



**DOWNTOWN COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2018**

The Downtown Commission convened in a meeting on Wednesday, July 18th, 2018 at 301 W. 2nd Street.

Downtown Commissioners in Attendance:

Chair Joel Sher, Vice Chair Jennifer Bristol, Commissioner Megan Meisenbach, Commissioner Chris Kanipe, Commissioner David Gomez, Commissioner Christopher Lehman, Commissioner Andrew Harrison, Commissioner August Harris, Commissioner Melissa Henao-Robledo, Commissioner Richard DePalma, Commissioner Andrew Brown

Downtown Commissioners Not in Attendance:

Commissioner Wardaleen Belvin, Commissioner Sam Sargent, Commissioner Timothy Moore, Commissioner Chris Bryan

City Staff in Attendance:

Christine Maguire, Mona Sanchez, Sue Lambe, Economic Development Department
Janae Spence, Public Works Department
Kim McKnight, Parks and Recreation Department

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

No citizens were signed up to speak.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JUNE 20TH, 2018 REGULAR MEETING

The minutes from the June 20th, 2018 regular meeting were approved on Vice Chair Bristol's motion and Commissioner Meisenbach's second, on a 6-0 vote with Commissioner's Harris, Kanipe and Lehman off dais.

4. SHOAL CREEK VISION TO ACTION PLAN

The Commission received a presentation from Joanna Wolaver, Shoal Creek Conservancy and Janae Spence, Public Works Department.

Vice Chair Bristol motioned to the support the Shoal Creek Vision to Action Plan as is with Commissioner Harrison's second on a vote of 8-0.

5. SEAHOLM WATERFRONT PROGRAMMING AND IMPLEMENTATION STUDY

The Commission received a presentation from Kim McKnight, Parks & Recreation Department and Heidi Anderson, Katie Robillard, and Al Godfrey, Austin Parks Trail Foundation.

Commissioner Harris motioned to support the Seaholm Waterfront program and implementation's general recommendations with Commissioner Gomez' second on a vote of 8-0.

6. STAFF UPDATE ON ART IN PUBLIC PLACES ACTIVITIES IN DOWNTOWN

The Commission received a presentation from Sue Lambe, Economic Development Department. No action was taken.

7. WORKING GROUPS

A. Moonlight Tower Working Group

- Discussion and Possible Action (5 minutes)

No updates.

B. CodeNEXT Working Group

- Discussion and Possible Action (15 minutes)

No updates.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

- Chair Sher reported on the August 4th Republic Square Park Birthday Bash marking the anniversary of the 1839 auction of Austin's first plots of land and the recent restoration of the park.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

- Mona Sanchez reported on the 2018 Downtown Commission Recommendations and outcomes of those recommendations.

10. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Community First Village
- Innovation District and Emerging Plan around the Brackenridge Site
- Impact of the two Former Housing Bonds
- Visit Austin and Tourism Impact
- Central Business District (CBD) Downtown
- Downtown Statistics and Emerging Projects
- Update on Downtown Austin Plan (DAP)
- Voting vs Non-Voting Commission Member Ordinance
- Central Business District Squares in Congress

11. ADJOURNMENT 7:30 p.m.

The minutes were approved on this the 19th day of September, 2018 on Commissioner Moore's motion and Commissioner Gomez second on a vote of 6-0 with Commissioner's Harris, Kanipe Lehman and Harris off dais.