



**DOWNTOWN COMMISSION  
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2022**

The Downtown Commission convened in a meeting on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in hybrid meeting format.

**Downtown Commissioners in Attendance:**

August Harris, Chair	David Gomez, Commissioner
Christopher Lehman, Vice Chair	Nelly Paulina Ramirez, Commissioner
Megan Meisenbach, Commissioner	Cynthia Weatherby, Commissioner
Mike Lavigne, Commissioner	Josh Lickteig, Commissioner
Laura Templeton, Commissioner	Joel Sher, Commissioner
Amy Mok, Commissioner	

**Downtown Commissioners Not in Attendance:**

Preston Reine, Commissioner	Ben Heimsath, Commissioner
Kelan Robinson, Commissioner	Jen Weaver, Commissioner

**City Staff in Attendance:**

Susana Carbajal, Christine Maguire, and Mona Sanchez, Economic Development Department  
Heidi Tse, Public Works Department  
Elizabeth Brummett and Cara Bertron, Housing and Planning Department  
Jason Redfern, Joseph Al-hajeri and Mary Vo, Austin Transportation Department

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

No citizens were signed up to speak.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 16, 2022, MEETING MINUTES**

The February 16, 2022, Downtown Commission meeting minutes were adopted.

**2. NEW BUSINESS - Discussion and Possible Action**

**a. Mexican American Cultural Center (MACC) Phase 2 Improvement Project**

The Commission received a presentation by Heidi Tse, Public Works Department.

No action was taken.

**b. Equity-Based Historic Preservation Plan**

The Commission received a presentation by Elizabeth Brummett, Housing and Planning Department.

No action was taken.

**c. Downtown Mobility: Scooter Activity**

The Commission received a presentation by Jason Redfern, Joseph Al-hajeri and Mary Vo, Austin Transportation Department.

The Commission passed Downtown Commission Recommendation 22020420-2(c) on a vote of 8-0.

**d. Convention Center Expansion: Downtown Commission Working Group**

The Commission passed Downtown Commission Recommendation 20220420-2(d) on a vote of 6-1; Commissioner Joel Sher voting no.

**e. Election of Downtown Commission Officers**

Commissioner Meisenbach motioned to reinstate Chair August Harris and Vice Chair Christopher Lehman with Commissioner Gomez second on a vote of 8-0.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

Items from representatives of collaborating commissions including non-voting members:

- a. Update from Commissioner Jen Weaver on recent activities and actions taken by the Design Commission  
No Updates
- b. Update from Commissioner Ben Heimsath on recent activities and actions taken by the Historic Preservation Commission.  
No updates
- c. Update from Commissioner Cynthia Weatherby on recent activities and actions taken by the Urban Transportation Commission (UTC)  
Commissioner Weatherby reported that the UTC had a report on the Red River realignment,
- d. Update from Commissioner Amy Mok on recent activities and actions taken by the Arts Commission.  
Commissioner Mock introduced herself to the Downtown Commissioners and spoke on the importance of public art.
- e. Update from Commission (vacant seat) on recent activities and actions taken by the Music Commission.  
No updates  
Commissioner Limon absent; no updates.
- f. Update from Commissioner Kimberly Taylor on recent activities and actions taken by the Parks & Recreation Board  
No updates.
- g. Update from Commissioner Nelly Paulina Ramirez on recent activities and actions taken by the Public Safety Commission.  
Commissioner Ramirez reported that the PSC had received updates on the CROW Report and feedback from APD and also receiving quarterly or bi-annual reports on public safety. Next month PSC will be meeting the new EMS Chief and receiving updates on APD/EMS labor negotiations.

**4. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- No future items

**Adjournment 8:36 P.M.**