



**DOWNTOWN COMMISSION  
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, May 18, 2022**

The Downtown Commission convened in a meeting on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in hybrid meeting format.

**Downtown Commissioners in Attendance:**

August Harris, Chair	Ralph Ishmael, Commissioner
Christopher Lehman, Vice Chair	Joel Sher, Commissioner
Megan Meisenbach, Commissioner	Cynthia Weatherby, Commissioner
Jen Weaver, Commissioner	Ben Heimsath, Commissioner
Laura Templeton, Commissioner	

**Downtown Commissioners Not in Attendance:**

Mike Lavigne, Commissioner	Josh Lickteig, Commissioner
Amy Mock, Commissioner	Preston Reine, Commissioner
Kelan Robinson, Commissioner	Nelly Paulina Ramirez, Commissioner
Kimberly Taylor, Commissioner	

**City Staff in Attendance:**

Christine Maguire, Economic Development Department  
Dianna Grey, Homeless Strategy Officer

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called the meeting to order at 5:46 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

Michael Levy presented on City Staff presentation on scooters given at the April 20 Commission meeting.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE APRIL 20, 2022, MEETING MINUTES**

The April 20, 2022, Downtown Commission meeting minutes were adopted.

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

**a. North Congress Avenue Plaza: State Preservation Board**

The Commission received a presentation by Chris Kearns, State Preservation Board.

The Commission passed Downtown Commission Recommendation 22020518-2(a) as amended on a vote of 6-0.

**b. Downtown Homeless Activity**

The Commission received a presentation by Dianna Grey, Homeless Strategy Officer.

No action was taken.

**c. Downtown Public Improvement District Authorization**

The Commission received a presentation by Dewitt Peart and Bill Bryce of the Downtown Austin Alliance.

The Commission passed Downtown Commission Recommendation 22020518-2(c) on a vote of 6-0.

### **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.  
Commissioner Weaver reported on her election as Chair and updated on briefings related to Goodnight Ranch fire station, Daugherty Arts Center and Canyon Creek Substation.
- b. Update from Commissioner Ben Heimsath on recent activities and actions taken by the Historic Preservation Commission.  
Commissioner Heimsath reported an update on the progress of the Warehouse District, Working Group of Equity Historic Preservation Plan update and increase in request for demolition.
- 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 Blue Line Project connect bridge connection over Ladybird Lake and Comal/Concho right-of-way vacation that would enable the development of affordable housing.
- d. Update from Commissioner Amy Mock on recent activities and actions taken by the Arts Commission.  
No updates.
- e. Update from Commission (vacant seat) on recent activities and actions taken by the Music Commission.  
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.  
No update

### **4. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- No future items

**Adjournment 8:04 P.M.**

**The minutes were approved at the July 20, 2022, meeting on Commissioner Meisenbach's motion and Chair Harris second on a 7-0 vote.**