



## **DOWNTOWN COMMISSION RETREAT MINUTES**

**SPECIAL CALL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2013**

The Downtown Commission convened in a special called meeting on Wednesday, February 27, 2013, at 301 W. 2nd St. in Austin, Texas.

Chair Bart Whatley called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

### **Downtown Commissioners in Attendance:**

Bart Whatley (Chair), Heather Way (Vice Chair), Tina Fernandez, Jude Galligan, Dan Leary, Lynn Osgood, Rich MacKinnon, Joel Sher, Joah Spearman, and Myron Smith

### **City Staff in Attendance:**

Michael Knox, EGRSO

- 1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS**
- 2. REVIEWED PURPOSE OF THE DOWNTOWN COMMISSION**
- 3. DISCUSSED WORKING GROUPS**
  - Alleyway Project
  - Rainey Street Noise
  - Planning Commission Project Review Coordination
- 4. COMMISSION WORKPLAN**

Discussed broader goals and guiding principles for downtown when reviewing issues that come to the Commission, and improved relationships with other boards and commissions.

Discussed the Downtown Plan; updating cultural resources survey, activities and uses, density and design, transportation, leadership and implementation, ways the Commission to help campuses and institutions coordinated for the benefit of downtown, outreach density program, the Commission serving as a host and continuing to be a proactive Commission.

Commission interests and priorities discussed: parks and open space, transportation, quality of life/schools, public safety/homeless, public safety/quality of life, downtown's interface with State and UT, bikeshare, project review sheet, transportation during "party mode", implementation of the DAP and family friendly.

## **15. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.