



***TOURISM COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
12, JULY 2023***

The TOURISM COMMISSION convened in a REGULAR meeting on 12, JULY 2023, at 301 w. Second St. in Austin, Texas.

Chair, Daniel Ronan called the TOURISM COMMISSION Meeting to order at 2:36 p.m.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:

Commissioners Ed Bailey, Mike Cannatti, Greg Chanon, Rachel Magee, Stefani Mathis, John Riedie, Daniel Ronan, and Christian Tschoepe

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Commissioners Aileen Bazan and Anna Panossian

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Kate Moore, ECHO

Sally Gaskin, SGI Ventures

Eli Cortez and JJ Ramirez, Texas Harm Reduction Alliance Project

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the TOURISM COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING on June 14, 2023.

The minutes from the meeting of 6/14/2023 were approved on Commissioner Chanon's motion, Vice Chair Bailey's second on an 10-0 vote.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Katy Zamesnik, Assistant Director of the Austin Convention Center Department, presented a briefing regarding the Austin Convention Center redevelopment and expansion project.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Presentation by Tom Noonan, Visit Austin, President, and CEO, regarding the Austin TPID Service Plan
4. Presentation by Leo Ramirez Jr. and JP Connolly, with Finding Home ATX and Nirav Shah with Travis County Precinct 3
5. Presentation by Heidi Anderson, CEO of the Trail Conservancy

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

6. Discussion and possible action of the recommendation from the TPID Working Group regarding the TPID service plan recommendation.
 - a. The motion to delay council discussion and approval of the TPID Service Plan on July 20, 2023, failed on Commissioner Magee's motion, and Commissioner Tschoepe's second on a (5-5) vote. Those members voting aye were Chair Ronan, Commissioners Magee, Tschoepe, Riedie and Bazan. Those voting nay were Vice Chair Bailey, Commissioners Cannatti, Chanon, Mathis, and Panossian.
 - b. The motion to recommend to council to approval of the TPID Service Plan on July 20, 2023 and recommend to further review and negotiation, with an amendment by Vice Chair Bailey stating that this commission board recommend in a letter of our advocacy for any ability to assist homeless services through the general fund and through the negotiating process that we endorse supporting those efforts as a priority, failed on Vice Chair Bailey's motion, and Commissioner Mathis's second on a (5-5) vote. Those members voting aye were Vice Chair Bailey, Commissioners Cannatti, Chanon, Mathis, and Panossian. Those voting nay were Chair Ronan, Commissioners Magee, Tschoepe, Riedie and Bazan.
 - c. The motion by Commissioner Tschoepe failed due to the lack of a second.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Magee and seconded by Commissioner Riedie. Chair Ronan adjourned the meeting at 5:07 p.m. with a (7-3 vote). Those members voting aye were Chair Ronan, Commissioners Bazan, Cannatti, Magee, Mathis, Riedie, and Tschoepe. Those voting nay were Vice Chair Bailey, Commissioners Chanon and Panossian.

The minutes were approved at the August 9, 2023 meeting on Vice Chair Bailey's motion, Commissioner Mathis's second on a (9-0) vote.

