



**DOWNTOWN COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2013**

The Downtown Commission convened in a meeting on Wednesday, May 15, 2013, at 301 W. 2nd St. in Austin, Texas.

Chair Bart Whatley called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

**Downtown Commissioners in Attendance:**

Bart Whatley (Chair), Heather Way (Vice Chair), Martin Barrera, Jude Galligan, Dan Leary, Richard MacKinnon, Sunshine Mathon, Joel Sher, Myron Smith

**City Staff in Attendance:**

Michael Knox, Mona Sanchez, Maggie Stenz, Don Pitts, David Murray, EGRSO; Humberto Rey, Erica Leak, PDRD

**1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS**

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

There were no citizens speaking under general communications.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE APRIL 17, 2013 MEETING**

The minutes from the April 17, 2013 meeting were approved on an 8-0-1 vote on Commissioner Galligan's motion, and Commissioner Leary's second, with Commissioner Mathon abstaining.

**4. CONGRESS AVENUE PLANTERS**

The Commission received a presentation from Molly Alexander, Downtown Austin Alliance.

No action was taken.

**5. CIRRUS LOGIC ART DONATION**

The Commission received a presentation from Maggie Stenz with the EGRSO Arts in Public Places Program.

No action was taken.

**6. RAINEY STREET AREA ALLEY VACATION**

The applicant requested a postponement until the June 19, 2013 meeting.

**7. DRAFT ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE TITLE 9, ARTICLES 1 AND 2 RELATING TO GENERAL PROVISIONS AND PERMITTING AND OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR AMPLIFIED SOUND**

The Commission received a presentation from Don Pitts and David Murray with the EGRSO Music Division.

No Action was taken.

**8. RAINEY STREET WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS ON NOISE ISSUES**

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

No action was taken.

**9. CODIFICATION THE DOWNTOWN DENSITY BONUS PROGRAM AND CURE AMENDMENTS: BOTH RECOMMENDED IN THE ADOPTED DOWNTOWN AUSTIN PLAN**

The Commission received a presentation from Erica Leak, PDRD

No action was taken.

**10. WORKING GROUPS**

- Vice Chair Heather Way provided a presentation on their findings on a pilot project to convert a downtown alley into a temporary public space.

No action was taken.

- Commissioner Smith reported on the Working Group developing a recommendation on which downtown projects the Planning Commission would seek the Downtown Commission's input before Planning Commission action.
- Commissioners discussed the creation of working groups to implement items of interest from the 2/27/2013 Commission Retreat

A motion to create a downtown open space working group was approved on Commissioner Way's motion, Commissioner Smith's second, on a 9-0 vote.

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

- Commissioners had no new items.

**12. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

- Staff had no items to present.

**13. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Rainey Street Alley Vacation
- Rainey Street Working Group Recommendations on Noise Issues

- Revisit Downtown Density Bonus Program and CURE
- Downtown Open Space Project Working Group
- Update on Special Events Process
- Update on Bikeshare Program
- Busking Initiative
- Wooldridge Square Park Design
- 4<sup>th</sup> St. Pedestrian Planning (MetroRapid Stations to Congress Ave.)

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.