



**DOWNTOWN COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2017**

The Downtown Commission convened in a meeting on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

**Downtown Commissioners in Attendance:**

Chair Joel Sher, Vice Chair Jennifer Bristol, Commissioner David Gomez, Commissioner August Harris, Commissioner Andrew Harrison, Commissioner Christopher Lehman, Commissioner Megan Meisenbach, Commissioner Timothy Moore, Commissioner Sam Sargent, Commissioner Melissa Henao-Robledo, Commissioner Richard DePalma

**Downtown Commissioners Not in Attendance:**

Commissioner Chris Kanipe, Commissioner Marshall Escamilla, Commissioner Mary Jo Galindo, Commissioner Jonathan Gins

**City Staff in Attendance:**

Christine Maguire, Mona Sanchez, Economic Development Department; Jim Collins and Richard Duane, Austin Energy; Carla Steffen, Austin Convention Center

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

No citizens were signed up to speak.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 18, 2017 REGULAR MEETING**

The minutes from the October 18, 2017 regular meeting were approved on Commissioner Harris' motion and Commissioner Meisenbach's second, on a 9-0 vote.

**4. AUSTIN ENERGY DISTRICT COOLING PLANT #3**

The Commission received a presentation from Jim Collins, Austin Energy and Phil Reed, Cotera+Reed Architects.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Bristol to offer a letter of support for the design modifications made to Austin Energy Chiller Plant #3 with Commissioner Sargent's second on a vote of 8-0 with Commissioner Moore abstaining.

**5. ACCD EXPANSION**

The Commission received an update from Carla Steffen, Austin Convention Center Department.

No action was taken.

**6. DOWNTOWN AUSTIN PLAN**

The item was postponed.

**7. WORKING GROUPS**

A. Working Group regarding reviewing the CodeNEXT

A motion to approve the CodeNEXT working group's recommendations was made by Commissioner Lehman and second by Commissioner Moore on a vote of 6-0 with Vice Chair Bristol abstaining.

B. Historic Commission Moontower Restoration Working Group

Commissioner Lehman reported that UT and Austin Energy have been discussing placement of the tower at the corner of I35/MLK near the UT ballfield.

**8. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Sargent reported that the Capital Metro Board approved the June 2018 Service Changes were approved.

**9. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Staff updated Commissioners on efforts to present former Bruce Willenzik with a City proclamation.

**10. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Public Restrooms
- Homelessness
- Capitol Complex Master Plan

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

**The minutes were approved on this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of January 2018 on Commissioner Harris' motion and Commissioner Meisenbach second on a vote of 7-0.**