



**DOWNTOWN COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2016**

The Downtown Commission convened in a meeting on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

**Downtown Commissioners in Attendance:**

Jennifer Bristol, Jonathon Gins, Alesha Larkins, Sunshine Mathon, Timothy Moore, Jordan Mullins, Joel Sher, Wendy Dunnam Tita

**Downtown Commissioners Not in Attendance:**

Samuel Franco, Mary Jo Galindo, David, Gomez, Christopher Lehman, Bruce Willenzik

**City Staff in Attendance:**

Michael Knox, Mona Sanchez, Nicole Klepadlo, Anahi Bendeck, Christine Maguire and Alex Lopez, Economic Development Department; Alan Holt and Lizzy Smith, Planning and Zoning Department

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was 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 MAY 18, 2016 MEETING**

The minutes from the May 18, 2016 meeting were approved on Vice Chair Mathon's motion and Commissioner Dunnam Tita's second, on a 6-0 vote.

**4. CAPITAL METRO DOWNTOWN MULTIMODAL STATION**

Ken Cartwright, Vice President of Capital Construction & Engineering for Capital Metro briefed the Commission on the Downtown Multimodal Station.

**5. SOUTH CENTRAL WATERFRONT**

Alan Holt of the Planning and Zoning Department briefed the Commission on the South Central Waterfront Vision Framework Plan.

**6. DOWNTOWN AUSTIN PLAN**

The briefing on the Downtown Austin Plan was postponed until July.

## **7. DOWNTOWN COMMISSION BYLAWS**

Executive Liaison Michael Knox informed the Commission that the City Council had adopted their revised bylaws, and copies were in the agenda packet.

The Commission discussed the idea of recommending the City Council revise, for the purposes of the Commission, the definition of 'downtown' to include the South Central Waterfront.

## **8. ANNUAL INTERNAL REVIEW**

The Commission discussed ideas for the work plan for the coming year. The list will be finalized at the July meeting, for submission of the Work Plan by the July 31 deadline.

Items discussed were:

- Development around the edges of downtown
- Transit & transportation
- Preservation of downtown music venues
- Items on the Future Agenda Items list

## **9. WORKING GROUPS**

A motion to create a working group to draft a recommendation to the City Council to revise, for the purposes of the Commission, the definition of 'downtown' to include the South Central Waterfront, was approved on Commissioner Bristol's motion, Commissioner Dunnam Tita's second, on a 6-0 vote.

Commissioners Bristol, Dunnam Tita, Mathon and Sher volunteered to serve on the working group.

## **10. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Gins reported on work of the Urban Transportation Commission.

Commissioner Larkins reported on work of the Parks and Recreation Board.

## **11. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

There were no additional items from staff.

## **12. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- July 20 – draft agenda
  - CodeNEXT & the Downtown Austin Plan
  - Red River Cultural District
- Future Agendas
  - Downtown Austin Plan
  - Concrete Pour Ordinance
  - Downtown Density Bonus Program
  - Downtown Parking Strategy
  - Innovation Zone
  - Downtown Homeless Population
  - Activation of Downtown Public Spaces
  - Republic Park Rehabilitation

- Capital Complex Master Plan
- Central Health Brackenridge Campus
- Busking Ordinance
- Waller Creek Restoration and Rehabilitation

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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