



**DOWNTOWN COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2014**

The Downtown Commission convened in a meeting on Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at 301 W. 2nd St. in Austin, Texas.

Chair Rich MacKinnon called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Downtown Commissioners in Attendance:

Chair Bart Whatley, Vice Chair Rich MacKinnon, Martin Barrera, Jude Galligan, Dale Glover, Dan Leary, Maureen Metteauer, Joel Sher, Lindsey Sokol, Owen Snell and Bruce Willenzik

City Staff in Attendance:

Michael Knox and Mona Sanchez, Economic Development 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

Blanca N. Valencia, Mexican American Cultural Center (MACC) Board Member spoke to the commission about MACC's request to zone a portion of their property dedicated park land.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2014 MEETING

The minutes from the September 17, 2014 meeting, were approved on an 10-0 vote on Commissioner MacKinnon's motion and Commissioner Willenzik's second, with Commissioner Sher off the dais.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS (CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR)

Commissioner Rich MacKinnon was elected Chair, on Commissioner Willenzik's nomination and Commissioner Metteauer's second, on a vote of 11-0.

Commissioner Bart Whatley was elected Vice Chair, on Commissioner MacKinnon's nomination and Commissioner Sokol's second, on a vote of 11-0.

5. WORKING GROUPS

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

City staff member Michael Knox reported that the Commission received a final rules posting on the public plaza standards for the Downtown Density Bonus Program.

B. Report from the Downtown Plan Implementation Working Group

There were no updates from the Downtown Plan Implementation Working Group.

6. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Barrera reported on two events associated with the Waller Creek Conservancy efforts:

- The Waller Creek District: Optimizing the Opportunity event, October 28th
- Light Night on Waller Creek event, November 13th

Commissioner Sokol updated the Commission on the Special Events Ordinance and reported that based on that information the Music Commission voted not to support the Ordinance.

Commissioner MacKinnon reported that the Urban Transportation Commission voted to postpone their vote on the Special Events Ordinance due to more study being needed on the preservation of the Transportation Priority Corridor and also reported that the Transportation Network Company Ordinance is scheduled to go before Council for third reading on 10/16/14.

7. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Michael Knox reported that two zoning cases came through for East 9th Street at IH-35 and said that they are in compliance with Downtown Austin Plan recommendations.

8. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Capital Metro MetroRail Downtown Gateway Station and Republic Square “transit gateway” (November 19)
- 2016 Meeting Schedule (November 19)
- Mexican American Cultural Center

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.