



**DOWNTOWN COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2014**

The Downtown Commission convened in a meeting on Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 301 W. 2nd St. in Austin, Texas.

Vice Chair Rich MacKinnon called the meeting to order at 5:53 p.m.

**Downtown Commissioners in Attendance:**

Vice Chair Rich MacKinnon, Martin Barrera, Dale Glover, Dan Leary, Sunshine Mathon, Maureen Metteauer, Jim Nix, Bruce Willenzik

**City Staff in Attendance:**

Michael Knox and Mona Sanchez, Economic Development Department

Bill Manno, Austin Center of Events

Jason Redfern, Austin Transportation Department

Tonya Swartzendruber, Planning and Development Review Department

The following represents the actions taken by the Downtown Commission in the order they occurred during the meeting. While the minutes are not in sequential order, all agenda items were discussed.

**1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS**

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

There were no citizens signed up to speak on General Communication.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JUNE 18, 2014 MEETING**

The minutes from the July 16, 2014 meeting were postponed for approval to the September 17, 2014 meeting.

**7. PROPOSED ALLEY VACATION (F#9268-310) AT 702 EAST 3<sup>RD</sup> BETWEEN 3<sup>RD</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup> STREETS**

Commissioner Mathon recommended specifically noting that an alley vacation automatically triggers specific design considerations to a site plan, e.g. requiring internal building delivery management etc. Without a note of such vacation at the City, if the site is not actually developed for years to come, the enforcement of the triggered design considerations would get lost. A motion to recommend the alley vacation was approved on Commissioner Willenzik's motion and Commissioner Glover's second, on an 8-0 vote

**6. CHANGES TO THE SPECIAL EVENTS ORDINANCE**

After a briefing and discussion the Commission requested this item be brought bring back at the September 17, 2014.

**4. WAYFINDING PROJECT UPDATE**

Item postponed to the September 17, 2014 meeting.

**5. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CITY CODE CHAPTER 25-10 (Sign Regulations) and 14-9 (Traffic or Sidewalk Obstructions)**

Item postponed to the September 17, 2014 meeting.

**8. TEACHING HOSPITAL – AERIAL WALKWAY OVER 15<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

Item postponed to the September 17, 2014 meeting.

**9. WORKING GROUPS**

Item postponed to the September 17, 2014 meeting.

- A. Report from the Downtown Public Open Space Working Group
- B. Report from the Downtown Plan Implementation Working Group

**10. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM COMMISSIONERS**

There were no items of information from Commissioners.

**11. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

There were no items from staff.

**12. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Changes to the Special Events Ordinance – September 17, 2014  
Bill Manno, Office of the City Manager
- Proposed Amendments to City Code Chapter 25-10 (Sign Regulations) and 14-9 (Traffic or Sidewalk Obstructions) – September 17, 2014  
Jason Redfern, Right-of-Way Management
- Teaching Hospital – Aerial Walkway over 15<sup>th</sup> Street – September 17, 2014
- UT Medical School design
- Sobriety Center
- Busking Initiative

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.