



DOWNTOWN COMMISSION MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2019**

The Downtown Commission convened in a meeting on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 301 W. 2nd Street in the Boards & Commissions Room.

Downtown Commissioners in Attendance:

Chair Joel Sher, Commissioner Meghan Skornia, Commissioner David Gomez, Commissioner Christopher Lehman, Commissioner Andrew Harrison, Commissioner August Harris, Commissioner Cynthia Weatherby

Downtown Commissioners Not in Attendance:

Vice Chair Jennifer Bristol, Commissioner Sam Sargent, Commissioner Chris Kanipe, Commissioner Timothy Moore, Commissioner Megan Meisenbach, Commissioner Melissa Henao-Robledo, Commissioner Richard DePalma, Commissioner Chris Bryan

City Staff in Attendance:

Christine Maguire and Mona Sanchez, Economic Development Department
Annick Beaudet, Warner Cook, David Taylor, and Tonya Swartzendruber, Austin Transportation Department

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

No citizens were signed up to speak.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 20, 2019 REGULAR MEETING

The minutes from the February 20, 2019 regular meeting were approved on Commissioner Harris' motion and Commissioner Lehman's second on a vote of 6-0.

4. WALLER CREEK CONSERVANCY DESIGN PLAN AND STATUS UPDATE

Postponed.

5. AUSTIN STRATEGIC MOBILITY PLAN (ASMP)

The Commission received a presentation from Annick Beaudet and Warner Cook, Austin Transportation Department

No action was taken.

6. CONGRESS AVENUE URBAN DESIGN INITIATIVE

The Commission received a presentation from David Taylor and Tonya Swartzendruber, Austin Transportation Department.

No action was taken.

7. WORKING GROUPS

Moonlight Tower Working Group

Commissioner Lehman reported that the placement of the Moonlight Towers is on hold until Austin Energy can determine where to obtain replacement parts for the Towers. The plans for restoration will have to go before the Historic Commission.

8. ITEMS FROM OTHER COMMISSIONS AND FUTURE PRESENTERS

Commissioner Weatherby reported that the Urban Transportation Commission received a presentation on Micro Mobility Devices and approval is scheduled for the March 28th Council meeting.

Chair Sher reported that the Downtown Austin Alliance is presenting their Future of Downtown Report on April 30, 2019 at the Austin Central Library.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no items from staff.

10. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Downtown Puzzle
- Impact of Past Housing Bonds: Affordable Unites
- Chapter 380 Incentive Based Real Estate Incentives
- Parks & Recreation Department (PARD) Master Plan
- New Downtown Development
- Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH) Contract
- South Central Water Front
- Austin Police Department (APD) Downtown Crime & Safety
- Update on Sobriety Center
- Criteria for Right of Way Management
- Ted Eubanks: Austin Stories

11. ADJOURNMENT 8:11 p.m.

The minutes were approved on this the 15th day of May, 2019 on Vice Chair Bristol's motion and Commissioner Harrison's second on a vote of 6-0.