



Tourism Commission
August 12, 2019
6:30pm
Palmer Events Center
900 Barton Springs Rd
Austin, TX 78704

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Alta Alexander
Vanessa Fuentes
Scott Joslove
John Riedie
Lois Rodriguez
Brian Rodgers
Mike Cannatti
Catlin Whittington

Absent:

Edward Bailey
Rachel Magee
Bill Bunch

Staff and Other In Attendance:

Felicia Ojeda, Austin Convention Center Department, Staff liaison
Ted Siff, Short-Term Rental, Hotel Occupancy Tax Collections

AGENDA

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- a. Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm by Chair, Catlin Whittington

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES 6:44pm

- a. June 10, 2019 – Commissioner Rodriguez motioned to approve minutes. Second by Commissioner Fuentes. Approved by all commissioners' present. (Alexander Fuentes, Joslove, Riedie, Rodriguez, Rodgers, Cannatti, and Whittington)

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL 6:49pm

- a. Ted Siff- Short-Term Rental, Hotel Occupancy Tax Collections

4. OLD BUSINESS 6:55pm

The Commission discussed the following agenda item:

- a. Discussion and Recommendation for Short Term Rentals
 - a. Presented by Commissioner Fuentes
 - b. Motion to approve by Chair Whittington, Second by Commissioner Riedie
 - i. Approved votes by Commissioners Whittington, Alexander, Fuentes, Joslove, Riedie, Rodriguez, Rodgers, and Cannatti

5. NEW BUSINESS 7:43pm

The Commission discussed the following agenda item:

- a. Presentation by Melissa Alvarado, Economic Development Department, Heritage Grant Application process and Historic Preservation 2020 Budget implications.
- b. Presentation by Sylnovia Holt-Rabb, Cultural Arts Fund and 2020 Budget implications
 - a. Commissioner Riedie recused himself from the discussion
- c. Presentation by Mark Tester, Austin Convention Center 2020 operating budget

6. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Chair, Catlin Whittington adjourned the meeting at 8:48 pm.

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