



Visitor Impact Task Force
February 14, 2017
2:00pm
Austin Convention Center
Meeting Room 5abc
500 E. Cesar Chavez
Austin, TX 78701

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

Gavin Garcia, Music Industry Representative
Catlin Whittington, Music Industry Representative
Lulu Flores, Arts Community Representative
MariBen Ramsey, Arts Community Representative
James Russell, Special Events Industry Representative
Julie Niehoff, Special Events Industry Representative
Tom Noonan, Austin Convention & Visitors Bureau Representative
Shelly Schadegg, Hotel Industry Representative
Bill Worsham- Public Safety Community Representative
Alyson McGee- Preservation Community Representative
Dan Keshet- Parks Community Representative
Mark Tester- Convention Center Representative
Dewitt Peart- Downtown Commission Representative
Ashwin Ghatalia- Tourism Workforce Representative
Stephen Sternschein- Tourism Workforce Representative
Jonathan Mahone- Community Member Representative
Pam Thompson- Environmental Community Representative
Skeeter Miller- Restaurant Industry Representative
Sara Hartley- Public Works Department Representative (ex-officio)
Gordon Derr- Transportation Department Representative (ex-officio)

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER: 2:00pm

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- a.* Citizens wishing to speak will need to sign up ten minutes before the meeting is called to order. Citizen communications will be limited to the first ten speakers and each citizen communicator will be given three minutes to speak.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. From the January 31, 2017 meeting

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve and establish a future schedule of Task Force meetings (Felicia Ojeda and Larry Schooler)

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Briefing on Process for Collection of Hotel Occupancy Tax (Diana Thomas)
- b. Legal framework of Chapter 334 Texas Local Government Code for funding venue projects (Leela Fireside)
- c. Review Council Resolution #20170209-033 directing the City Manager to provide information and options to fund and complete work on landmarks and projects in the eastern area of downtown Austin (Mark Washington)
- d. Briefing on Impacts of Tourism on City of Austin Departments – (Austin Transportation Division, Austin Convention Center, Aviation, Austin Police Department, Public Works, Austin Center for Events, Parks and Recreation Department)

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action on request for Task Force reporting deadline extension to City Council (James Russell and MariBen Ramsey)

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Discussion and possible action to make recommendations on items for future agendas

8. ADJOURNMENT

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For more information on the Visitor Impact Task Force, please contact Felicia Ojeda at 512.404.4022, felicia.ojeda@austintexas.gov.