



**DOWNTOWN COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2012**

The Downtown Commission and Design Commission convened in a joint meeting on Wednesday, June 20, 2012, at 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. in Austin, Texas.

Chairs Mandy Dealey called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

**Downtown Commission Members in Attendance:**

Mandy Dealey (Chair), Stan Haas, Vice Chair, Bryan Cady, Jude Galligan, Linda Guerrero, Robert Knight, Dan Leary, Joel Sher, Joah Spearman, Bart Whatley, Bruce Willenzik

**City Staff in Attendance:**

Michael Knox & Meghan Turner, EGRSO

**1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS**

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

There were no citizens speaking under general communications.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MAY 16 MEETING**

The minutes from the May 16 meeting were approved on a 9-0 vote on Commission member Spearman's motion and Commission Willenzik's second, with members Cady and Whatley off the dais.

**4. PROPOSED S. FIRST (DRAKE) BRIDGE ART INSTALLATION**

After a presentation, a motion to support the project in concept was approved on a 10-0-1 vote, on Commission Member Haas' motion, and Commission Member Willenzik's second, with Commission Member Knight abstaining.

**5a. REPORT FROM BYLAWS AND PROCEDURES WORKING GROUP**

Chair Dealey announced that revisions to the commission's enabling ordinance had been put on the City Council agenda for June 28. The changes included those requested by the commission, plus additional changes to membership, removing one of the Mayor's nominees and adding a representative from the Downtown Austin Community Court Advisory Committee.

After a discussion, a motion to recommend the City Council change City Code 2-1-141(B) to "The Council shall solicit participation from recognized downtown stakeholder groups" failed on Commission Member Knight's motion, Commission Member Willenzik's second, on a 5-6 vote.

A motion to recommend the City Council switch the order of sections (B) and (C), failed on Commission Member Haas' motion, Commission Member Galligan's second, on a 7-4 vote.

A motion to recommend the City Council switch the order of sections (B) and (C), and replace (B) with "The Council shall solicit participation from recognized downtown stakeholder groups, such as downtown residents (for example DANA, etc.), providers of human services to downtown clients (for example Caritas, ARCH, etc.), commercial property owners (for example DAA, etc.), business owners (for example E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street merchants, etc.), and the real estate development community (for example ULI, RECA, etc.)" failed on Commission Member Cady's motion, Commission Member Galligan's second, on a 7-4 vote.

A motion to recommend the City Council switch the order of sections (B) and (C), and replace (B) with "The Council shall solicit participation from recognized downtown stakeholder groups, such as downtown residents, providers of human services to downtown clients, commercial property owners, business owners or operators, and the real estate development community" was approved on Commission Member Willenzik's motion, Commission Member Haas' second, on a 10-1 vote, with Commission Member Galligan voting no.

After discussion, a motion to send the Project Review Sheet back to the Bylaws and Procedures Working Group for further discussion was approved on Commission Member Sher's motion, Commission Member Whatley's second, on an 11-0 vote.

**5b. REPORT FROM HERITAGE TREES WORKING GROUP**

Chair Mandy Dealey reported on the work of the Environmental Board's Development Committee. The Downtown Commission's recommendation will be taken to the Planning Commission's Committee on Codes and Ordinances.

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

There were no items from commission members.

**7. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Staff liaison Michael Knox announced that staff is nearing completion on a final version of the Downtown Austin Plan.

**8. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Congress Avenue Tree Lighting (July 18)
- Seaholm District Projects (August 27 — Joint Meeting with Design Commission)
- Sound Mitigation for Construction of New Residential Dwelling Units and Other Uses with Overnight Guests, such as Hotels, in the Downtown Area (September 19)
- Sabine Street Promenade
- Bike Share Program
- Capitol Complex Redevelopment

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Mandy Dealey adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m. without objection.