



**DOWNTOWN COMMISSION
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2022**

The Downtown Commission convened in a meeting on Wednesday, October 19th, 2022, at 301 W. 2nd Street in hybrid meeting format.

Downtown Commissioners in Attendance:

August Harris, Chair	Joel Sher, Commissioner
David Gomez, Commissioner	Preston Reine, Commissioner
Laura Templeton, Commissioner	Ed Ishmael, Commissioner
Mike Lavigne, Commissioner	Josh Lickteig, Commissioner
Megan Meisenbach, Commissioner	Jen Weaver, Commissioner
Cynthia Weatherby, Commissioner	Nelly Paulina Ramirez, Commissioner

City Staff in Attendance:

Christine Maguire and Mona Sanchez, Economic Development Department
Donna Gulati, Project Connect Office
Mark Walters, Housing and Planning Department

CALL TO ORDER

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

STAFF BRIEFINGS

1. Staff briefing on Project Connect and related ordinance proposal, Donna Galati, Project Connect Office.

The Downtown Commission received a presentation from Donna Galati, City of Austin Project Connect Office and Jennifer Pine, Austin Transit Partnership.

2. Staff briefing on the Palm District Plan, Mark Walters, Housing & Planning Department.

The Downtown Commission received a presentation from Mark Walters, City of Austin Housing and Planning Department.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

3. Discussion and possible action on Project Connect and related ordinance proposal. Chair Harris motioned to oppose the Project Connect Office Draft “Transit System Regulations” ordinance with Commissioner Lavigne’s second; motion passing on a vote of 5-4.
4. Discussion and possible action on the Palm District Plan. Commissioner Lavigne motioned to support the initial draft of the Palm District Plan with Chair Harris’ second on a vote of 9-0.
5. Discussion and possible action on the Downtown Commission 2023 meeting schedule.

Chair Harris motioned to approve the Downtown Commission 2023 meeting agenda with Commissioner Lavigne's second on a motion of 9-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. Discussion of recent activities and actions taken by the Design Commission
The Commission received an update from Commission Jen Weaver.
7. Discussion of recent activities and actions taken by the Historic Landmark Commission
No updates to report.
8. Discussion of recent activities and actions taken by the Urban Transportation Commission
The Commission received an update from Commission Cynthia Weatherby.
9. Discussion of recent activities and actions taken by the Arts Commission
No updates to report.
10. Discussion of recent activities and actions taken by the Music Commission
No updates to report.
11. Discussion of recent activities and actions taken by the Parks & Recreation Board
No updates to report.
12. Discussion of recent activities and actions taken by the Public Safety Commission
The Commission received an update from Commissioner Nelly Ramirez.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH)
- Homeless Outreach Street Team (HOST)
- Downtown Mobility: Scooter Statistics
- Historic Preservation Plan

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was called adjourned at 7:11 P.M.

The minutes were approved at the January 18, 2023 meeting unanimously as amended.