



Tourism Commission
May 13, 2019
6:30pm
Carver Branch Library
1161 Angelina St
Austin, TX 78702

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Alta Alexander
Vanessa Fuentes
Edward Bailey
Rachel Magee
Bill Bunch
Scott Joslove
John Riedie
Lois Rodriguez
Brian Rodgers
Mike Cannatti
Catlin Whittington

Staff and Other In Attendance:

Felicia Ojeda, Austin Convention Center Department, Staff liaison
Kate Howard, Musician, Hotel Occupancy Tax topic
Susanna Lee, Musician, Hotel Occupancy Tax topic
Pat Buchta, Musician, Hotel Occupancy Tax topic
Loraine Brown, Austin Convention Center expansion
Tom Van Schaik, Musician, Hotel Occupancy Tax topic
Joe Bolash, Chair, AHLA, Austin Convention Center expansion
Cody Cowan, Red River Cultural District, Music Funding
Rebecca Reynolds, Music Venue Alliance

AGENDA

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- a. Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair, Catlin Whittington

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES 6:31pm

- a. April 8, 2019 – Commissioner Joslove motioned to approve minutes. Second by Commissioner Fuentes. Approved by all commissioners.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL 6:32pm

4. OLD BUSINESS 6:57pm

The Commission discussed the following agenda item:

- a. Election of Officers
 - a. Nomination for Chair, Commissioner Joslove nominated Commissioner Catlin Whittington as Chair, Second by Commissioner Fuentes.
 - i. Commissioners approved Commissioner Whittington for Chair (Alexander, Fuentes, Bailey, Magee, Joslove, Rodriguez, Rodgers, Cannatti, Whittington)
 - ii. Commissioners opposed Commissioner Whittington (Riedie)
 - iii. Commissioner abstained Commissioner Whittington (Bunch)
 - b. Nomination for Vice-Chair, Commissioner Whittington nominated Commissioner Rachel Magee, Second by Commissioner Joslove.
 - i. Commissioners approved Commissioner Magee for Vice-Chair (Alexander, Fuentes, Bailey, Magee, Joslove, Rodriguez, Rodgers, Cannatti, Whittington)
 - ii. Commissioners opposed Commissioner Magee (Bunch and Riedie)
 - c. Nomination for Vice-Chair, Commissioner Bunch nominated Commissioner Riedie. Commissioner Riedie declined nomination.

5. NEW BUSINESS: 7:02pm

The Commission discussed the following agenda item:

- a. UT Study – presented and discussed the University of Texas study on Alternative futures for the Austin Convention Center District (Dean Almy, Greg Hallman, Allan Shearer, Sarah Wu).

6. OLD BUSINESS – Continued 8:25pm

The Commission discussed the following agenda item:

- a. Visitor Impact Task Force Recommendations and Review by James Russell
- b. Chair Whittington motioned to recommend to City Council the Visitor Impact Task Force recommendation; a recommendation to adopt and implement the recommendations by the Visitor Impact Task Force as a guiding framework for the future expansion of the Austin Convention Center and allocations of Hotel Occupancy Taxes. Second by Commissioner Rodriguez
 - a. Votes approved for recommendations: Commissioners Whittington, Rodriguez, alexander, Cannatti, Fuentes, Riedie, Bailey, Joslove, and Magee.
 - b. Vote abstained by Commissioner Rodgers
 - c. Commissioner Bunch was absent during voting count.

7. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Chair, Catlin Whittington adjourned the meeting at 8:34 pm.

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