



**DOWNTOWN COMMISSION  
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2022**

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

**Downtown Commissioners in Attendance:**

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| August Harris, Chair                | Joel Sher, Commissioner         |
| Christopher Lehman, Vice Chair      | David Gomez, Commissioner       |
| Preston Reine, Commissioner         | Laura Templeton, Commissioner   |
| Ralph Ismael, Commissioner          | Mike Lavigne, Commissioner      |
| Josh Lickteig, Commissioner         | Megan Meisenbach, Commissioner  |
| Ben Heimsath, Commissioner          | Amy Mok, Commissioner           |
| Jen Weaver, Commissioner            | Cynthia Weatherby, Commissioner |
| Nelly Paulina Ramirez, Commissioner |                                 |

**Downtown Commissioners Not in Attendance:**

Kimberly Taylor, Commissioner

**City Staff in Attendance:**

Christine Maguire and Mona Sanchez, Economic Development Department  
Brian Block, Development Services Department

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:16 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 MAY 18, 2022, MEETING MINUTES**

The May 18, 2022, Downtown Commission meeting minutes were adopted.

**2. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

- Safer Sixth Street Initiative  
The Downtown Commission received a presentation from Brian Block, Development Services Department.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ACTION ITEMS**

1. Discussion and possible action on the City of Austin Arts in Public Places Program.  
The Downtown Commission received a presentation from Constance White, Economic Development Department. No action was taken.
2. Discussion and possible action on the Safer Sixth Street Initiative.  
The Downtown Commission received a presentation from Brian Block, Development Services Department. No action was taken.
3. Discussion and possible action on the Downtown Commission Annual Internal Review and Report.  
The Downtown Commission approved the Annual Internal Review and Report.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Discussion of recent activities and actions taken by the Design Commission.  
Commissioner Jen Weaver reported that the Design Commission discussed a park restroom project at Zaragoza Park, approved a trail project at Wikersham Lane and the preparation for public comment on the Urban Design Guidelines.
2. Discussion of recent activities and actions taken by the Historic Landmark Commission.  
Commissioner Ben Heimsath reported that the Historic Landmark Commission reached a milestone of Historic Preservation Equity Plan, making recommendations to service underserved communities for historic preservation efforts beginning Phase 2 of the Plan.
3. Discussion of recent activities and actions taken by the Urban Transportation Commission.  
Commissioner Cynthia Weatherby reported that the Urban Transportation Commission put forth a recommendation that other agencies (City and State) work with the State Preservation Board, Texas Capital Mall Project.
4. Discussion of recent activities and actions taken by the Arts Commission  
Commissioner Mok reported that the Arts Commission has been working on addressing the equity issues with funding to the arts.
5. Discussion of recent activities and actions taken by the Music Commission  
No reports from the Music Commission.
6. Discussion of recent activities and actions taken by the Parks & Recreation Board  
No reports from the Parks and Recreation Board.
7. Discussion of recent activities and actions taken by the Public Safety Commission  
Commissioner Nelly Ramirez reported that the Public Safety Commission received a quarterly report from EMS and their outreach programs and discussed the COA public safety budget and learned more about the citywide staffing issues; APD, EMS and AFD.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- COA Staffing Issues
- Downtown Land Development Code: Downtown Area
- Downtown Emerging Projects
- Continuity on Homelessness Services: Front Steps Contract

**Adjournment** 7:44 P.M.

**The minutes were approved at the September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022, meeting on Commissioner Sher's motion and Commissioner Gomez second on a 9-0 vote.**