



**DOWNTOWN COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2017**

The Downtown Commission convened in a meeting on Wednesday, May 17th, 2017 at 301 W. 2nd Street.

Downtown Commissioners in Attendance:

Chair Joel Sher, Commissioner Sam Sargent, Commissioner Chris Kanipe, Commissioner David Gomez, Commissioner Christopher Lehman, Commissioner Andrew Harrison, Commissioner Jennifer Bristol, Commissioner Timothy Moore, Commissioner Richard DePalma

Downtown Commissioners Not in Attendance:

Vice Chair Mathon, Commissioner Escamilla, Commissioner Samuel Franco, Commissioner Mary Jo Galindo, Commissioner Jonathon Gins, Commissioner Bruce Willenzik

City Staff in Attendance:

Mona Sanchez, Nicole Klepadlo, Anahi Bendeck, Christine Maguire, Alex Lopez, Brian Block, Alyssa Zinsser, David Magana, Stephanie Hayden

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE APRIL 19, 2017 MEETING

The minutes from the April 19, 2017 meeting were approved on Commissioner Moore's motion and Commissioner Bristol's second, on an 8-0 vote.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commissioner Bristol motioned to nominate Joel Sher as Chair and Sunshine Mathon as Vice Chair with Commissioner DePalma's second on a vote of 8-0.

5. AGENT OF CHANGE AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE

The Commission was given a presentation by Alex Lopez, Brian Block and Alyssa Zinsser with the Economic Development Department.

Motion made by Chair Sher to support the Agent of Change and Entertainment License recommendations with an amendment to include acknowledgement of proximity to venues from hotels when developed or purchased; second made by Commissioner Kanipe.

Approved on a vote of 7-0 with Commissioner Lehman abstaining.

**6. EXTENDING PARKING METER HOURS DOWNTOWN TO WEDNESDAY
EVENINGS**

Item postponed.

7. PROPOSED DOWNTOWN PUBLIC RESTROOMS

The Commission was given a presentation by Stephanie Hayden, Interim Director, Austin Public Health Department and David Magana, City Engineer, Public Works Department.

No action was taken.

8. WORKING GROUPS

A. Working Group to develop a recommendation regarding reviewing the CodNEXT Proposed Downtown Zoning.

The members of the working group reported that they had a meeting on May 15, 2017 with the Downtown Austin Alliance and discussed CodeNEXT in relation to the Downtown Austin Plan. Another meeting is scheduled for May 30, 2017.

9. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM COMMISSIONERS

There were no items from Commissions.

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no items from staff.

11. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Sobriety Center
- Cesar Chavez Promenade Extension
- Convention Center Expansion

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

The minutes were approved on this the 19th day of July 2017 on Commissioner Moore's motion and Commissioner Harris' second on a vote of 7-0.