



**DOWNTOWN COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2013**

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

Chair Bart Whatley called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Downtown Commissioners in Attendance:

Bart Whatley (Chair), Heather Way (Vice Chair), Martin Barrera, Mandy Dealey, Jude Galligan, Dale Glover, Joel Sher, Myron Smith, Lindsey Sokol, Owen Snell, Bruce Willenzik

City Staff in Attendance:

Michael Knox and Mona Sanchez, Economic Development Department

1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

There were no citizens signed up to speak on General Communication.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2013 MEETING

The minutes from the September 18, 2013 meeting were approved on a 9-0 vote on Commissioner Dealey's motion, and Commissioner Willenzik's second, with Commissioner's Barrera and Sher off the dais

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Bart Whatley was elected to serve as the 2014 Commission Chair, on Commissioner Dealey's nomination and Commissioner Way's second, on a vote of 9-0 with Commissioner's Barrera and Sher off the dais.

Heather Way was elected to serve as the 2014 Commission Vice Chair, on Commissioner Smith's and Commissioner Galligan's second, on a vote of 9-0 with Commissioner's Barrera and Sher off the dais.

5. ADOPTION OF 2014 COMMISSION CALENDAR

The 2014 Commission Calendar was adopted, with an amendment of the January meeting on January 15th instead of January 14th, on a motion from Commissioner Dealey and a second from Commissioner Smith, on a vote of 9-0 with Commissioner's Barrera and Sher off the dais.

6. PROJECT CONNECT CNTRAL CORRIDOR UPDATE – BRIEFING

The Commission heard a presentation from Kyle Keahey, Project Lead, HNTB.

No action was taken.

7. BIKE SHARE OF AUSTIN

The presentation was postponed to December 18, 2013.

8. C14-2013-0135: UMCB – REZONING FROM MF-4, CS AND GO TO P (PUBLIC)

The Commission heard a presentation from David Armbrust, Armbrust & Brown, UMCB representing attorney.

A recommendation to approve the zoning change to P (Public) was approved on Commission Dealey’s motion, Commissioner Smith’s second, on a 9-0 vote, with Commissioner’s Barrera and Sher off the dais.

9. BUSKINGN INITIATIVE

The presentation was postponed to December 18, 2013.

10. REPORT FROM THE DOWNTOWN ALLEYS WORKING GROUP

A motion that the Downtown Commission thank the working group and encourage Council support of the policy recommendation as written in the report was approved on Commissioner Dealey’s motion, Commissioner Barrera’s second, on an 11-0 vote.

11. WORKING GROUPS

A. Report from the Downtown Public Open Space Working Group

The Working Group will continue their discussions.

B. Report from the Downtown Plan Implementation Working Group

Two items coming forward to the Downtown Commission in the next few months; Density Bonus Housing Program and Downtown Plan Zoning categories.

12. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Willenzik reported on the status of the Armadillo Christmas Bazaar.

Commissioner Sher reported that the first eleven Bike Share stations will be activated on December 21, and will eventually expand to forty stations.

13. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no items from staff to report.

14. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Briefing on the Tree Survey
- Briefing on the Rainey Street Density Bonus Program
- Bike Share of Austin
- Busking Initiative
- Great Streets
- Downtown Innovation District
- Project Connect Central Corridor Update
- UMCB Update: Design Principles and Guidelines
- Downtown Plan

15. ADJOURNMENT

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