



***TOURISM COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
19, OCTOBER 2022***

The TOURISM COMMISSION convened in a REGULAR meeting on 19, OCTOBER 2022, at 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr. in Austin, Texas.

Chair Magee called the TOURISM COMMISSION Meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:

Chair Rachel Magee, Vice Chair Ken Smith, Commissioners Ed Bailey, Greg Chanon & Daniel Ronan

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Commissioner John Riedie

Board Members/Commissioners in Absent:

Commissioners Bill Bunch, Mike Cannatti and Lois Rodriguez

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

No public communications

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the TOURISM COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING on SEPTEMBER 21, 2022.

The minutes from the meeting of 9/21/2022 were approved on Vice Chair Smith's motion, Commissioner Chanon second on an approval vote (5-0-1). Commissioners Magee, Smith, Bailey, Chanon, and Ronan approved, and Commissioner Riedie abstained.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Discussion and possible action on the Downtown Commission Recommendation 20220420-2(D) on Convention Center Expansion adopted by the Downtown Commission on April 20, 2022

The motion to postpone the discussion on the Downtown Commission Recommendation 20220420-2(D) was approved on Commissioner Chanon's motion, Vice Chair Smith's second on an approval vote (5-1-0).

Commissioners Magee, Smith, Bailey, Chanon, and Riedie approved, and Commissioner Ronan opposed the motion of postponing the discussion on the Downtown Commission Recommendation.

3. Discussion and possible action on 2023 Calendar schedule.
 - a. Second Wednesdays at 2:30pm - 4:30pm or any Wednesday of the month at 2:30-4:30pm
 - b. The motion to approve the schedule of 2023 calendar on Commissioner Chanon's motion, Commissioner Ronan's second on a unanimous approval vote
 - c. The motion to approve a downtown location for the schedule of 2023 calendar on Commissioner Ronan's motion, Commissioner Chanon's second on a unanimous approval vote

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

4. Parks and Environment Working Group had no updates
5. TPID Working Group had no updates

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

6. Request Austin Convention Center Staff to respond to the Downtown Commissions Recommendation 20220420-2(D) on Convention Center Expansion item
7. Invite Community input from local community organizations to amplify their tourism activities and events
8. Request the Office of the Governor, Economic Development and Tourism division to present their resources and services to enhance tourism information
9. Homelessness downtown initiatives with housing and improvement on streets and sidewalks from the city staff
10. Request Capital Metro to present on their methods of promoting public transit options to tourists and their partnerships to Project Connect on the growth of tourism in the city
11. Request a joint meeting with the Downtown Commission board with overlapping conversations that impact tourism
12. Request a presentation from the downtown Alliance to discuss their challenges and successes. Also, to know what they are up against and how can this board assist with their goals and focus to improve the city's needs

13. Request from city staff to discuss the hotel occupancy tax laws and requirements, including the distributions of the funds.

Chair Magee adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved at the January 11, 2022, meeting on Commissioner Ronan's motion, Commissioner Chanon's second on a (6-0-1) vote.