



Visitor Impact Task Force
December 12, 2016
6:00pm
Pan American Recreation Center
2100 E. 3rd Street
Austin, TX 78702

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Gavin Garcia, Music Industry Representative
Catlin Whittington, Music Industry Representative
Lulu Flores, Arts Community Representative
Mari Ben Ramsey, Arts Community Representative
James Russell, Special Events Industry Representative
Julie Niehoff, Special Events Industry Representative
Tom Noonan, Austin Convention & Visitors Bureau Representative
Shelly Schadeegg, Hotel Industry Representative
Bill Worsham- Public Safety Community Representative
Alyson McGee- Preservation Community Representative
Dan Keshet- Parks Community Representative
Mark Tester- Convention Center Representative
Stephen Sternschein, Tourism Workforce Representative
Pam Thompson- Environmental Community Representative
Skeeter Miller, Restaurant Industry Representative
Sara Hartley, Public Works Department Representative (ex-officio)
Gordon Derr, Transportation Department Representative (ex-officio)

Absent:

Dewitt Peart- Downtown Commission Representative
Ashwin Ghatalia- Tourism Workforce Representative

Staff and Others In Attendance:

Mark Washington, ACM
Trinh Bartlett, CMO
Larry Schooler, CPIO, Facilitator
Felicia Ojeda, Austin Convention Center Department
Carla Steffen, Austin Convention Center Department
Terri McBride, Austin Convention Center Department
Mike Cannatti, Barton Springs Conservancy
James Nortey, Barton Springs Conservancy
Bill Bunch, Save Our Springs Alliance
Winston G. Williams, Capital City Black Film Festival, Spectrum Theatre, and Pecan Street Association

AGENDA

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- a.* Meeting called to order at 6:06pm by Larry Schooler

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- a.* The first 10 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.
- b.* James Nortey, Barton Springs Conservancy
- c.* Bill Bunch, Save Our Springs Alliance

3. OPENING REMARKS

- a.* **Mark Washington, ACM**
 - i.* Provided an overview of the meeting agenda

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a.* Law Department (John Steiner) Training and Presentation of the Texas Open Meetings Act (TOMA)
- b.* New Task Force members introduction and key interests
- c.* Review the Scope of Work
 - i.* Reviewed the Resolution 20160818-075
- d.* Discussion of Roles and Responsibilities (Staff, Facilitators, Notetaking, Chair/Vice-Chair/ Co-Chair, Task Members)
- e.* Discussion of Schedule and other procedures
 - i.* Task Force chose to meet on alternate Tuesdays at 3pm beginning January 3rd through at least the end of February

5. ADJOURNMENT

- a.* Facilitator, Larry Schooler adjourned the meeting at 8:04pm

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