



**DOWNTOWN COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2017**

The Downtown Commission convened in a meeting on Wednesday, May 19th, 2017 at 301 W. 2nd Street.

Downtown Commissioners in Attendance:

Chair Joel Sher, Commissioner Chris Kanipe, Commissioner Christopher Lehman, Commissioner Andrew Harrison, Commissioner Jennifer Bristol, Commissioner Timothy Moore, Commissioner Richard DePalma, Commissioner August Harris

Downtown Commissioners Not in Attendance:

Commissioner David Gomez, Commissioner Sam Sargent, Commissioner Escamilla Marshall, Commissioner Mary Jo Galindo, Commissioner Jonathon Gins, Commissioner Bruce Willenzik

City Staff in Attendance:

Assistant City Manager Ray Arellano, Mona Sanchez, Christine Maguire

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 17, 2017 REGULAR MEETING AND THE JUNE 21, 2017 COMBINED DOWNTOWN/DESIGN COMMISSION MEETING

The minutes from the May 17, 2017 regular meeting were approved on Commissioner Moore's motion and Commissioner Harris' second, on a 7-0 vote.

The minutes from the June 21, 2017 combined Downtown/Design Commission meeting were approved on Commissioner Moore's motion and Commissioner Harrison's second on a 7-0 vote with the following amendment:

- Remove Commissioner Escamilla and Commissioner Gins as those present.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commissioner Moore motioned to nominate Commissioner Bristol as vice chair with Commissioner Kanipe's second, on a vote of 7-0.

5. ANNUAL INTERNAL REVIEW REPORT

Commissioner Bristol motioned to adopt the Annual Internal Review Report with Commissioner Harrison's second, on a vote of 7-0.

6. SOBRIETY CENTER

The Commission received a presentation from Assistant City Manager Arellano and Sobriety Center Local Government Corporation Interim Executive Director Carol Drennan.

No action was taken.

7. DOWNTOWN PARKING STRATEGY

The Commission received a presentation from Melissa Barry, Vice President of Planning, Downtown Austin Alliance.

No action was taken.

8. WORKING GROUPS

A. Working Group regarding reviewing the CodNEXT Proposed.

The working group will continue to follow the progress of CodeNEXT.

B. Historic Commission Moontower Restoration Working Group

Commissioner Lehman motioned to create the Historic Commission Restoration Working Group with Commissioner Moore's second, on a vote of 7-0.

9. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioner DePalma reported that the Republic Square Park had received DAA funding for the operations and maintenance of the park and that on August 17th Council will take action on private events in public spaces.
- Commissioner Bristol reported on the City's Connecting Children to Nature program.

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no items from staff.

11. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Mobility Austin
- Central Library Update
- Way Finding Initiative
- Private Parkland Development

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

The minutes were approved on this the 16th day of August 2017 on Commissioner Harris' motion and Commissioner Moore's second on a vote of 6-0.