



**DOWNTOWN COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023**

The Downtown Commission convened in a meeting on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in hybrid meeting format.

**COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

August Harris, Chair	Mike Lavigne	Spencer Schumacher
Ed Ishmael Jr., Vice-Chair	Joshua R. Lickteig	
Liz Coufal	Sania D. Shifferd	
Jen Weaver	Tania Ortega	
Kimberly Levinson	Marissa McKinney	
Taylor Major	Amy Mok	

**CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:**

Aaron D. Jenkins, Economic Development Department

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called the meeting to order at 5:31pm

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the Downtown Commission July 21, 2023, Regular meeting.
  - a. A motion to approve the minutes was made by *Chair A. Harris* and seconded by *Commissioner K. Levinson* on a vote of (9-0)

**BRIEFINGS**

2. A briefing on Scooter incidents and geofencing was given by Kevin Parker of the City of Austin Emergency Medical Services.
  - a. *No action was taken.*
3. A briefing on the Downtown Austin Plan (DAP) was given by April Geruso of the Planning Department and Matthew Schmidt of the Economic Development Department.
  - a. *No action was taken.*

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

4. Discussion of recent activities and actions taken by the Arts Commission.
  - a. *Commissioner A. Mok* updated the commission on the Elevate Grant Program, stating that it has been completed.
5. Discussion of recent activities and actions taken by the Design Commission.
  - a. *Commissioner M. McKinney* updated the Commission on discussions and actions by the Design Commission related to:
    - i. Updates of the Urban Design Guidelines and the Public Process

- ii. Block 23
  - iii. Downtown Austin Alliance (DAA) Strategic Plan
- 6. Discussion of recent activities and actions taken by the Urban Transportation Commission (UTC)
  - a. Commissioner D. Holmes updated the Commission on discussions related to Congress Ave and Special Events.
  - b. Action was taken by the UTC on Bike Lane Blockages and Parking Enforcement.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- 7. Update on the Health South Project
- 8. Update on the Downtown Density Bonus Program
- 9. Update on the Hobby Building
- 10. Update on autonomous vehicles

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 pm without any objection.