



Staff Response to Downtown Commission Bylaws Amendment Recommendation

The Central City District Plan is still in development and has not yet been adopted by City Council. Amending the Downtown Commission's purview to steward a plan that has not yet been adopted could create ambiguity in the Commission's role.

Additionally, because the Central City District encompasses not only Downtown but also the South Central Waterfront and the University of Texas area, it will be important for staff to evaluate appropriate board and commission representation for all areas included in the Plan. As the Plan evolves, it will include recommendations regarding plan governance, and staff will continue to explore governance options through December 2026.

For these reasons, we recommend that the Downtown Commission bylaws remain unchanged until the Plan has been adopted and City leadership has addressed the need for inclusive representation.

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