



**DOWNTOWN COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 18, 2015**

The Downtown Commission convened in a meeting on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 301 W. 2nd St. in Austin, Texas.

Downtown Commissioners in Attendance:

Chair Joel Sher, Vice Chair Bart Whatley, Jude Galligan, Mark Gilbert, Dale Glover, Sunshine Mathon, Jim Nix, Brian Roark, Lindsey Sokol, Owen Snell and Bruce Willenzik

City Staff in Attendance:

Michael Knox, Mona Sanchez, Economic Development Department

Greg Guernsey, Planning Development and Review Department

1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Joel Sher called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

- New Member Mark Gilbert, Urban Transportation Commission

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 21, 2015 MEETING

The minutes from the January 21, 2015 meeting was approved on a vote of 9-0 on Commissioner Galligan's motion and Commissioner Gilbert's second, with Chair Whatley and Commissioner Roark off the dais.

4. TRAVIS COUNTY CIVIL AND FAMILY COURTHOUSE

The Commission received a briefing on the Travis County Civil and Family Courthouse. No action was taken.

5. CODE AMENDMENT REGARDING AFTER HOURS CONCRETE INSTALLATION

The Commission received a briefing on the Code Amendment Regarding After Hours Concrete Installation.

The Commission approved a motion to table discussion to March 18, 2015, on Commissioner Willenzik's motion and Commissioner Nix's second, on a vote of 10-0 with Commissioner Roark off dais.

6. WORKING GROUPS

- A. Report from the Downtown Public Open Space Working Group
The working group was dissolved.
- B. Report from the Downtown Plan Implementation Working Group
Commissioner Jim Nix reported that they will continue to meet
- C. Discussion and possible action on the creation of new working groups
The Commission recommended the creation the After Hours Concrete Installation Working Group. Commissioner Nix, Commissioner Mathon and Commissioner Sher will serve on the Working Group.

The Commission recommended the creation the Downtown Alley Naming Working Group. Commissioner Glover, Commissioner Snell and Vice Chair Whatley will serve on the Working Group.

7. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioner Gilbert reported that the Urban Transportation Commission has been having ongoing conversations about Uber. The Urban Transportation Commission received an update of the 2014 accomplishments of the Austin Transportation Commission.
- Commissioner Glover reported that the Parks Commission was aware that the Council was looking into Downtown parks and that Council had signed a contract with APF on the design build of Republic Square Park and with DAA on the maintenance plan. The Parks Commission is also waiting on additional information on the Seaholm Intake Structure Plan and continues monitoring Council's idea of placing a Carousel somewhere in Downtown.
- Commissioner Sokol reported that the Music Commission learned that the City cut off all applications for SXSW.
- Commissioner Willenzik reported that the Arts Commission had an overture for the Music Commission for a joint meeting to discuss future joint meetings between commissions. The Commission is also working with Richard Troxel's request to place a homeless statue somewhere in downtown.

8. ITEMS FROM STAFF

- There were no items from staff

9. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Update on CodeNEXT and Downtown Austin Plan
- Convention Center Expansion
- Medical School Design
- Sobriety Center

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.