



**DOWNTOWN COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2013**

The Downtown Commission convened in a meeting on Wednesday, December 18, 2013, at 301 W. 2nd St. in Austin, Texas.

Chair Bart Whatley called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

**Downtown Commissioners in Attendance:**

Bart Whatley (Chair), Heather Way (Vice Chair), Mandy Dealey, Jude Galligan, Dale Glover, Dan Leary, Rich MacKinnon, Sunshine Mathon, Joel Sher, Myron Smith, Owen Snell, Bruce Willenzik

**City Staff in Attendance:**

Michael Knox and Mona Sanchez, Economic Development Department

Michael Embesi, Jim Robertson and Erica Leak, Planning, Development and Review 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 NOVEMBER 20, 2013 MEETING**

The minutes from the November 20, 2013 meeting were approved on a 9-0 vote on Commissioner Way's motion, and Commissioner Smith's second, with Commissioner's Leary and Galligan abstaining.

**4. BRIEFING ON CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TREE SURVEY RESULTS**

The Commission heard a presentation from Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Planning, Development and Review Department.

No action was taken.

**5. BIKE SHARE OF AUSTIN**

The Commission heard a presentation from Elliott McFadden, Executive Director, Austin B-Cycle.

No action was taken.

**6. DOWNTOWN DENSITY BONUS PROGRAM**

The Commission heard a presentation from Erica Leak and Jim Robertson, Planning, Development, Review Department.

No action was taken.

**7. 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

The Working Group will continue their discussions.

**8. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Vice Chair Way reported that the alleyway dedication east of Rainey Street had been approved with modifications by City Council.

Commissioner MacKinnon reported that Capital Metro will launch their Metrorapid Transit program on January 26, 2014.

**9. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

There were no items from staff to report.

**10. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Downtown Density Bonus Program
- Update on Great Streets
- Busking Initiative
- UT Medical School Design
- Innovation District
- Downtown Overlays
- Update on Wallercreek Tunnel Project
- AISD Plans for Downtown Growing Population
- Way Finding Update

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.