



DOWNTOWN COMMISSION MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2011**

The Downtown Commission convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 20, 2011, at 301 W. 2nd St. in Austin, Texas.

Chair Mandy Dealey called the Commission Meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Downtown Commission Members in Attendance:

Bryan Cady, Mandy Dealey, Linda Guerrero, Stan Haas, Robert Knight, Michael McGill, Paul Oveisi, Chris Schorre, Joel Sher, Bruce Willenzik

City Staff in Attendance:

Michael Knox and Megan Crigger, EGRSO

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

There were no citizens wishing to speak on items not on the posted agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the March 23, 2011 meeting were approved on an 8-0-1 vote on Willenzik's motion, Commission Member Guerrero's second, with Commission Member Haas abstaining and Commission Member Knight off the dais.

4. Donation of Willie Nelson Statue

After receiving a briefing, a resolution to recommend the approval of the donation was approved on Commission Member Willenzik's motion, Commission Member Oveisi's second, on a 10-0 vote.

5. Austin Urban Rail System – Environmental Impact Statement Scoping

A resolution that the rail alignment between downtown and the airport should be in dedicated right-of-way, to eliminate traffic interference and provide for time-certain arrival at the airport, and the project should have an email newsletter that can be subscribed to, was approved on Commission Member Willenzik's motion, Commission Member Sher's second, on a 10-0 vote.

A resolution that the Downtown Commission endorses this process that is being initiated with respect to significantly improving public transit possibilities in the urban core, was approved on Commission Member Haas' motion, Commission Member Willenzik's second, on an 8-0 vote, with Commission Members Guerrero and McGill off the dais.

6. NEW ITEMS FOR INFORMATION FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

There were no new items.

7. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff liaison Michael Knox updated the Commission on the schedule for the Downtown Austin Plan approval process.

8. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Update on downtown emerging projects.
- Status of State Theater

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mandy Dealey adjourned the meeting at 6:14 p.m. without objection.