues, and 3) the need for musician load-in areas in entertainment districts.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

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

Staff liaison Michael Knox spoke of the need for the Downtown Commission to designate a representative to the Seaholm Substation Wall Art AIPP project; Commission Member Stan Haas was designated.

7. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Updates from Austin Transportation Department on downtown parking and downtown wayfinding

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mandy Dealey adjourned the meeting at 6:04 p.m. without objection.