



DOWNTOWN COMMISSION MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2011**

The Downtown Commission convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2011, at 301 W. 2nd St. in Austin, Texas.

Chair Mandy Dealey called the Commission Meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Downtown Commission Members in Attendance:

Bryan Cady, Mandy Dealey, Tina Fernandez, Jude Galligan, Linda Guerrero, Stan Haas, Robert Knight, Dustin Lanier, Dan Leary, Joel Sher, Heather Way, Bart Whatley, Bruce Willenzik

City Staff in Attendance:

Michael Knox, EGRSO; Keith Mars, Planning and Development Review Department

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

New members Tina Fernandez and Bart Whatley introduced themselves.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

There were no citizens speaking under general communications.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the October 19, 2011 meeting were approved on an 11-0-2 vote on Commission Member Haas' motion, Commission Member Sher's second, with Commission Members Fernandez and Whatley abstaining.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS (CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR)

Heather Way nominated Mandy Dealey for chair, and Joel Sher nominated Stan Haas for chair. Both received 6 votes for chair. A minimum of 8 votes is required.

Mandy Dealey nominated Stan Haas for Vice Chair. Stan received 8 votes and was elected Vice Chair.

The nomination of Mandy Dealey for Chair was revisited, and Mandy received 9 votes and was elected Chair.

5. HERITAGE TREES AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT

Paul Snyder of the Travis Central Appraisal District briefed the Commission on how heritage trees might impact the value of downtown properties.

Keith Mars, City Arborist, briefed the Commission on the heritage tree ordinance.

6. ADOPTION OF 2012 COMMISSION CALENDAR AND CANCELLATION OF DECEMBER 21 MEETING (Item 8)

A motion to adopt the proposed 2012 Commission Calendar and cancel the December 21, 2011 meeting was approved commission Member Haas' motion, Commission Member Willenzik's second, on a 13-0 vote.

7. DOWNTOWN COMMISSION — POSSIBLE RETREAT

The Commission discussed a possible retreat and identified Thursday evening in late January as the generally preferred dates. Staff liaison Michael Knox will research available venues.

8. [combined with Item 6]

9. NEW ITEMS FOR INFORMATION FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

Commission Member Haas updated the Commission on status of the AIPP Seaholm Art Wall Project.

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff liaison Michael Knox updated the Commission on the status of the Downtown Austin Plan.

11. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No items were presented.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mandy Dealey adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m. without objection.