



## **DOWNTOWN COMMISSION MINUTES**

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

The Downtown Commission convened in a meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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group developing a recommendation regarding the boundaries of downtown: After discussion, the draft recommendation was withdrawn and the group's work is completed.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.

**The minutes were approved on this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 2017 on Vice Chair Mathon's motion and Commissioner Moore's second on a vote of 8-0.**