



**DOWNTOWN COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2019**

The Downtown Commission convened in a meeting on Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at 301 W. 2nd Street in the Boards & Commissions Room.

Downtown Commissioners in Attendance:

Chair Joel Sher, Vice Chair Jennifer Bristol, Commissioner Sam Sargent, Commissioner Meghan Skornia, Commissioner Chris Kanipe, Commissioner Andrew Harrison, Commissioner Jim Schissler, Commissioner Megan Meisenbach, Commissioner Felipe Garza, Commissioner Cynthia Weatherby, Commissioner August Harris, Commissioner Ben Heimsath

Downtown Commissioners Not in Attendance:

Commissioner David Gomez, Commissioner Christopher Lehman, Commissioner Melissa Henao-Robledo, Commissioner Richard DePalma

City Staff in Attendance:

Mona Sanchez and Margaret Shaw, Economic Development Department
Ryan Ward and Ryan Mooney, Austin Transportation 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 MAY 15TH, 2019 REGULAR MEETING

The approval of the May 15th, 2019 meeting minutes was postponed.

4. CRITERIA FOR DOWNTOWN RIGHT OF WAY MANAGEMENT

The commission received a presentation from Ryan Ward and Ryan Mooney with the Austin Transportation Department.

Commissioner Meghan Skornia motioned to request that the Austin Transportation Department review the internal criteria manual as it relates to established and future bikeways and provide suggestions that:

- Discourage construction entrances from being located directly adjacent to bike lanes, and prioritize locations without bike lanes and;
- Prohibit the closure or combination of bike lanes with pedestrian areas without a bike detour that meets or exceeds the level of the existing lane.

Commissioner Megan Meisenbach seconded on a vote of 9-0.

5. WALLER CREEK CONSERVANCY UPDATE

The Commission received a presentation from John Rigdon and Melissa Ayala with the Waller Creek Conservancy.

Vice Chair Bristol motioned that the Downtown Commission continue to support the Waller Creek Project with Commissioner Harris' second on a vote of 9-0.

6. 2018-2019 DOWNTOWN COMMISSION ANNUAL INTERNAL REVIEW AND REPORT

Commissioner Sargent motioned to approve the 2018-2019 Downtown Commission Annual Internal Review and Report with Commissioner Harris' second on a vote of 9-0.

7. WORKING GROUPS

Moonlight Tower Working Group

There were no updates from the Moonlight Tower Working Group.

8. ITEMS FROM OTHER COMMISSIONS AND FUTURE PRESENTERS

There were no items from commission members.

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 (PARC) Master Plan
- New Downtown Development
- Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH) Contract
- South Central Water Front
- Update on Sobriety Center
- Ted Eubanks: Austin Stories
- Downtown Public Safety
- Palm School and Surrounding Parkland
- Homelessness Initiative
- Rainey Street Traffic Management
- Common Waste Collection Contract
- Wayfinding Initiative

11. ADJOURNMENT 7:17 p.m.

The minutes were approved on this the 21stth day of August, 2019 on Commissioner Meisenbach's motion and Commissioner Harrison's second on a vote of 9-0.