



***TOURISM COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
13, SEPTEMBER 2023***

The TOURISM COMMISSION convened in a REGULAR meeting on 13, SEPTEMBER 2023, at 301 w. Second St. in Austin, Texas.

Chair, Daniel Ronan called the TOURISM COMMISSION Meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:

Commissioners Ed Bailey, Greg Chanon, Bishop Chappell, Rachel Magee, Stefani Mathis, Anna Panossian, Daniel Ronan, and Christian Tschoepe

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Commissioners Aileen Bazan and John Riedie

Board Members/Commissioners Absence:

Commissioner Mike Cannatti

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the TOURISM COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING on August 9, 2023.

The minutes from the meeting of 8/9/2023 were approved on Commissioner Chanon's motion and Commissioner Panossian's second on an 9-0 vote. Commissioner Aileen Bazan was off the dais, and Commissioner Mike Cannatti was absent.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Felicia Ojeda, Staff Liaison, present brief announcements regarding the Tourism Commission board

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

3. Discussion and possible action of the Tourism Commission of a proposal recommendation of the Austin TPID to Council
 - a. The motion to approve the recommendation that Council put in place mechanisms to ensure all funds received directly or indirectly from ATPID revenue be used solely to

address homelessness was approved on Commissioner Magee's motion, Commissioner Tschoepe second on a (6-4) vote. Those members voting aye were Commissioners Bazan, Chappell, Magee, Riedie, Ronan, and Tschoepe. Those voting nay were Commissioners Bailey, Chanon, Mathis, and Panossian. Commissioner Cannatti was absent. (Approved motion)

- b. The motion to recommend that Council include language in the ATPID service agreement to provide for direct contributions of ATPID revenue as and when state law allows at the levels presented during the August 31, 2017, City Council meeting failed on Commissioner Magee's motion, Commissioner Tschoepe second on a (5-5) vote. Those members voting aye were Commissioners Bazan, Magee, Riedie, Ronan, and Tschoepe. Those voting nay were Commissioners Bailey, Chanon, Chappell, Mathis, and Panossian. Commissioner Cannatti was absent. (Failed motion)
- c. The motion to approve the recommendation that the Tourism Commission recommend to City Council to approve the passage of the TPID with the amendments that is being proposed by Council members Ryan Alter and Vanessa Fuentes was approved on Commissioner Chanon's motion and Commissioner Panossian's second on a (8-0-1) vote. Those members voting aye were Commissioners Bailey, Bazan, Chappell, Chanon, Magee, Mathis, Panossian and Tschoepe. Commissioner Ronan abstained. Commissioner Cannatti was absent. Commissioner Riedie was off the dais. (Approved motion)
- d. The motion to recommend that Council mandate annual monitoring on the effectiveness of the Austin Tourism Public Improvement (ATPID) in terms of the collections of funds, the amount collected, and the TPID's performance relative to other TPID districts across the state of Texas failed on Commissioner Tschoepe's motion, Commissioner Magee's second on a (5-4) vote. Those members voting aye were Commissioners Bazan, Chappell, Magee, Ronan, and Tschoepe. Those voting nay were Commissioners Bailey, Chanon, Mathis, and Panossian. Commissioner Cannatti was absent. Commissioner Riedie was off the dais. (Failed motion)
 - i. The friendly amendment from Commissioner Chappell was to include language and like cities across the U.S. This was accepted and seconded by the maker of the motion. The amendment was approved on a (6-2-1) vote. Those members voting aye were Commissioners Bazan, Chappell, Chanon, Magee, Ronan, and Tschoepe. Those voting nay were Commissioners Bailey and Mathis. Commissioner Panossian abstained. Commissioner Cannatti was absent. Commissioner Riedie was off the dais.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 4. Presentation by Executive Director, Paul Scott, with Health Alliance for Austin Musicians, regarding Tourism & Philanthropy

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5. Discussion and possible action of the Arts Program Funding by generating questions for the Economic Development Department
 - a. What are the criteria upon which grants and/or grant decisions are made?
 - b. What are the geographic distributions of grants as they apply to both music and arts grants?
 - c. How the geographic distributions is impacts whether or not artist decide to live within the city and what impacts that has in terms of the continued use of arts and culture activity within the city of Austin itself.
6. Discussion and possible action of Tourism Commission Road Map upcoming topics
 - a. Commissioner Bailey and Magee suggested to reallocate October's agenda topics to another month due to tourism business around the city.
 - b. Chair Ronan recommends switching October and November agenda topics and to include the Arts Program Funding for Economic Development Department alongside the Historic Preservation agenda topic.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Panossian and seconded by Commissioner Chanon. Chair Ronan adjourned the meeting at 4:14 p.m. with an (8-0) vote.

The minutes were approved at the OCTOBER 11, 2023, meeting on Vice Chair Bailey's motion, Commissioner Mathis's second on a (8-0-1) vote.