



## **DOWNTOWN COMMISSION MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2013**

The Downtown Commission convened in a meeting on Wednesday, February 20, 2013, at 301 W. 2nd St. in Austin, Texas.

Chair Bart Whatley called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

### **Downtown Commissioners in Attendance:**

Bart Whatley (Chair), Heather Way (Vice Chair), Martin Barrera, Mandy Dealey, Jude Galligan, Dan Leary, Lynn Osgood, Joel Sher, Myron Smith, and Bruce Willenzik

### **City Staff in Attendance:**

Michael Knox, Mona Sanchez, EGRSO

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS**

#### **2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

There were no citizens speaking under general communications.

#### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY, 2012 MEETING**

The minutes from the February 20, 2013 meeting were approved on an 8-0 vote on Commissioner Dealey's motion, and Commissioner Sher's second, with Commissioner Leary recusing himself.

#### **4. UPDATE ON WALLER CREEK AND THE WALLER CREEK CONSERVANCY**

The Commission received a presentation from Stephanie McDonald of the Waller Creek Conservancy.

No action was taken.

#### **5. C14-2012-0079 ACC 1218 West Ave. – Rezoning from SF-3 and P to DMU; C14-2012-0080 ACC 1204 West. Ave – Rezoning from LO, MF-4 and CS to DMU; C14-2012-0081 ACC Block 153 – Rezoning from UNZ (unzoned) and UNZ-H to DMU and DMU-H, and; C14-2012-0082 ACC Block 152 – Rezoning from GO and LR-CO to DMU**

The Commission recommended approval of the zoning requests with the following conditions:

- DMU with a sixty foot height limit
- Inclusion of participation in the Austin Great Streets

- Prohibit restaurant general and cocktail lounges
- All prohibited uses included in the 1/17/13 Original Austin Neighborhood Association letter:

Automotive Repair Services, Bail Bond Services, Exterminating Services, Guidance Services, Outdoor Entertainment, Telecommunication Tower, Automotive Sales, Counseling Services, Funeral Services, Liquor Sales, Pawn Shop Services, Restaurant (Drive-in), Automotive Washing, Drop-Off Recycling Collection Facility, Financial Services, Local Utility Services, Residential Treatment, Service Station, and any use requiring an outdoor music permit.

## **6. WORKING GROUPS**

A. Vice Chair Heather Way reported on the Working Group studying a pilot project to convert a downtown alley into a temporary public space.

B. Commissioner Galligan reported on the Working Group studying Rainey Street noise issues and recommendations.

C. Commissioner Smith reported on the Working Group developing a recommendation on which downtown projects the Planning Commission would seek the Downtown Commission's input before Planning Commission action.

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

Commissioner Dealey requested that staff distribute the 12/2008 City of Austin Neighborhood Planning Guide to Zoning to all commission members.

## **8. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

- Michael Knox reported top priorities from the 2/27/2013 Commission Retreat that Commission members would like to pursue.
- Commissioners were reminded of the 3/29/13 deadline to register to continue using the City's email system.

## **9. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Discuss the formation of working groups to implement top priorities identified in the 2/27/2013 Commission Retreat.
- Update on Congress Avenue planters.
- Update on Seaholm Wall AIPP project.
- Update at the June meeting from Senator Watson on the plans for the Capital Complex.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.