



**DOWNTOWN COMMISSION  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2023**

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

**COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE**

August Harris, Chair  
Taylor Major  
Ann Charlotte Patterson  
Spencer Schumacher  
Sania D. Shifferd  
Jen Weaver

**COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE REMOTELY**

Darilynn Cardona-Beiler  
Kimberly Levinson  
Amy Mok  
Tania Ortega

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Harris called the meeting of the Downtown Commission to order at 5:31 pm

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the Downtown Commission October 18, 2023, Regular meeting. **A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Levinson and seconded by Commissioner Taylor on a vote of 7-0. Commissioners Coufal, Franklin, Holmes, Ishmael, Larosche, Lavigne, Lickteig, and McKinney were absent.**

**BRIEFINGS**

2. Rachel Castignoli and Kirk Scanlon of the Transportation and Public Works Department gave a briefing on the city's autonomous vehicle working group. **Presentation was made by Rachel Castignoli, Business Process Consultant Sr, Transportation and Public Works.**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

3. Cody Scott of the Austin Public Library Department presented on the Austin Public Library's Heating and Cooling initiative.

**Presentation was made by Cody Scott, Facilities Manager, Austin Public Library.**

4. Discussion of recent activities and actions taken by the Arts Commission.  
**Withdrawn.**

5. Discussion of recent activities and actions taken by the Historic Landmark Commission.  
**Withdrawn.**

6. Discussion of recent activities and actions taken by the Music Commission.  
**Commissioner Ann Charlotte Patterson updated the Commission on discussions and actions by the Music Commission which was to recommend to Council to direct Convention Center staff to create an advisory board for the convention center expansion.**

7. Discussion of recent activities and actions taken by the Parks & Recreation Board.  
**Withdrawn**

8. Discussion of recent activities and actions taken by the Public Safety Commission.  
**Withdrawn**

9. Discussion of recent activities and actions taken by the Urban Transportation Commission (UTC)

**Commissioner Schumacher updated the commission on discussions and actions by the Urban Transportation Commission which was to recommend amendments to City parking code and bike parking update to the Criteria Manual in 2024.**

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**Bike parking updates to the Title 25 of the Land Development Code (Chair Harris and Commissioner Schumacher)**

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

**Chair Harris adjourned the meeting at 6:58 pm without any objection.**

*The minutes were approved at the January 17, 2024 Regular Meeting on Commissioner K. Levinson motion, Commissioner S. Shifferd Seconded on a 9-0 vote.*