

Annual Internal Review

This report covers the time period of 7/1/2019 to 6/30/2020

Economic Prosperity Commission (Official Name of Board or Commission)

The Board/Commission mission statement (per the City Code) is:

The council created the Economic Prosperity Commission to advise the council on matters related to construction and job creation. The Commission should include representatives from trade and business associations and chambers of commerce

1. Describe the board's actions supporting their mission during the previous calendar year. Address all elements of the board's mission statement as provided in the relevant sections of the City Code.

The commission heard from community members and guest speakers who informed us of program resources, specific concerns and community challenges pertaining to jobs and construction within our diverse population.

Prior to the COVID-19 outbreak the commission focused on fulfilling its mission by addressing key issues related to the mission statement specifically focused on sustainable solutions for housing and job creation for underserved population. Following the COVID-19 outbreak the commission addressed COVID-19 relief resources, and programming specifically to support job creation and the specific challenges with construction in the wake of COVID-19.

Multiple working groups were formed to address challenges related to COVID-19

- Recommendation Number: (20190621 -003c/d) Recommendation regarding innovative solutions and funding resources to alleviate Austin's growing homelessness crisis.
- Recommendation Number: (202004292A) Recommendation regarding City of Austin COVID-19 Relief Programs from Council Agenda

2. Determine if the board's actions throughout the year comply with the mission statement.

The board's actions did comply with its mission statement.

The commission's mission statement is broad, and all research, letters and recommendations and guest speakers fell under the broad mission statement

3. List the board's goals and objectives for the new calendar year.

Contribute to the broad range of issues that impact affordability, and job creation including mobility, transportation, economic development, economic incentives, zoning and land use; and novel ways to address systemic civil injustices impact on economic mobility

Present recommendations regarding the city budget taking into account the changing landscape due to the global pandemic

Seek out inter-commission working group opportunities for more efficient and collaborate civic engagement.

Continue to invite dialogue and foster engagement with city leaders on relevant issues, and take action to send forth further advisory recommendations to the city council