



**DOWNTOWN COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2015**

The Downtown Commission convened in a meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 721 Barton Springs Road in Austin, Texas.

**Downtown Commissioners in Attendance:**

Chair Joel Sher, Vice Chair Bart Whatley, Mark Gilbert, Dale Glover, Maureen Metteauer, Jim Nix, Owen Snell and Bruce Willenzik

**Downtown Commissioners Not in Attendance:**

Jude Galligan, Dan Leary, Sunshine Mathon, Brian Roark and Lindsey Sokol

**City Staff in Attendance:**

Michael Knox and Mona Sanchez, Economic Development Department  
Cari Buetow, Austin Transportation Department

**1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Joel Sher called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

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

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 18, 2015 MEETING**

The minutes from the March 18, 2015 meeting was approved on a vote of 7-0 on Commissioner Willenzik's motion and Commissioner Metteauer's second, with Commissioner Gilbert abstaining.

**4. DOWNTOWN ALLEYWAY NAMING**

A motion to approve Recommendation 20150520-004, regarding Downtown Alley Naming, was approved on a 8-0 vote, on Commissioner Glover's motion and Commissioner Willenzik's second.

**5. WORKING GROUPS**

**A. Report from the Downtown Alleys as Open Space Working Group**

Commissioner Glover reported on the open house to gather information regarding plans for the Rainey alley was held on April 7<sup>th</sup> at the MACC, and invited members to the upcoming charrette, also at the MACC.

- B. Report from the Downtown Plan Implementation Working Group  
Commissioner Metteauer reported that the group is still hoping to get a briefing from City staff assigned to Code NEXT.
- C. Discussion and Possible Action on the Creation of New Working Groups  
No new working groups were created.

**6. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM COMMISSIONERS**

- Commissioner Gilbert reported on work of the Urban Transportation Commission. Commissioner Glover reported on discussions at the Parks Board. Vice Chair reported that the Design Commission received briefings on the Congress Avenue Urban Design Initiative and the Rainey Alley. Commissioner Willenzik reported on work of the Arts Commission.

**7. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

- Michael Knox reported on the status of the late night concrete pours and downtown density bonus issues.

**8. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Central Health Brackenridge Campus Redevelopment
- Update on CodeNEXT and Downtown Austin Plan
- Convention Center Expansion
- Sobriety Center
- Seaholm Intake
- South Central Waterfront
- Frank Erwin Center replacement site

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.