



**DOWNTOWN COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2017**

The Downtown Commission convened in a meeting on Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at 301 W. 2nd Street.

Downtown Commissioners in Attendance:

Chair Joel Sher, Commissioner Sam Sargent, Commissioner Chris Kanipe, Commissioner David Gomez, Commissioner Christopher Lehman, Commissioner Timothy Moore, Commissioner Megan Meisenbach, Commissioner Richard DePalma, Commissioner August Harris, Commissioner Melissa Henao-Robledo, Commissioner Bruce Willenzik

Downtown Commissioners Not in Attendance:

Vice Chair Jennifer Bristol, Commissioner Andrew Harrison, Commissioner Marshall Escamilla, Commissioner Mary Jo Galindo, Commissioner Jonathon Gins

City Staff in Attendance:

Mona Sanchez, Economic Development Department, Christine Maguire, Economic Development Department, Tonya Swartzendruber, Planning & Zoning Department, Kim McKnight, Parks & Recreation Department, Kim Vasquez, Office of Real Estate Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JULY 19, 2017 REGULAR MEETING

The minutes from the July 19, 2017 regular meeting were approved on Commissioner Harris' motion and Commissioner Moore's second, on a 6-0 vote.

4. CONGRESS AVENUE URBAN DESIGN INITIATIVE

The Commission received a presentation from Tonya Swartzendruber, Planning & Zoning Department.

No action was taken.

5. SEAHOLM WATERFRONT PROJECT

The Commission received a presentation from Kim McKnight, Parks & Recreation Department.

No action was taken.

6. ALLEY RIGHT-OF WAY VACATION (No. 9835-1705)

The Commission received a presentation from Leah Bojo, Drenner Group, PC.

Commissioner Kanipe motioned to support alley right-of way vacation No. 9835-1705 with staff recommended restrictive covenants with Commissioner Moore's second on a vote of 6-0.

7. WORKING GROUPS

A. Working Group regarding reviewing the CodNEXT Proposed.
No updates

B. Historic Commission Moontower Restoration Working Group
No Updates

8. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM COMMISSIONERS

There were no items from Commissioners.

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff reported that a tour of the new Central Library was not possible in connection with the upcoming October 28, 2017 grand opening.

11. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Update on Downtown Public Restroom Initiative
- Way Finding Initiative

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

The minutes were approved on this the 20th day of September 2017 on Commissioner Bristol's motion and Commissioner Moore's second on a vote of 10-0.