

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF  
DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

March 14, 2017

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Downtown Redevelopment Authority (the "Authority") convened in regular session, open to the public, at the offices of the Houston Downtown Management District, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017, and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of the Board, to-wit:

F. Xavier Peña	Chair
Michele Sabino	Vice Chair
Deborah Keyser	Secretary
Curtis Flowers	Treasurer/ Investment Officer
Keith Edward Hamm	Director
Barry Mandel	Director
James Harrison	Director
Regina Garcia	Director
Bruce Austin	Director

and all of said persons were present except Director Mandel, Director Garcia, Director Austin and Director Hamm, therefore a quorum was not present.

Also present were Bob Eury, President, Ryan Leach, Executive Director, and Emily Barnes, Administrative Assistant of the Authority; William Kennerly of the Board of Directors of Reinvestment Zone Number Three (Zone); Jackie Traywick of Central Houston, Inc. (CHI); Brett DeBord, Joe Maxwell and Lonnie Hoogeboom of the Houston Downtown Management District (HDMD); Linda Trevino of METRO Houston; Jennifer Curley of the City of Houston (COH); Eoles B. Whitaker of the Office of Garnet Coleman, Texas House of Representatives; Zakcq Lockrem, Director of Planning at Asakura Robinson Company and Karlos Allen of TKG & Associates LLC.

**DETERMINE QUORUM; CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Peña called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m. In light of the fact that a quorum was not present, Chair Peña explained to the Board all action items scheduled for the March, 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting must be postponed until the next meeting when a quorum is present to act. Chair Peña, with input from Mr. Leach (Authority), announced the convened regular session would continue with agenda items which require no Board action.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Project Status Report

Chair Peña called on Mr. Leach (Authority) to introduce the Project Status Report and accompanying quarterly photo update. Mr. Leach (Authority) presented the photo update of all active projects. Highlights included the progress of Library Plaza project, news of construction beginning at AC Hotel by Marriott (723 Main St.) project site and the nearing completion of The Star apartment building (1111 Rusk). Mr. Leach (Authority) answered questions from the Board on the Project Status Report. More information on these, and other projects, will be provided at the next Board meeting.

No action was required.

Quarterly Marketing Update

Chair Peña called on Ms. Bertinot (HDMD) to present the most recent marketing update. Ms. Bertinot provided the Board with an overview of all retail and restaurant openings and closings in the downtown Houston area between the months of November 2016 and March 2017. Ms. Bertinot noted with excitement that the restaurant openings were spread across the downtown area.

No action was required.

### **Plan Downtown Initiative**

Chair Peña called on Mr. Hoogeboom (HDMD) to introduce a discussion on the Plan Downtown Initiative. Mr. Hoogeboom (HDMD) first provided a brief presentation on the creation of the Plan Downtown Initiative and the consultant selection process, which ultimately led to the hiring of the Asakura Robinson Company. Mr. Hoogeboom (HDMD) then introduced Mr. Lockrem of Asakura Robinson. Mr. Lockrem made a presentation to the Board on phase one of the initiative. Mr. Lockrem and Mr. Hoogeboom (HDMD) then lead a brainstorming session on the guiding questions for the Plan Downtown Initiative. All present Board members and staff participated, offering advice and a variety of perspectives.

No action was required.

### **NEXT MEETING**

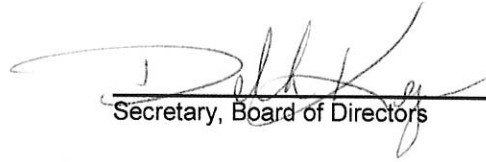
Chair Peña announced that the next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. at the regular location. The Economic Development Committee will meet Friday, March 24, 2017 and the Capital Project Committee will now meet Thursday, March 30, 2017, instead of the previously scheduled date.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

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Secretary, Board of Directors