



DOWNTOWN COMMISSION MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2011**

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

Chair Mandy Dealey called the Commission Meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Downtown Commission Members in Attendance:

Bryan Cady, Susan Daniels, Mandy Dealey, Linda Guerrero, Stan Haas, Robert Knight, Dustin Lanier, Dan Leary, Michael McGill, Chris Schorre, Joel Sher, Bruce Willenzik

City Staff in Attendance:

Michael Knox, EGRSO; Howard Lazarus, Christopher Meyer, Robert Hinojosa and David Magana, Public Works Department

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. 707 WEST AVENUE REZONING (C14-2011-0058) – GO TO CS

After receiving a briefing, a resolution to support the rezoning, with a limited set of permitted uses, was approved on Commission Member Knight's motion, Commission Haas' second, on a 10-0-1 vote, with Commission Member Dealey abstaining.

4. MANAGEMENT OF DOWNTOWN RIGHT-OF-WAY TREES

The Commission received a briefing by Howard Lazarus and Christopher Meyer, Public Works Department

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the June 15, 2011 meeting were approved on a 9-0-2 vote on Commission Knight's motion, Commission Member Daniels' second, with Commission members Guerrero and Lanier abstaining.

6. PROPOSED CONVENTION CENTER HOTEL – CESAR CHAVEZ AT RED RIVER

Robert Knight recused himself due to conflict and left dais.

After receiving a briefing, there was a motion by Commission Member Haas, seconded by Commission Member Cady, to support the project.

A substitute motion, to support the project in concept, was approved on Commission Member Willenzik's motion, Commission Haas' second, on a 10-0-1 vote, with Commission Member Knight recusing.

7. NEW ITEMS FOR INFORMATION FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

Commission Member Haas asked for backup information on a statement made in the Downtown Austin Plan.

8. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff liaison Michael Knox reminded the Commission of the schedule for the Downtown Austin Plan approval process.

9. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Update from Austin Transportation Department on downtown parking and downtown wayfinding
- Status of the State Theater

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mandy Dealey adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m. without objection.