



## **DOWNTOWN COMMISSION MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2011**

The Downtown Commission convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 19, 2011, at 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. in Austin, Texas.

Chair Mandy Dealey called the Commission Meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

### **Downtown Commission Members in Attendance:**

Bryan Cady, Susan Daniels, Mandy Dealey, Jude Galligan, Linda Guerrero, Stan Haas, Robert Knight, Dustin Lanier, Dan Leary, Joel Sher, Heather Way, Bruce Willenzik

### **City Staff in Attendance:**

Michael Knox, Megan Crigger, Sue Lambe, EGRSO; Meredith Bossin, Planning & Development Review Department; John Gillum, Library Department; Cynthia Jordan, Public Works Department; Gary Schatz, Austin Transportation Department

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

New members Kevin Foster, Jude Galligan and Heather Way introduced themselves.

#### **2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

There were no citizens speaking under general communications.

#### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the August 17, 2011 meeting were approved on an 11-0-1 vote on Commission Haas' motion, Commission Member Willenzik's second, with Commission member Galligan abstaining.

#### **7. IH-35 CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

Gary Schatz, Assistant Director, Austin Transportation Department,

#### **4. THE AUSTIN HOTEL (800 CONGRESS AVENUE) – C14-2011-0065 – REZONING FROM CBD AND CBD-H to CBD-CURE and CBD-H-CURE**

After a presentation, a resolution to support the requests for 1) the zoning change with a maximum FAR of 20:1, 2) allowing off-site parking, 3) reducing the Congress Avenue Overlay stepback to 30 feet, and 4) allowing maneuvering in the alley, was approved on Commission Member Haas' motion, Commission Member Daniels' second, on a 8-1-3 vote, with commission members Cady, Daniels, Galligan, Haas, Knight, Lanier, Sher and Willenzik voting aye, Commission Member Way voting nay, and members Dealey, Guerrero, Leary and abstaining.

**5. IMAGINE AUSTIN**

Meredith Bossin, Planning & Development Review Department, made a presentation to the Commission.

**6. NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY — SCHEMATIC DESIGN**

After receiving a briefing from Cynthia Jordan (Public Works Department), John Gillum (Library Department) and Steve Raike, AIA (Lake/Flato Architects), the Commission approved a resolution recommending the City Council approve the schematic design, on Commission Member Lanier's motion, Commission Member Leary's second, on an 11-0-1 vote, with Commission Member Haas abstaining.

**8. PROPOSED CODE AMENDMENT C20-2011-012 – AMEND CHAPTER 25 TO ALLOW FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SHORT-TERM TEMPORARY RETAIL USE AND SHORT-TERM CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT.**

After receiving a briefing from Molly Alexander, Downtown Austin Alliance Associate Director, the Commission approved a resolution recommending the City Council approve the ordinance change, with a forty-five (45) day time period and a forty-five (45) day renewal, on Commission Member Willenzik's motion, Commission Member Cady's second, on a 12-0 vote.

**9. REPORT FROM DOWNTOWN COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE TO SEAHOLM SUBSTATIONS WALL ART AIPP PROJECT**

After receiving a briefing from Sue Lambe (EGRSO), a motion by Commission Member Willenzik to recommend the City Council approve the schematic design failed for lack of a second.

**10. EFFECTS OF THE HERITAGE TREE ORDINANCE ON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT**

There was a brief discussion; no action was taken.

**11. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Bruce Willenzik nominated Mandy Dealey for chair, and Bryan Cady nominated Stan Haas for chair. Neither received a majority vote. The matter will be taken up at the November 16, 2011 meeting.

**12. NEW ITEMS FOR INFORMATION FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS**

Commission Member Lanier said that the valet parking issue is being discussed at the Urban Transportation commission and will be going to the City Council.

**13. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Staff liaison Michael Knox passed out a possible 2012 Commission Meeting Calendar.

**14. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Election of Officers - November 16, 2011
- Adoption of 2012 Commission Meeting Calendar - November 16, 2011

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Mandy Dealey adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m. without objection.