



**DOWNTOWN COMMISSION
MINUTES**

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

The Downtown Commission convened in a meeting on Wednesday, August 20th, 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 3RD BETWEEN 3RD AND 4TH 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 15TH 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 15th Street – September 17, 2014
- UT Medical School design
- Sobriety Center
- Busking Initiative

10. ADJOURNMENT

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