



DOWNTOWN COMMISSION MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2013**

The Downtown Commission convened in a meeting on Wednesday, April 17, 2013, at 301 W. 2nd St. in Austin, Texas.

Chair Bart Whatley called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Downtown Commissioners in Attendance:

Bart Whatley (Chair), Heather Way (Vice Chair), Mandy Dealey, Tina Fernandez, Jude Galligan, Dan Leary, Richard MacKinnon, Lynn Osgood, Joel Sher, Hugh Simonich, Myron Smith, Joah Spearman, and Bruce Willenzik

City Staff in Attendance:

Michael Knox, Mona Sanchez, Sue Lambe, EGRSO; Greg Dutton, PDRD; Greg Pepper, Transportation Department

1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

There were no citizens speaking under general communications.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 27 and March 20, 2013 MEETINGS

The minutes from the February 27 and March 20, 2013 meetings were approved on an 11-0 vote on Commissioner Way's motion, and Commissioner Smith's second, with Commissioners MacKinnon and Osgood off the dais

4. SEAHOLM SUBSTATION AIPP WALL PROJECT

The Commission received a presentation from Sue Lambe, Art in Public Places Coordinator
No action was taken.

5. C20-2011-032 - DMU and CBD LAND USES

The Commission received a presentation from Greg Dutton, Planning & Development Review Department. The Commission recommended approval of the Code amendment with the following condition:

Permit electronic prototype assembly and electronic testing as a conditional use for both DMU and CBD zoning districts.

The Commission approved the recommendation on a vote of 12-0 on Commissioner Dealey's motion and Commissioner Fernandez' second, with Commissioner MacKinnon off the dais.

6. STREET PATIOS PILOT PROGRAM

The Commission received a presentation from Greg Pepper, Assistant Director over Right of Way Management.

No action was taken.

7. 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.

D. Commissioners discussed the creation of working groups to implement items of interest from the 2/27/2013 Commission Retreat

8. NEW ITEMS FOR INFORMATION FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

- Commissioner Spearman discussed the importance of keeping music venues, especially historic venues to maintain a downtown presence.
- Commissioner MacKinnon reported on the Transportation Commission's work on Project Connect and sidecar.

8. ITEMS FROM STAFF

- Staff had no items to present.

9. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Briefing from Great Streets staff on Cirrus Logic art donation
- Rainey Street Working Groups Recommendations
- Working Groups to implement items of interest from the 2/27/2013 Commission retreat

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.