



**DOWNTOWN COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2013**

The Downtown Commission convened in a meeting on Wednesday, July 17, 2013, at 301 W. 2nd St. in Austin, Texas.

Chair Bart Whatley called the meeting to order at 5:48 p.m.

Downtown Commissioners in Attendance:

Bart Whatley (Chair), Heather Way (Vice Chair), Mandy Dealey, Jude Galligan, Richard MacKinnon, Sunshine Mathon, Lynn Osgood, Joel Sher, Hugh Simonich, Bruce Willenzik

City Staff in Attendance:

Mona Sanchez, EGRSO, Chief Raul Mungia, APD

1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

There were no citizens speaking under general communications.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JUNE 19, 2013 MEETING

The minutes from the June 19, 2013 meeting were approved on an 8-0 vote on Commissioner Way's motion, and Commissioner Whatley's second, with Commissioner's Dealey and MacKinnon off the dais.

4. CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE REQUESTS FROM AUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT, DOWNTOWN AUSTIN COMMUNITY COURT AND FRONT STEPS FOR THE FY14 BUDGET UNMET NEEDS

The Commission received a presentation from Bill Brice, Downtown Austin Alliance, Chief Raul Mungia, Austin Police Department, Pete Valdez, Front Steps, and Mitchell Gibbs, Downtown Austin Community Court.

A Motion to support the request from APD, Downtown Austin Community Court and Front Steps for FY14 budget unmet needs as presented was made by Commissioner Sher and seconded by Commissioner Galligan on a 9-0 vote, with Commissioner MacKinnon abstaining.

5. RECOMMENDATION REGARDING RAINEY STREET DISTRICT PLAN AND RAINEY ALLEYS

The Commission received a presentation from Commissioner Way.

The Commission requested that Jim Robertson, COA PDRD, attend the August meeting to discuss the Rainey Street District Plan.

6. WORKING GROUPS

- Commissioner Way reported on behalf of Commissioner Smith on the Working Group to develop a recommendation on which downtown projects the Planning Commission (PC) would seek the Downtown Commission's input before PC action.

The Planning Commission will discuss at their August meeting.

- Commissioner Osgood reported on the Downtown Public Open Space Working Group.
- Vice Chair Way reported on the Downtown Plan Implementation Working Group.
- No new working groups were created.

7. NEW ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioner MacKinnon reported that the Urban Transportation Commission (UTC) discussed a menu of configurations for party's downtown based on transit configuration and the costs associated with the fees based upon a route.
- Chair Whatley reported that the Design Commission has been discussing design guidelines for infrastructure projects.
- Chair Whatley reported as Chair of the Downtown Commission he was invited to speak to the Mexican American Cultural Center (MACC) and report on the Working Group on Rainey Street Noise Issues.

8. ITEMS FROM STAFF

- Staff had no items to present.

9. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Busking Initiative
- Revisit Rainey Street District Plan

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.