



Visitor Impact Task Force
May 2, 2017
3:00pm
Palmer Events Center
Meeting Room 1-3
900 Barton Springs Rd.
Austin, TX 78704

MINUTES

In Attendance:

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
Shelly Schadegg - Hotel Industry Representative
Bill Worsham - Public Safety Community Representative
Dan Keshet - Parks Community Representative
Mark Tester - Convention Center Representative
Dewitt Peart - Downtown Commission Representative
Jonathan Mahone - Community Member Representative
Pam Thompson - Environmental Community Representative
Richard Mendoza - Public Works Department Representative (ex-officio)

Absent:

Julie Niehoff - Special Events Industry Representative
Tom Noonan - Austin Convention & Visitors Bureau Representative
Alyson McGee - Preservation Community Representative
Ashwin Ghatalia - Tourism Workforce Representative
Stephen Sternschein - Tourism Workforce Representative
Skeeter Miller - Restaurant Industry Representative

Staff and Others In Attendance:

Mark Washington, ACM
Larry Schooler, CPIO, Facilitator
Carla Steffen, Austin Convention Center Department
Felicia Ojeda, Austin Convention Center Department
Steve Genovesi, Austin Convention & Visitors Bureau Representative for Tom Noonan
Mike Cannatii, Barton Springs Conservancy, Parks/ Historic Coalition
Scott Joslove, Texas Hotel & Lodging Association
Rowona Dash, Neill-Cochran House Museum
Sinclair Black, Architect

AGENDA

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- a. Meeting called to order at 3:03pm by Chair James Russell

2. Approval of Minutes from April 25, 2017 Meeting, all voters approved minus the absence of Task Force Members, Julie Niehoff, Tom Noonan, Alyson McGee, Ashwin Ghatalia, Stephen Sternschein and Skeeter Miller

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL (Split-3:06pm)

- a. Mike Cannatii, Barton Springs Conservancy, Parks/ Historic Coalition

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Larry Schooler discussed SpeakUpAustin.org
- b. Discussion on recommendations from each Task Force members to deliver to the City Council.

5. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: 5:30pm

- a. Scott Joslove, Texas Hotel & Lodging Association
- b. Rowona Dash, Neill-Cochran House Museum
- c. Sinclair Black, Architect

6. OLD BUSINESS – Recommendation Vote

- a. All Task Force members voted on the Austin Convention Center Expansion Recommendation minus the absence of Task Force Members, Julie Niehoff, Tom Noonan, Alyson McGee, Ashwin Ghatalia, Stephen Sternschein and Skeeter Miller
 - i. 1- NO
 - ii. 1- Not agree, but
 - iii. 5- Agree, if
 - iv. 6- YES

7. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Meeting Adjourned at 5:50pm

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