



Visitor Impact Task Force
April 11, 2017
3:00pm
Austin Convention Center
Meeting Room 5abc
500 E. Cesar Chavez
Austin, TX 78701

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

Gavin Garcia - Music Industry Representative
Catlin Whittington - Music Industry Representative
Lulu Flores - Arts Community Representative
MariBen Ramsey - Arts Community Representative
James Russell - Special Events Industry Representative
Julie Niehoff - Special Events Industry Representative
Tom Noonan - Austin Convention & Visitors Bureau Representative
Shelly Schadegg - Hotel Industry Representative
Bill Worsham - Public Safety Community Representative
Alyson McGee - Preservation Community Representative
Dan Keshet - Parks Community Representative
Mark Tester - Convention Center Representative
Dewitt Peart - Downtown Commission Representative
Ashwin Ghatalia - Tourism Workforce Representative
Stephen Sternschein - Tourism Workforce Representative
Jonathan Mahone - Community Member Representative
Pam Thompson - Environmental Community Representative
Skeeter Miller - Restaurant Industry Representative
Richard Mendoza - Public Works Department Representative (ex-officio)
Gordon Derr - Transportation Department Representative (ex-officio)

AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** 3:00pm
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. From the March 28, 2017 meeting

3. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Discussion and possible action in response to concerns expressed to the Task Force related to the scope of the task force, process in which the task force has undertaken matters and information that has been shared with the Task Force by City staff.
- b. Presentation and discussion of the City's Financial reporting and the Austin Convention Center Department Cash, Financial Position, Capital Project Financing and Debt (Diana Thomas, City Controller and Carla Steffen).
- c. Presentation and discussion on pending legislation before the Texas Legislature related to Hotel Occupancy Tax (Brie Franco, Government Affairs).

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action to make recommendations from initial ideas (post-it notes exercise) from each Task Force member on recommendations to deliver to City Council in future report.

5. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- a. Citizens wishing to speak will need to sign up ten minutes before the meeting calls for Citizen Communications at 5:30pm. Citizen communications will be limited to the first ten speakers and each citizen communicator will be given three minutes to speak.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Discussion and possible action to make recommendations on items for future agendas

7. ADJOURNMENT

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