DOWNTOWN COMMISSION
MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2014

The Downtown Commission convened in a meeting on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at 505 Barton Springs Road in Austin, Texas.

Downtown Commissioners in Attendance:

Chair Rich MacKinnon, Vice Chair Bart Whatley, Martin Barrera, Jude Galligan, Dale Glover, Sunshine Mathon, Maureen Metteauer, Jim Nix, Brian Roark, Joel Sher, Lindsey Sokol, Owen Snell and Bruce Willenzik

City Staff in Attendance:

Michael Knox and Mona Sanchez, Economic Development Department

Greg Guernsey and Viktor Auzenne, Planning Development and Review Department

1. **CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS**

   Chair Rich MacKinnon called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

2. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

   There were no citizens signed up to speak on general communication.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 15, 2014 MEETING**

   Approval of the October 15, 2014 meeting minutes was postponed to the December 17, 2014 meeting.

4. **CODE AMENDMENT REGARDING AFTER HOURS CONCRETE INSTALLATION**

   The Downtown Commission approved a motion to support the ordinance as proposed, recommending:

   - Inclusion of a notification process.

   - Require applicant to provide a sound and light mitigation plan.

   - Changing Part 1 (A) of ordinance to replace "extraordinary circumstances" to "special circumstances."

   - Including a provision for the Planning director to establish rules for "special circumstances" extending overnight pours to 6:00am, such as limiting the number of permits per project over a period of time or restricting the days it is valid, including an appeal process, and a grandfathering clause. The requirement for a sound and light mitigation plan will not be grandfathered.

The recommendation was approved on Chair MacKinnon's motion, Commissioner Willenzik's second, on a vote of 9-1, with Commissioner Barrera opposed and Commissioners Metteauer, Roark and Sokol off dais.

5. **CAPITAL METRO METRORAIL DOWNTOWN GATEWAY STATION**

The Commission received a briefing on the downtown gateway stations. No action was taken.

6. **CAPITAL METRO REPUBLIC SQUARE "transit gateway"**

The Commission received a briefing on the Republic Square "transit gateway" and MetroRapid stations in the Guadalupe-Lavaca corridor. Chair MacKinnon motioned to recommend that the City work with Capital Metro and the stakeholders in the Republic Square neighborhood to develop concepts around improving the place making and way finding with an emphasis on Republic Square but including the whole corridor with Commissioner Willenzik's second on a vote of 7-1 with Commissioner Barrera opposed and Commissioner's Glover, Metteauer, Roark, Sokol and Vice Chair Whatley off dais.

7. **RAINEY STREET HOUSE**

The item was withdrawn.

8. **DOWNTOWN DENSITY BONUS PROGRAM AND RAINEY STREET DISTRICT**

Item postponed to December 17, 2014.

9. **2015 MEETING SCHEDULE**

A motion to adopt the 2015 meeting schedule was approved on Commissioner Willenzik's motion, Commissioner Mathon's second, on a vote of 8-0, with Commissioners Glover, Metteauer, Roark, Sokol and Vice Chair Whatley off dais.

10. **WORKING GROUPS**

A. Report from the Downtown Public Open Space Working Group

There were no updates from the Downtown Public Open Space Working Group.

B. Report from the Downtown Plan Implementation Working Group

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

11. **ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Willenzik reported that the Arts Commission took action denying the donation of the Rainbow Crosswalk at the corner of 4th Street and Colorado Street and also reported that the Arts Commission received the report on the Seaholm Substation Art Wall that the Wall was over budget and were told that all the art design will now go back to a plain chain link fence.

12. **ITEMS FROM STAFF**

There were no items from staff.

13. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Downtown Density Bonus Program and Rainey Street District
- Medical School Design
- Open Space Downtown Initiative Working Group

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m.