



Tourism Commission
March 8, 2021
3 pm
Via Video Conferencing

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Scott Joslove
Bill Bunch
John Riedie
Lois Rodriguez
Brian Rodgers
Mike Cannatti
Catlin Whittington

Absent:

Alta Alexander
Rachel Magee
Ed Bailey

Staff and Other In Attendance:

Felicia Ojeda, Austin Convention Center Department, Staff liaison
Sylvia Holt Rabb, Economic Development Department, Deputy Director

AGENDA

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- a. Meeting called to order at 3:07 pm by Chair, Catlin Whittington

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. No Citizen Communications

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Chair Whittington motioned to approve the January 11, 2021 minutes. Commissioner Rodgers 2nd the motion.
- b. Commissioners Whittington, Bunch, Joslove, Riedie, Rodgers, and Cannatti approved.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Commissioner Cannatti motioned to postpone the recommendations/ resolution from the Parks and Environment Working Group until next meeting.
 - i. Commissioner Joslove 2nd the motion.
 - ii. All commissioners voted in favor of the motion of postponement.
- b. Economic Development Department, Deputy Director Sylnovia Holt-Rabb presented on an update of the Live Music Fund

5. NEW BUSINESS

The Commission discussed the following agenda item:

- a. Economic Development Department, Deputy Director Sylnovia Holt-Rabb presented on an update of the Historic Preservation and Tourism Fund, process, grants, marketing and identified projects.
- b. Chair Whittington motioned to reschedule April Commission meeting to third Monday of April (4/19/2021) to accommodate for a presentation of the Visit Austin marketing plan.
 - i. Commissioner Rodriguez 2nd the motion
 - ii. All the commissioners voted in favor of the motion to reschedule April's meeting.
- c. Commissioner Riedie addressed the City of Austin Commission Ethics Rules for the Boards and Commissions. Focused on the recusal requirements and the conflicts of interest.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Commission may discuss and identify future agenda items, topics, or presentations.

- a. Revisit Parks and Environmental Working Groups recommendation/ resolution discussion.
- b. Revisit the Ethics Policy for City of Austin Boards and Commissions
- c. Briefing and presentation from the Visit Austin Marketing Plan
- d. Briefing and presentation from the Austin Convention Enterprises

7. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Chair Whittington motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 pm.
- b. Commissioner Cannatti 2nd the motion.

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