



**DOWNTOWN COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2020**

The Downtown Commission convened in a meeting on Wednesday, December 16th, 2020 at 301 W. 2nd Street in virtual videoconferencing.

Downtown Commissioners in Attendance:

Chair August Harris, Commissioner Joel Sher, Commissioner Meghan Skornia, Commissioner Sam Sargent, Commissioner David Gomez, Commissioner Christopher Lehman, Commissioner Andrew Harrison, Commissioner Jim Schissler, Commissioner Megan Meisenbach, Commissioner Douglas Leveton, Commissioner Melissa Henao-Robledo, Commissioner Ben Heimsath, Commissioner Cynthia Weatherby

Downtown Commissioners Not in Attendance:

Commissioner Chris Kanipe, Vice Chair Jennifer Bristol, Commissioner Kim Taylor, Commissioner kYmberly Keeton

City Staff in Attendance:

Mona Sanchez and Christine Maguire, Economic Development Department

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

No citizens were signed up to speak.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2020 AND OCTOBER 21, 2020
MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioner Sher motioned to approve the September 16, 2020 meeting minutes with Commissioner Schissler second on a motion of 9-0.

Commissioner Schissler motioned to approve the October 21, 2020 meeting minutes with Commissioner Lehman second on a vote of 9-0.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion and Possible Action

a. Public Safety Commission Update on Downtown Activity

Commissioner Nelly Paulina Ramirez provided an update on Public Safety Commission discussion on Downtown activity.

No action was taken.

b. Downtown Aerial Right of Way (ROW) Vacations

Stephany Roy, Development Services Department and representatives from The Drenner Group provided a presentation to the Commission.

Commissioner Skornia motioned to support the alley vacations as proposed with Commissioner Sher second on a vote of 9-0.

c. Historic Design Standards for Historic Landmarks, National Register Districts and Future Historic Districts

Cara Bertron, Housing & Planning Department provided a presentation to the Commission.

Commissioner Meisenbach motioned to support the Historic Design Standards with Commissioner Harrison's second on a vote of 9-0.

d. Economic Development Department Relief & Recovery Programs Update: Live

Music Venues Impacted by COVID

Erica Shamaly and Kim McCarson, Economic Development Department Music Office presented a presentation to the Commission.

No action was taken.

2. Old Business - Items from representatives of collaborating commissions including non-voting members

a. Update from Commissioner Ben Heimsath on recent activities and actions taken by the Historic Landmark Commission

Commissioner Heimsath reported that the Historic Landmark Commission was discussing the zoning incompatibilities within Downtown.

b. Update from Commissioner Cynthia Weatherby on recent activities and actions taken by the Urban Transportation Commission (UTC)

Commissioner Weatherby reported that the UTC had also approved the Downtown Aerial Right of Way Vacations that the DC approved and that the UTC has been discussing the I35 (Cap n Stitch) project.

c. Update from Commissioner Douglas Leveton on recent activities and actions taken by the Music Commission

Commissioner Leveton introduced himself to the Downtown Commission and provided an update regarding the Music Commission's activity with sustaining Citywide and Downtown live music venues.

3. Staff Updates – Discussion and Possible Action

Staff reminded the Commissioners to review their terms of membership on the Commission. No action was taken.

4. Future Agenda Items

No action was taken.

Adjournment 6:42 P.M.

The minutes were approved on this the 17th day of March 2021 on Commissioner Lehman's motion and Commissioner Gomez' second on a vote of 8-0.