



**DOWNTOWN COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2018**

The Downtown Commission convened in a meeting on Wednesday, September 19th, 2018 at 301 W. 2nd Street.

Downtown Commissioners in Attendance:

Chair Joel Sher, Commissioner Wardaleen Belvin, Commissioner Sam Sargent, Commissioner Chris Kanipe, Commissioner David Gomez, Commissioner Christopher Lehman, Commissioner Andrew Harrison, Commissioner Timothy Moore, Commissioner Megan Meisenbach, Commissioner August Harris, Commissioner Richard DePalma

Downtown Commissioners Not in Attendance:

Vice Chair Jennifer Bristol, Commissioner Melissa Henao-Robledo, Commissioner Andrew Brown, Commissioner Christopher Bryan

City Staff in Attendance:

Christine Maguire, Mona Sanchez, Sue Lambe, Economic Development Department
Tonya Swartzendruber, Jorge Rousselin, Planning and Zoning Department
Jason JonMichael, Jason Redfern, Jacob Culberson, Austin Transportation Department

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

No citizens were signed up to speak.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JULY 18TH, 2018 REGULAR MEETING

The minutes from the July 18th, 2018 regular meeting were approved on Commissioner Moore's motion and Commissioner Gomez second, on a 6-0 vote with Commissioner's Harris, Kanipe, Sargent, and Lehman off dais.

4. DOWNTOWN MARKET DATA AND TRENDS

The Commission received a presentation from Jenell Moffett, Downtown Austin Alliance.

No action was taken.

5. DOCKLESS MOBILITY PROGRAM

The Commission received a presentation from Jason JonMichael, Jason Redfern and Jacob Culberson, Austin Transportation Department.

No action was taken.

6. DOWNTOWN AUSTIN PLAN (DAP) OVERVIEW: STATUS AND IMPLEMENTATION

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

Commissioner Kanipe motioned to recommend Council direct the City Manager to assess the Downtown Austin Plan's current status and consider amending if necessary with Commissioner Harrison's second on a vote of 6-3 with Commissioner Lehman abstaining.

7. 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)

Commissioner Meisenbach motioned to dissolve the CodeNEXT Working Group with Commissioner Harris' second on a vote of 10-0.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

- Commissioner Harrison reported that a Seaholm Coalition had been formed to oversee the problems with Union Pacific Railroad (UPR) noises with their next meeting taking place on October 9th, 2018.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

- Mona Sanchez reported on two downtown projects that are encroaching into the right-of-way.

10. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Community First Village
- Innovation District and Emerging Plan around the Brackenridge Site
- Impact of the two Former Housing Bonds
- Visit Austin and Tourism Impact
- Central Business District (CBD) Downtown
- Voting vs Non-Voting Commission Member Ordinance
- Central Business District Squares in Congress

11. ADJOURNMENT 8:09 p.m.

The minutes were approved on this the 14th day of November, 2018 on Vice Chair Bristol's motion and Commissioner Meisenbach's second on a vote of 6-0 with Commissioner Lehman off dais.