



DOWNTOWN COMMISSION MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2012**

The Downtown Commission convened in a meeting on Wednesday, July 18, 2012, at 301 W. 2nd St. in Austin, Texas.

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

Downtown Commission Members in Attendance:

Mandy Dealey (Chair), Stan Haas (Vice Chair), Bryan Cady, Tina Fernandez, Jude Galligan, Linda Guerrero, Rich MacKinnon, Joel Sher, Joah Spearman, Heather Way, Bart Whatley, Bruce Willenzik

City Staff in Attendance:

Michael Knox, EGRSO

1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

There were no citizens speaking under general communications.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JUNE 20 MEETING

The minutes from the June 20 meeting were approved on a 10-0 vote on Commission member Guerrero's motion and Commission Spearman's second, with members Cady and Fernandez off the dais.

4. CONGRESS AVENUE TREE LIGHTING PROJECT

The Commission received a briefing from Molly Alexander, Downtown Austin Alliance and Girard Kinney, project team member

5. SEAHOLM POWER DEVELOPMENT

The Commission received a briefing from John Rosato, Seaholm Power Development and Jim Susman, STG Design

6. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

A motion to rescind the action taken on Item 5a on the June 20 agenda, recommending changes to the Commission's membership, was approved on Commission Member Willenzik's motion, Commission Member Guerrero's second, on an 11-0-1 vote, with commission Member MacKinnon abstaining.

Heather Way, chair of the Bylaws and Procedures Working Group, reported on the work of the working group regarding proposed 1) rules and procedures and 2) project review sheet. These will be placed on the August 15, 2012 agenda for action.

Chair Dealey announced that heritage trees will be taken up at the August meeting of the Planning Commission's Committee on Codes and Ordinances.

7. COMMISSION STRATEGIC PLANNING / WORK PLAN

This item will be scheduled after new commission members are appointed in the next month or two.

8. NEW ITEMS FOR INFORMATION FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

- Commission member MacKinnon reported on Urban Transportation Commission work on valet parking.
- Commission member Whatley reported on Design Commission work on open space.
- Commission member Galligan announced a public meeting on the design of Republic Square
- Commission member Guerrero reported that the Parks Board has formed a working group to look at parkland dedication fees
- Commission member Willenzik reported that he has been appointed to a joint working group of the Arts and Music Commissions

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff liaison Michael Knox announced that staff is working on fully developing the density bonus program called for in the Downtown Austin Plan.

10. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Castleman-Bull House Restoration (August 15)
- 203 W. MLK Rezoning (August 15)
- Creation of a working group to study a pilot project to convert a downtown alley into a temporary public space (August 15)
- Setting a date for a commission strategic planning / work plan session (August 15)
- 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)
- Election of Officers (October 17)
- Sabine Street Promenade
- Bike Share Program
- Capitol Complex Redevelopment

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mandy Dealey adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m. without objection.