

**Economic Prosperity Commission
March 16, 2016 6:30pm
Northwest Recreation Center
2913 Northland Dr., Austin, TX 78757
AUSTIN, TEXAS**



MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER 6:33pm

1. OPENING REMARKS

a. Attendance: City Staff: Michelle Clemons-Executive Staff liaison, Jessica Armstrong-Staff liaison and Vicky Valdez – Backup Staff liaison; Committee Members: Michael Joyce- District 8 appointee, John King- District 7 appointee, Eric Stratton- District 6 appointee, Kirsha Haverlah District, Roberto Rondero de Mosier-District 3 appointee, Holt Lackey- District 10 appointee, Kevin Opp- District 9 appointee, Marina Bhargava- District 1 appointee; Absent: Orlando Segura- At-Large appointee Resigned: Amy Cobb- District 4 appointee; Severino Sarabia- District 5 appointee

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: No citizens signed up to speak

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Joint Committee's

- Joint Sustainability Committee's first meeting is March 30th – Roberto Rondero de Mosier was appointed in February's meeting to be the representative on the Joint Sustainability Committee. He will attend as a citizen until approved by Council. Location and time TBD.
- Appointment of an ECP member to the new Joint Cultural Committee- Holt Lackey volunteered to join Joint Cultural Committee. Eric Stratton moved to appoint Holt Lackey to be the representative on the Joint Cultural Committee Michael Joyce seconded the motion-vote was unanimous

b. Administrative

Identify key immediate issue/creation of additional working groups-No additional working groups were created. Commission members determined the need for educational panels. Six panels would be organized by specialty (detailed below). Chair John King called a special meeting on Thursday March 31 at 6:30pm location Terrazas Branch Library for the first panel discussion.

Discussion ensued on potential panel groups:

List of potential special guest for panels: RECA, Kevin Johns and Economic Team, Austin Chambers, Opportunity Austin, John Hockenyos, Texas One, Capital Factory, Uber, Lyft and Safe Place, Home Away, Zoning Office, Ryan Robinson, Imagine Austin-Code Next, Pike Powers, Carol Keaton Strayhorn, Spirit of East Austin, Downtown Austin Alliance, AT&T, Imagine Austin, Site Selectors, Development Services Director over Permitting, Ryan Robinson, Zoning Austin, ACC.

Possible dates for the panels include: Quarter two special called meeting 3/31/2016 6:30pm, Quarter three special called meeting TBD, 4/20/16 6:30pm, 5/18/2016 6:30pm, 6/15/2016 6:30 pm.

List of the six panels to speak with the Economic Prosperity Commission Group:

- *Economic Development Overview:* date confirmed 3/31/2016 6:30pm Economic Development Department
- *Economist:* Ryan Robinson, John Hockenyos and Bryan Kelsey.
- *Neighborhood, Communities and Chambers-* Homelessness, Spirit of East Austin, other neighborhood stakeholders, Round Rock Chamber, Asian Chamber, African American Chamber, Greater Austin Chamber, Hispanic Chamber, GLBT Chamber and Four Points Chamber.
- *Real estate Development-* Site Selectors, Zoning Issues, RECA, Economic Development coordination between the Chamber, the State, the City and Image Austin.
- *Workforce and Education-* UT, ACC, AISD, Tech Development and Entrepreneurship, Capital Factory, Innovation oriented parts of the University of Texas, Uber, Lyft, Home Away and Safe place.
- *Economic Development Vision-* Pike Powers, Carol Keaton Strayhorn, Imagine Austin, Code Next, Representatives from Opportunity Austin and Texas One.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- Approval of minutes from February 17th meeting tabled until April 20th
Holt Lackey moves to approve minutes Marina Bhargava seconds. Discussion ensued. Eric Stratton motions minutes should include action items from agenda, motions, votes and a short description of discussion associated with each of those agenda items. Roberto Rondero de Mosier seconds.-vote was unanimous

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Approve minutes from February 17th and March 16th meeting.
- Solidifying the groups that will be invited to April 20th meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:46pm Kirsha Haverlah moved to adjourn, Holt Lackey seconds- vote was unanimous

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