



**DOWNTOWN COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018**

The Downtown Commission convened in a meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 301 W. 2nd Street.

Downtown Commissioners in Attendance:

Chair Joel Sher, Vice Chair Jennifer Bristol, Commissioner David Gomez, Commissioner August Harris, Commissioner Christopher Lehman, Commissioner Megan Meisenbach, Commissioner Chris Kanipe, Commissioner Melissa Henao-Robledo, Commissioner Richard DePalma

Downtown Commissioners Not in Attendance:

Commissioner Marshall Escamilla, Commissioner Mary Jo Galindo, Commissioner Jonathan Gin, Commissioner Timothy Moore, Commissioner Andrew Harrison, Commissioner Sam Sargent

City Staff in Attendance:

Christine Maguire, Mona Sanchez, Economic Development Department; Rodney Gonzales, Marie Sandoval, Development Services Department, Stephanie Hayden, Health Department and David Magana, Public Works Department

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

No citizens were signed up to speak.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 15, 2017 REGULAR MEETING

The minutes from the November 15, 2017 regular meeting were approved on Commissioner Harris' motion and Commissioner Meisenbach's second, on a 7-0 vote.

4. CAPITOL COMPLEX MASTER PLAN

The Commission received a presentation from Peter Maass, Deputy Executive Director, Texas Facilities Commission and Marie Sandoval, City of Austin Development Services Department.

No action was taken.

5. HOMELESSNESS

The Commission received a presentation from Ann Howard, Ending Community Homelessness Coalition and Stephanie Hayden, City of Austin Health Department.

No action was taken.

6. DOWNTOWN PUBLIC RESTROOM INITIATIVE

The Commission received a presentation from David Magana, City of Austin Public Works Department.

No action was taken.

7. WORKING GROUPS

B. Historic Commission Moontower Restoration Working Group

Commissioner Lehman reported that the issue continues to progress with UT and Austin Energy.

8. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM COMMISSIONERS

Chair Sher reported that the Community Forums on Homeless Services at the ARCH continue with the last meeting of the forums scheduled for January 19th, 2018.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Mona Sanchez, Economic Development Department (EDD), reported that the City's Music Office within EDD has initiative a Busking Pilot Program from funding from a onetime public-private contribution and the Program will launch during the 2018 SXSW festival.

10. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Smart Mobility Roadmap
- COA Pedestrian Vision Plan
- Innovation Zone
- Special Events Ordinance

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

The minutes were approved on this the 21st day of February 2018 on Commissioner Meisenbach's motion and Commissioner Sargent's second on a vote of 8-0 with Commissioner Kanipe off dais.