



**DOWNTOWN COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2019**

The Downtown Commission convened in a meeting on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in the Boards & Commissions Room.

**Downtown Commissioners in Attendance:**

Vice Chair Jennifer Bristol, Commissioner Chris Kanipe, Commissioner August Harris, Commissioner David Gomez, Commissioner Richard DePalma, Commissioner Jim Schissler, Commissioner Cynthia Weatherby, Commissioner Melissa Henao-Robledo, Commissioner Sam Sargent, Commissioner Meghan Skornia, Commissioner Christopher Lehman

**Downtown Commissioners Not in Attendance:**

Chair Joel Sher, Commissioner Ben Heimsath, Commissioner Andrew Harrison, Commissioner Megan Meisenbach, Commissioner Felipe Garza

**City Staff in Attendance:**

Margaret Shaw and Mona Sanchez, Economic Development 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 NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioner Sargent motioned to approve the November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting minutes with Commissioner Gomez' second on a vote of 7-0 with Commissioner Kanipe, Commissioner Harris off dais.

**4. ATX HELPS**

The Commission received a presentation from Bill Brice, Downtown Austin Alliance and Mike Rollins, Austin Chamber of Commerce.

No action was taken.

**5. WORKING GROUPS**

**A. Moonlight Tower Working Group**

No progress to report.

**B. Austin Core Transportation Plan (ACTP) Working Group**

- Met and received an update from Austin Transportation Department (ATD) on work to date

- Working Group is developing a list of stakeholder groups and how they want to be engaged in the process and their expectations of the plan
- The Working Group will continue to monitor the ACTP as the plan moves forward

## **6. ITEMS FROM OTHER COMMISSIONERS**

- Commissioner Henao-Robledo reported that the Design Commission reviewed a project on 90 Rainey Street (on Rainey Street) that is exceeding the 15 to 1 FAR and the building is 53 floors. The project has been found in compliance of the Urban Design Guidelines.
- Commissioner Weatherby reported that the Urban Transportation Commission (UTC) received hard copies of a presentation of the Parks and Recreation Department Electric Bike and Scooter

## **7. STAFF UPDATES**

Staff updated the Commission on the installation schedule of the two downtown restrooms and that the City is negotiating with the Downtown Austin Alliance on the maintenance and operations of the restrooms.

## **8. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Impact of Past Housing Bonds: Affordable Units
- Chapter 380 Incentive Location-based Real Estate Incentives
- South Central Water Front
- Ted Eubanks: Austin Stories
- Wayfinding Initiative Update
- Small Cell Initiative / Downtown Installation
- Protocols of Media Interaction for the Commission
- Downtown Public Safety
- Shoal Creek Restoration
- Palm School Future Recommendations
- Central Health Update
- Emerging Projects

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

**The minutes were approved on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 2020 on Vice Chair Bristol's motion and Commissioner Lehman's second on a vote of 7-0.**