



**DOWNTOWN COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2016**

The Downtown Commission convened in a meeting on Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

**Downtown Commissioners in Attendance:**

Jennifer Bristol, Marshall Escamilla, Samuel Franco, Mary Jo Galindo, David Gomez, Alesha Larkins, Christopher Lehman, Sunshine Mathon, Jordan Mullins, Joel Sher, Wendy Dunnam Tita, Bruce Willenzik

**Downtown Commissioners Not in Attendance:**

Johnathan Gins, Chris Kanipe, Timothy Moore

**City Staff in Attendance:**

Michael Knox, Mona Sanchez, Nicole Klepadlo, Anahi Bendeck, Christine Maguire and Alex Lopez, Economic Development Department

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

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

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JULY 20, 2016 MEETING**

The minutes from the July 20, 2016 meeting were approved on Vice Chair Mathon's motion and Commissioner Lehman's second, on a 6-0 vote.

**4. WALLER CREEK**

Peter Mullan, Waller Creek Conservancy, briefed the Commission on the Waller Creek's Conservancy's efforts to restore and improve the parks between Lady Bird Lake and 15<sup>th</sup> Street.

**5. WORKING GROUPS**

- Working group to develop a recommendation regarding modifying boundaries of downtown reported that the group drafted a recommendation to amend the boundaries of the Downtown Commission to include the area encompassed in the South Central Waterfront Vision Framework Plan.

Commissioner Dunnam Tita motioned to continue research and due diligence and provide a revised draft or their recommendation at the next meeting with Commissioner Bristol second on a vote of 6-0.

- Working group to develop a recommendation regarding review priorities for the Downtown Commission.

Nothing to report.

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

- Commissioner Gomez reported that HOST continues to do work to gather data to put together research on the homeless activity along Waller Creek.
- Commissioner Larkins reported that the Seaholm Intake RFP continues to be postponed again, Wooldridge Park changes continue to be discussed and the August 30<sup>th</sup> Mexican-American Cultural Arts Center community input meeting focused on education and wellness.
- Commissioner Willenzik reported that the Arts Commission continues to discuss and focus on cultural mapping process and affordability for the creative class in relation to the Mayor's Omnibus Resolution.
- Commissioner Bristol reported that the Parks Board continues to work on their program to connect children to nature.

## **7. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

- There were no items from staff.

## **8. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Capital Complex Master Plan
- Palm Park Plan
- Homeless Outreach Street Team (HOST)
- Next meeting September 21

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.