

Mayor's Downtown Task Force

April 5, 2019

3:30 p.m.

City Hall, Abilene, Texas

Basement Conference
Room

Members Present: Ms. Sarah Carlson, Mr. Scott Dueser, Mr. Regi McCabe-Gossett, Ms. Erma Rodriguez, Mr. Steve Dieterichs, Ms. Alex Russell, Ms. Yvonne Batts, Dr. Gary McCaleb

City Staff Present: Mr. Mike Warrix, Mr. Stanley Smith, Ms. Melissa Farr

Others Present: Mr. Charlie Wolfe, Ms. Crystal Holladay

Minutes

Agenda item: Call to Order

Dr. McCaleb called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Melissa Farr took the roll call noting the above members present.

Agenda item: Approval of Minutes

There being no deletions, no additions, and no corrections, Ms. Russell made the motion to approve the minutes for the March 29th meeting. Mr. McCabe-Gossett seconded the motion. The motion to approve prevailed by the following vote:

AYES: Carlson, Dueser, McCabe-Gossett, Rodriguez, Russell, Batts, McCaleb

NAYS: None

Agenda item: Discussion and Possible Action on Review of Center City Growth and Development Plan

Discussion:

Members engaged in discussion centered on the priority to approach tasks for downtown being those that put people first, then vehicles. The term "walkability" was targeted as the main topic of this discussion.

Additionally, the sense of urgency for the plan and goal to obtain and compile information from all other task forces and groups was discussed.

Some of the key words to define pedestrian design identified were:

- ✓ Safe, clean/comfortable, and interesting
- ✓ Sidewalks and footpaths; pedestrian rights-of-way and traffic patterns
- ✓ Landscaping (lighting and trees)
- ✓ Thriving businesses and transit to provide goods to area commerce

Agenda item: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Realignment of On-Street Parking in the Downtown Area

This item was not discussed.

Agenda item: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Time Limits and Metered Parking Zones in the Downtown Area

This item was not discussed.

Agenda item: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Structured Parking Improvements in the Downtown Area

This item was not discussed.

Agenda item: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Branding and Marketing Downtown Abilene

This item was not discussed.

Agenda item: Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Dr. McCaleb adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

APPROVED



Dr. Gary McCaleb, Chairman