



DOWNTOWN COMMISSION MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2017**

The Downtown Commission convened in a meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 301 W. 2nd Street.

Downtown Commissioners in Attendance:

Jennifer Bristol, Samuel Franco, Mary Jo Galindo, Johnathan Gins, David Gomez, Chris Kanipe, Alesha Larkins, Christopher Lehman, Sunshine Mathon, Timothy Moore, Joel Sher, Wendy Dunnam Tita, Tracy Witte

Downtown Commissioners Not in Attendance:

Marshall Escamilla, Jordan Mullins

City Staff in Attendance:

Michael Knox, Nicole Klepadlo, Anahi Bendeck, Christine Maguire and Alex Lopez

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

There were no citizens signed up to speak on general communication.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 16, 2016 MEETING

The minutes from the November 16, 2016 meeting were approved on Commissioner Bristol's motion and Commissioner Moore's second, on a 9-0 vote, with Commissioner Gomez off the dais.

4. DOWNTOWN THEATER SPACE OPPORTUNITIES

The Commission heard a presentation by Roy Mullin.

5. AGENT OF CHANGE AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE

The Commission heard a presentation by Alex Lopez, Deputy Director of the Economic Development Department.

6. WOOLDRIDGE SQUARE PRELIMINARY PLAN

The Commission heard a presentation by Daniel Woodroffe and Eric Schultz of dwg.

After the presentation a recommendation to support the preliminary plan, under the condition that the design is brought back to the Commission at a future date, was approved on Commissioner Bristol's motion and Commissioner Dunnam Tita's second, on a 10-0 vote.

7. WORKING GROUPS

- A. Report from the working group developing a recommendation regarding the boundaries of downtown: After discussion, the draft recommendation was withdrawn and the group's work is completed.
- B. Report from the working group developing a recommendation regarding review priorities for the Downtown Commission: The group will bring a resolution to the full Commission at the February 15, 2017 meeting.
- C. Discussion and possible action on the creation or elimination of working groups: No new working groups were created.

8. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioner Gomez reported annual Point in Time Count of the Homeless will occur on January 28.
- Commissioner Gins reported on the next phases of Project Connect and Mobility 35.
- Chair Sher reported on an article about Seaholm, Mueller, etc. that appeared in National Geographic online.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Executive Liaison Michael Knox asked for feedback on the process and proposed protocol for doing a pre-meeting quorum check.

10. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Items on the draft February 15 agenda are:

- Briefing on Central Health Brackenridge Campus Overlay
- Briefing on I-35 "Reconnect Austin" Proposal
- Selection of two Downtown Commission representatives to the CodeNEXT Forum on March 4.

Items to be added to the "Potential Future Agenda Items List":

- Mayor Adler's "Possible Solution to Downtown Puzzle"

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.