



**DOWNTOWN COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2018**

The Downtown Commission convened in a meeting on Wednesday, June 20th, 2018 at 301 W. 2nd Street.

Downtown Commissioners in Attendance:

Chair Joel Sher, Vice Chair Jennifer Bristol, Commissioner Megan Meisenbach, Commissioner Wardaleen Belvin, Commissioner Richard DePalma, Commissioner Christopher Lehman, Commissioner Timothy Moore, Commissioner Chris Bryan

Downtown Commissioners Not in Attendance:

Commissioner Sam Sargent, Commissioner Chris Kanipe, Commissioner David Gomez, Commissioner Andrew Harrison, Commissioner August Harris, Commissioner Melissa Henao-Robledo

City Staff in Attendance:

Christine Maguire and Mona Sanchez, Economic Development Department
David Taylor, Public Works Department
Tonya Swartzendruber, Planning and Zoning Department

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called the meeting to order at 5:47 p.m.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Bill Brice, Downtown Austin Alliance: Homelessness and the City Solicitation Ordinance

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MAY 16TH, 2018 REGULAR MEETING

The minutes from the May 16th, 2018 regular meeting were approved on Commissioner Meisenbach's motion and Commissioner Belvin's second, on a 5-0 vote with Commissioner Moore abstaining.

4. DOWNTOWN AUSTIN ALLIANCE VISIONING PLAN

The Commission received a presentation from Melissa Barry, Downtown Austin Alliance

No action was taken.

5. CONGRESS AVENUE URBAN DESIGN INITIATIVE

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

No action was taken.

6. WORKING GROUPS

A. Moonlight Tower Working Group

- Discussion and Possible Action (5 minutes)

No updates.

B. CodeNEXT Working Group

- Discussion and Possible Action (15 minutes)

No updates.

7. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

- **Annual Internal Review and Report**

Commissioner Lehman motioned to adopt the 2017/2018 Annual Internal Review Report subject to the edit of removing the word “downtown” from the second bulleted goal and objective with Commissioner Belvin’s second on a vote of 6-0.

- **Homelessness and Spending from Public/Private Sources**

Commissioner Lehman motioned to support Recommendation 20180620-007 with Chair Sher’s second on a vote of 6-0.

Recommendation: 20180620-007

Regarding Item 32 on the June 28, 2018 City Council agenda (ordinance amending Section 9-4-13 of the City Code relating to prohibited solicitations), the Downtown Commission supports a robust public comment process before considering modification of the solicitation ordinance and to consider all the homeless ordinances and initiatives as a whole.

9. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Innovation District
- Impact of Former Housing Bonds; two prior
- Arts and Public Places Projects (AIPP) in Downtown
- Red River Sound Ordinance and Economic Impact
- Visit Austin and Impact on Tourism
- Update on Real Estate Development in Downtown

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

The minutes were approved on this the 18th day of July, 2018 on Vice Chair Bristol’s motion and Commissioner Meisenbach’s second on a vote of 6-0 with Commissioner’s Harris, Kanipe and Lehman off dais.