



Tourism Commission
April 8, 2019
6:30pm
Carver Branch Library
1161 Angelina St
Austin, TX 78702

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Vanessa Fuentes
Edward Bailey
Rachel Magee
Bill Bunch
Scott Joslove
John Riedie
Lois Rodriguez
Mike Cannatti
Catlin Whittington

Absence:

Alta Alexander

Staff and Other In Attendance:

Felicia Ojeda, Austin Convention Center Department

AGENDA

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- a. Meeting called to order at 6:31pm by Chair, Catlin Whittington
- b. Roll Call of the Commissioners present (all present, minus Alta Alexander)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 6:33pm

- a. March 18, 2019 – Commissioner Fuentes and Commissioner Riedie motioned to approve minutes. Approved by 6 present commissioners, abstained by 2 Commissioners Bunch and Rodriguez, and Commissioner Joslove was not present during voting time.

3. NEW BUSINESS: 6:40pm

The Commission discussed the following agenda item:

- a. Reviewed and discussed the scope and bylaws of the Commission board.

- b. Introduced all present Commissioners to new member Commissioner Lois Rodriguez.
- c. Election of Vice Chair
 - a. Motioned by Magee and 2nd by Commissioner Joslove to postponed to May meeting with a complete Commission board to elect all officers.
 - b. All votes in favor to postponed until May meeting

4. OLD BUSINESS: 7:54pm

The Commission discussed the following agenda item:

- i. Discussed current Short-term rental regulations, collection of HOT taxes and enforcement
 - 1. Recommendation to Council motioned by Commissioner Whittington, to revisit the collection of Hotel Occupancy Taxes for Short term rental and prepare some analysis on what the delta is between what's collected and what's out there for the market demand for short term rentals.
 - a. All present Commissioners (Cannatti, Fuentes, Joslove, Magee and Bailey) voted yes

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: 8:26pm

- a. The Commission may discuss and identify future agenda items, topics, or presentations
 - i. Request the Visitor Impact Task Force to return to share the Task Force recommendations to Council
 - ii. Recommendations by Commissioner Bunch and 2nd by Commissioner Riedie for the University of Texas study on the Austin Convention Center potential expansion plans be presented.
 - iii. Requested by Commissioner Cannatti and Magee to have an expert on presenting to speak on behalf of Homelessness challenges and solutions.
 - 1. Have a representative from Hotel Lodging Association speak on behalf of Homelessness challenges
 - iv. Requested by Commissioner Bailey request for information about studies and preceding Convention Center expansion plans and/or reports by City staff.

6. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Chair, Catlin Whittington adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm