



DOWNTOWN COMMISSION MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2013**

The Downtown Commission convened in a meeting on Wednesday, February 20, 2013, at 301 W. 2nd St. in Austin, Texas.

Chair Bart Whatley called the meeting to order at 5:42 p.m.

Downtown Commissioners in Attendance:

Bart Whatley (Chair), Heather Way (Vice Chair), Martin Barrera, Mandy Dealey, Jude Galligan, Rich MacKinnon, Joel Sher, Myron Smith, Joah Spearman, and Bruce Willenzik

City Staff in Attendance:

Michael Knox, Megan Crigger and Meghan Turner, EGRSO; Annick Beaudet, Public Works; Steve Sadowsky, DPRD

1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

There were no citizens speaking under general communications.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 16, 2012 MEETING

The minutes from the January 16, 2013 meeting were approved on a 9-0 vote on Commissioner Dealey's motion and Commissioner Smith's second, with Commissioner Barrera off the dais.

4. BIKE SHARE PROGRAM

The Commission received a presentation from Annick Beaudet of the Public Works Department.

No action was taken.

5. C14-2012-0080 ACC 1204 West. Ave – Rezoning from LO, MF-4 and CS to DMU; C14-2012-0081 ACC Block 153 – Rezoning from UNZ (unzoned) and UNZ-H to DMU and DMU-H, and; C14-2012-0082 ACC Block 152 – Rezoning from GO and LR-CO to DMU

Commissioner Barrera recused himself and left the dais.

The Commission received a presentation from representatives of ACC.

A motion to recommend DMU zoning on the three parcels, with a 60' height limit, was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Dealey. An amendment by

Commissioner Dealey to specify the building setbacks not change, and if an Outdoor Music Venue permit is requested, the decibel limit be set at 70 dba, was accepted by the maker of the motion.

A substitute motion to postpone action until the March 20 meeting was approved on Commissioner MacKinnon's motion, Commissioner Dealey's second, on a 9-0-1 vote, with Commissioner Barrera recusing.

6. C14-2012-0083 CIRRUS LOGIC – REZONING FROM DMU-CO-CURE TO DMU-CURE FOR TRACT 1 (800 W. 6TH), AND REZONING FROM LO AND GO TO DMU FOR TRACT 2 (602-702 WEST AVE.)

The Commission received a briefing from Richard Suttle representing the applicant.

A motion to recommend removal of the 2,000 trip per day limit for 800 W. 6th St. was approved on a vote of 9-0-1.

A motion to recommend DMU-CURE for 800 W. 6th St., and DMU (60' height limit) for 602-702 West Ave. failed on a vote of 2-8.

The substitute motion to recommend DMU-CURE for 800 W. 6th St., and DMU (90' height limit) for 602-702 West Ave., with a condition of screening on the west side of the garage, failed on a vote of 4-6.

While the requested zoning received more votes, neither motion received enough votes to pass, so the Commission made no recommendation on the zoning requests.

7. CODE AMENDMENT RELATING TO HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT BUILDINGS ON RAINEY STREET

The Commission received a briefing from Steve Sadowsky, City of Austin Historic Preservation Officer.

After a discussion, a motion to recommend approval of the proposed ordinance changes was approved on Commissioner Dealey's motion, Commissioner Willenzik's second, on a 9-1 vote, with Commissioner Galligan opposed.

8. BRIEFING ON CITY OF AUSTIN ARTWORK DONATION AND LOAN POLICY REVISION

The Commission received a briefing from Megan Crigger, Cultural Arts Division Manager and Meghan Turner, Art in Public Places Administrator.

No action was taken.

9. REPUBLIC SQUARE MASTER PLAN

The Commission discussed the presentation that was made at January 16 meeting.

No action was taken.

10. WORKING GROUPS

A. Vice Chair Heather Way reported on the Working Group studying a pilot project to convert a downtown alley into a temporary public space

B. Commissioner Galligan reported on the Working Group studying Rainey Street noise issues and recommendations.

C. The Commission discussed the creation of a Working Group to develop a recommendation on which downtown projects the Planning Commission would seek the Downtown Commission's input before Planning Commission action.

A motion to create the working group was approved unanimously on commissioner Dealey's motion and Commissioner Smith's second.

11. STRATEGIC PLANNING / WORK PLAN

The Commission discussed topics for the February 27 Commission strategic planning / work plan session.

12. NEW ITEMS FOR INFORMATION FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner MacKinnon reported on work of the Urban Transportation Commission regarding vehicles for hire.

Commissioner Spearman reported on a set of recommendations from the Music Commission to the City Council, including a "Good Neighbor" program, a "Bad Actor" program, full funding of the Music Venue Assistance Program, and a venue education program.

13. ITEMS FROM STAFF

No items were reported.

14. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Work of the Waterfront Overlay Planning Board regarding density bonus in the Waterfront Overlay Zone.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm.