



Tourism Commission  
February 10, 2020  
6:30pm  
Austin Convention Center  
500 E. Cesar Chavez  
Austin, TX 78701

## **MINUTES**

### **In Attendance:**

Alta Alexander  
Vanessa Fuentes  
Rachel Magee  
Edward Bailey  
John Riedie  
Lois Rodriguez  
Brian Rodgers  
Mike Cannatti  
Catlin Whittington

### **Absent:**

Scott Joslove  
Bill Bunch

### **Staff and Other In Attendance:**

Felicia Ojeda, Austin Convention Center Department, Staff liaison  
Trisha Tatro, Austin Convention Center Department, Interim Director  
Carla Steffen, Austin Convention Center Department, Deputy Director

## **AGENDA**

### **1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

- a. Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm by Chair, Catlin Whittington

### **2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL 6:40pm**

- a. No Citizen Communications

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES 6:41pm**

- a. August 12, 2019 – Motioned to approve Commissioner Fuentes, Second by Rodgers. All votes to approve

- b. September 9, 2019- Motioned to approve by Chair Whittington, Second by Commissioner Fuentes. Commissioners Alexander, Fuentes, Bailey, Magee, Riedie, Rodgers, and Whittington approved minutes and Commissioner Cannatti abstained
- c. December 9, 2019- Motioned to approve by Commissioner Fuentes and second by Chair Whittington. Commissioners Alexander, Fuentes, Bailey, Magee, Riedie, Rodgers, and Whittington approved minutes and Commissioner Cannatti abstained

#### **4. OLD BUSINESS 6:44pm**

The Commission discussed the following agenda item:

- a. Discussed the Commission Working Groups and Working Groups Updates
  - a. Commissioner Cannatti motioned to Working Group lists. Second by Chair Whittington. Approved by all Commissioners presence
  - b. Chair Whittington motions to approve Short-Term Rentals Working Groups with Commissioners Fuentes, Whittington, Alexander, and Rodgers. Seconded by Commissioner Bailey. Approved by all Commissioners present.
  - c. Chair Whittington motions to approve and separate to Working Groups for Arts and Historic. Commissioners Magee and Rodriguez with Arts Working Group and Commissioners Rodriguez, Riedie and Bailey with Historic Working Group. Seconded by Commissioner Rodgers. All Commissioners presence approved.
- b. Discussed future Commission meetings and dates.
  - a. Chair Whittington proposes to Quarterly Meetings, Months of May, August, November 2020 and February 2021
    - i. Commissioner Riedie opposes to Quarterly Meetings due to possibility of missing significant information. Proposes Bi-Monthly meetings.
  - b. Vice -Chair Magee and Second by Commissioner Alexander motions to move the meetings to Bi -monthly meetings. All Commissioners presence voted approved.

#### **5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS 7:52pm**

The Commission may discuss and identify future agenda items, topics, or presentations

- a. Discuss additional tax mechanisms that are affected by tourism.
- b. State Economic Development and Tourism, Marketing efforts
- c. Visit Austin, Marketing efforts

#### **6. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair, Catlin Whittington adjourned the meeting at 8:22 pm.

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