



**DOWNTOWN COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2016**

The Downtown Commission convened in a meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 301 W. 2nd Street.

Downtown Commissioners in Attendance:

Jennifer Bristol, Samuel Franco, Mary Jo Gallindo, David Gomez, Alesha Larkins, Christopher Lehman, Sunshine Mathon, Timothy Moore, Jordan Mullins, Joel Sher, Wendy Dunnam Tita, Tracy Witte

Downtown Commissioners Not in Attendance:

Marshall Escamilla, Johnathan Gins, Chris Kanipe

City Staff in Attendance:

Michael Knox, Mona Sanchez, Nicole Klepadlo, Anahi Bendeck, Christine Maguire and Alex Lopez, Economic Development Department; Carol Stewart, Jim Collins, Carlos Cardova, Austin Energy; Mark Tester, Convention Center 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 OCTOBER 19TH MEETING

The minutes from the October 19th, 2016 meeting were approved on Commissioner Moore's motion and Commissioner Gomez second, on a 9-0 vote.

4. AUSTIN CONVENTION CENTER EXPANSION PLANS

Mark Tester, Director, Austin Convention Center Department, gave a presentation on the Austin Convention Center Long-Range Master Plan.

Commission Dunnam Tita made a motion to support the Convention Center Long-Range Master Plan with Commission Lehman's second on a vote of 7-2 with Commissioner's Bristol and Witte abstaining.

5. DISTRICT COOLING PLANT #3 (Crescent Plant)

Carol Stewart, Austin Energy and Matt Catterall, Cotera & Reed Architects, gave a presentation of the design and schedule for District Cooling Plant #3.

Commissioner Bristol made a motion for Austin Energy to bring the Long-Range Master Plan back when the design has advanced, in particular, with the Arts in Public Places piece, sound mitigation, streetscape and the plaza area with Commission Lehman’s second on a vote of 9-0.

6. MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2017

Commissioner Lehman made a motion to eliminate the March, 2017 meeting and approve the 2017 meeting schedule with Commissioner Gomez second on a vote of 9-0.

7. WORKING GROUPS

There were no updates from the working groups.

- Working Group review priorities for the Downtown Commission – meeting on 12/12/16, 3:00 p.m.
- Working Group to develop a recommendation regarding the boundaries of downtown – meeting on 12/15/16, 8:30 a.m.

8. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioner Larkins reported that the Parks & Recreation Board approved a \$360k for the MACC Master Plan, the Duncan Park design and the Wooldridge Square Master Plan.
- Commissioner Witte reported that the Code and Ordinances Joint Advisory Committee held a meeting on 11/16/16 to discuss the Central Health Overlay on agenda.
- Vice Chair Mathon reported that the Bluebonnet Studios, affordable housing units, had their first occupancy.
- Commissioner Bristol reported on the Outdoor Children’s Bill of Rights.
- Chair Sher reported that the DC’s nomination to the Visitor’s Impact Task Force was voted in by Council and the first meeting is scheduled for December 2016.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no items from staff.

10. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Briefing on Central Health Brackenridge Campus Overlay
- Briefing on Non-Peak Hour Concrete Installation – Adopted Ordinance
- Briefing on I-35 “Reconnect Austin” Proposal (January 18)

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.