



Tourism Commission
February 11, 2019
6:30pm
Palmer Events Center
900 Barton Springs Rd.
Austin, TX 78704

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Vanessa Fuentes
Edward Bailey
Rachel Magee
Scott Joslove
John Riedie
Kate Singleton
Mike Cannatti
Catlin Whittington

Absence:

Mary Katherine Stout

Staff and Other In Attendance:

Felicia Ojeda, Austin Convention Center Department
Brandi Clark Burton, Citizen Communication- Sustainable Tourism
Cara Bertron, Deputy Preservation Officer, Planning & Zoning Department
Alyson McGee, Visitor Impact Task Force member
Carla Steffen, Deputy Director, Austin Convention Center Department

AGENDA

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- a. Meeting called to order at 6:38pm by Chair, Catlin Whittington
- b. Roll Call of the Commissioners present (all present, minus Mary Katherine Stout)

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: 6:39pm

- a. Brandi Clark Burton- Sustainable Tourism

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 6:45pm

- a. December 10, 2018 – Approved as amended by all present commissioners
- b. January 14, 2018 – Postponed and moved as Old Business for March Meeting for amendments needed.

4. NEW BUSINESS: 6:51pm

The Commission discussed the following agenda item:

- a. Briefing from the Heritage Tourism Working Group recommendations - Cara Bertron, Deputy Preservation Officer, City of Austin and Alyson McGee, Visitor Impact Taskforce
 - a. Chair Whittington requested the status of Heritage Tourism Plan. Directed to Economic Development Department office
- b. Briefing on the Allocation of Hotel Occupancy Tax funds and financial operations results for the City of Austin compared to other cities. - Carla Steffen, City of Austin, Austin Convention Center Department
 - a. Commissioner Bunch requested 5-year span of the Hotel Occupancy Tax funds and financial operations report of the Austin Convention Center compared to other cities.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. The Commission may discuss and identify future agenda items, topics, or presentations
 - i. Received recommendations from the University of Texas study on the Austin Convention Center

6. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Chair, Catlin Whittington adjourned the meeting at 7:54 pm
 - i. Motioned to adjourn the meeting by Commissioners Magee and Riedie.