



## **Downtown Commission Annual Internal Review**

**This report covers the time period of 7/31/2017 to 6/30/2018**

**The Commission's mission statement (per the City Code) is to:**

- (1) Advise the City Council and city staff regarding policies and projects impacting downtown Austin;
- (2) Serve as stewards for the Downtown Austin Plan and, as such:
  - (a) Serve as a sounding board for the City Council and City of Austin (COA) staff on the implementation of the Downtown Austin Plan and CodeNEXT; and
  - (b) Offer recommendations on amendments to the Downtown Austin Plan and CodeNEXT as needed;
- (3) Maintain liaison relationships with City staff and other boards and commissions; and
- (4) Perform other activities as directed by City Council.

**1. Describe the Board's actions supporting their mission during the previous calendar year. Address all elements of the Board's mission statement as provided in the relevant sections of the City Code.**

The Commission has been meeting throughout the year and continues to fill member positions. The Commission received briefings on the Capitol Complex Master Plan, Downtown Public Restroom Initiative, COA Pedestrian Vision Plan, Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center Master Plan, i-Team Austin Resource Center for the Homeless Contract Recommendations, Special Events Ordinance, Capital Metro's Project Connect, the Sobriety Center, Downtown Austin Alliance (DAA)'s Downtown Parking Strategy, Congress Avenue Urban Design Initiative, Seaholm Waterfront Project, the Downtown Austin Plan, the COA Wayfinding Initiative, the Economic Development Incentive Policy Revision Initiative, DAA Downtown Visioning, the Capital Metro Connections 2025 Plan, Convention Center Expansion and Austin Energy's District 3 Cooling Plant, and CodeNEXT.

**2. Determine if the Board's actions throughout the year comply with the mission statement.**

The Board's actions complied with the mission statement.

**3. List the Board's goals and objectives for the new calendar year.**

- Monitoring and advocating for the integration of the Downtown Austin Plan and CodeNEXT.
- Supporting the Mayor's initiative to create appropriate interventions to reduce the homeless population and develop a long term strategy to find permanent housing for the homeless population.
- Advocating for an update of the Downtown Austin Plan (DAP) as originally recommended in the DAP.