



# NEWSNOTE

Austin Chapter, CSI

July 2017

The Construction Specifications Institute

## THE FUTURE OF DOWNTOWN AUSTIN

CSI Austin Chapter's July meeting will be dedicated to the Future of Downtown Austin. Dewitt M. Peart, President and CEO of the Downtown Austin Alliance, will introduce the Downtown Austin Plan and provide a sense of the plan's progress and relevance to the work of the Downtown Austin Alliance.

The pace of growth of downtown is rapid and there's significant construction underway today. Dewitt's talk will help frame your thinking about the opportunities for downtown. The presentation will be a preview into the potential for future downtown development, as it relates to people, congestion, parking and taxes.

What are the implications for downtown and Austin (and the region)? Join in the conversation with Dewitt. The presentation will leave you thinking about the great potential we have to shape our future.

(Speaker's bio on page two)

**Monday July 17, 2017**

**Networking 11:30 | Lunch and Program 11:45**

**Austin Center for Architecture, 801 W. 12th Street, Austin, TX. 78701**

Click below to preregister for this event:

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07eccc65uncb5f4aa7&oseq=&c=&ch=>

Attendance Fee: \$5.00 per person

Email comments and/or questions to: [csiaustin046@gmail.com](mailto:csiaustin046@gmail.com)

## Dewitt M. Peart's Bio



**Dewitt M. Peart** became the President and CEO of the Downtown Austin Alliance in February 2015. The Downtown Austin Alliance is engaged in dozens of projects and issues that contribute to the quality development, mobility, safety, cleanliness, and attractiveness of downtown Austin for investors, businesses, employees, residents and visitors. He guides the Downtown Austin Alliance's vision and strategy, ensures the organization's fiscal health and represents a board of directors consisting of 48 private and public sector leaders focused on the preserving and enhancing the value and vitality of downtown Austin.

Prior to taking the helm at the Downtown Austin Alliance, Peart served as executive vice president for economic development and public affairs at the Allegheny Conference on Community Development, president of the Pittsburgh Regional Alliance, and president of the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce.

In his economic development role, Peart led the efforts securing more than 250 economic development deals. His organization was named seven times as one of the U.S.'s top ten economic development organization by Site Selection magazine. Similarly, the organization was internationally recognized for having the best foreign direct investment strategy by a publication of the Financial Times.

Peart's decade of advocacy experience covers legislative and regulatory improvements at the local, state and federal levels. He achieved success in environmental, transportation, economic development financing and military base closure legislative action.

From 1988 to 2002, Peart worked at various real estate development companies where he provided oversight for phases of large-scale development projects including land-use planning, master planning, asset management, construction, property management, marketing and leasing.

His development of nearly seven million square feet of industrial buildings and expertise in brownfield and urban redevelopment distinguish Peart's career in real estate, which spans over two decades.

Peart was named to the NAIOP Pittsburgh Hall-of-Fame in 2011. He had held numerous leadership positions in non-profit organizations over his career in Pittsburgh including Junior Achievement, the Red Cross, the Workforce Investment Board and the Military Affairs Council.

Peart is currently an Executive Fellow at Large of the Center for Economic Development for the Heinz College at Carnegie Mellon University and a member of Robert Morris University's CEO Club. He serves on the Board of Preservation Austin and is also a member of the NAIOP Urban Redevelopment Forum, the International Downtown Association, the Urban Land Institute and Vistage Worldwide.

A native of Pittsburgh, Peart has a master's degree in public administration from Carnegie Mellon University and a bachelor's degree in business administration in accounting from Robert Morris University. He is married and has two adult sons.



**DOWN  
AUSTINTOWN  
ALLIANCE**

## President's Message



Dear Austin CSI Members,

I am so excited to be your new President for the CSI Austin Chapter! Robbin did an amazing job and I hope I can maintain and increase the momentum that she started. But its not all just me. I have an excellent Board who are all excited to serve you!

We have some very exciting events planned for this coming year. For starters, we have decided to make the **%Pass the Gavel Event+**and the **Holiday Party** annual events.

The first **%Pass the Gavel Event+**last week was so much fun (even without air conditioning) we just feel it should become a CSI Austin Chapter tradition.

This year, we will be participating more in Trade show events in order to promote CSI's membership benefits. So far we've secured booths at The Austin Build Show in January and the Austin Facades+ Conference coming up on July 18th.

Education is very important to us at CSI Austin. To support those planning to take the CDT exam this fall, we will be having a CDT Bootcamp. Date, location and cost of the program will be provided as soon as plans are finalized. Stay tuned!

CSI Austin Chapter will be expanding its advertising for Events and Monthly Chapter Meetings in the AIA weekly newsletter. Be sure to check **%a** the Community+Section for the latest CSI events and meeting topics.

CSI Austin Chapter meetings will continue to be held at the AIA Austin Offices on the third Monday of the month. Board meetings are held on the first Friday of the month.

So let us know what else we can do for you!

Best Regards,

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President, Austin CSI Chapter  
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# AUSTIN

July 18, 2017

UT Austin Commons Learning Center

THE PREMIER CONFERENCE ON HIGH-PERFORMANCE BUILDING ENCLOSURES

## THREE SESSIONS — TEN SPEAKERS

### Join Us in Austin.

The program includes three sessions covering issues unique to the region, including innovative building skins, high performance facades, and the future face of Austin. These well-rounded, expert dialogues will inform and inspire.

The Facades+ conference series is a robust dialogue encompassing all things building skin—bridging the profession, industry, academia, operations, and ownership. We've distilled the best of the Facades+ 2-day event into a quick-take morning forum with a strong local flair. Facades+AM is coming to Austin for the first time this July.

### Attendees Include:

- AIA Members
- Architects
- Architecture Students and Faculty
- Building Envelope Specialists
- Construction Professionals
- Developers
- Engineers
- Manufacturers
- Materials Specialists

### Program:

1. Digital Design and Fabrication Frontiers
2. Made in Texas: Collaboration between Architect and Engineer
3. Austin's Changing Skyline

Lunch will be served and CEU credits will be provided.  
Click link below for addition information and registration. See you there!

<http://am.facadesplus.com/>

## MAY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Robbin Kersey,  
Marina Reynaga (Phone),  
Anthony Garcia (Phone),  
Scott Mokry (Phone)  
America Alva (Phone),  
Larry Whitlock (Proxy),  
Brad Bennett (Phone)  
William Massingill,  
Becky Winovitch

Call to Order: Robbin Kersey called meeting to order at 12:05 pm

Meeting Minutes: Meeting Minutes for April & May were approved.

Agenda: Approved

### **Committee Reports:**

Membership (AG): Ongoing activities

Programs:

1. June 29: Board transition/ awards celebration happy hour at Hotel Ella
2. July 17: Downtown Austin Alliance parking/ mobility (tentative).
3. Aug 21: 2015 IECC presentation by TAMU professor or residential specifications by Joe Artesky.
4. Sept 18: access control by Hager rep
5. Oct 16: Residential specifications by Joe Artesky or 2015 IECC presentation by TAMU professor.
6. Nov: TBD
7. Dec: TBD
8. Suggestions:
  - a. Austin Container Bar owned by Bridgette Dunlap and featured on Texas Society of Architects website <https://texasarchitects.org/v/article-detail/A-Container-Bar/ji/> was designed by Francisco Arredondo of North Arrow Studio <http://www.northarrowstudio.com/>. (MR to investigate options for this as June mtg)
  - b. TAS seminar (BW is to reach out to James Rickard for availability)

House (WM): No Report

Publications (AA): No Report

Awards (AA):

1. CSI-Austin Volunteer of Year Award
  - a. 2016-2017 awardee: Devon Johnson
  - b. Prize: ramed certificate
  - c. Criteria for future awardees: to be developed

Electronic Communication (MR) (RK):

1. RK has re-created FaceBook page (can be linked to Twitter or vice versa)
2. LinkedIn page has been taken down and can now be re-created.
3. RK is looking into updates for CSI micro site.
4. Meeting minutes are to be uploaded to DropBox archives annually (assigned to WM).
5. CSI advertising in weekly AIA Austin e-publication: \$75-per-month cost was approved.

Finance (SM): \$40K +/- surplus

By-Laws (TA): No Report

### **Old Business:**

1. AIA Summer Conference (August 3-4, 2017 Norris Conference Center  
<https://www.aiaaustin.org/content/summer-conference>)
2. Austin Build show (CSI Austin is registered for 2018)
3. Brainstorming for getting UT Architecture & Engineering schools involved
4. CDT prep class for Fall: needs planning (date, venue, speaker [lodging / meals/ etc if speaker is not local] etc).
5. CSI allied membership: on hold until AIA Austin determines protocol.

### **New Business:**

1. Board certificates: RK presented certificates to all and will prepare one for Larry Whitlock (Past President)

Motion to adjourn was made and approved; meeting adjourned at approximately 12:54 pm.

Next Board Meeting scheduled to meet at the office of O'Connell Robertson between 12 and 1pm on Friday July 7, 2017.



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**



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**CSI NEWSNOTE Ad Policy**

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Construction Specification Institute  
**Construction Education Network**  
 (CSI CEN) has ceased operations.

In order to allow all users of the system to continue managing their credits, CSI offers the following options:

Option 1 (CSI Members Only): Login to the CSI website and view your CSU CEUs in the Electronic Transcription Service (ETS). Required CSI Member login.

Option 2 (CSI Members and & Non-Members): Click on the link below. Follow instructions to setup an AECDaily.com account.

<http://education.csinet.org/>

**July 2017**

- 7/4                      Independence Day!  
 Fourth of July Fireworks and Symphony  
 Lady Bird Lake
- 7/17                    CSI Chapter Meeting  
 AIA Offices  
 11:30-12:45 pm
- 7/18                    Facades+ AM  
 UT Austin Commons Learning Center  
<http://am.facadesplus.com/>
- 7/23                    Lady Bird Johnson Tribute Day  
 Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center  
 4801 La Crosse Ave, Austin TX 78739
- 7/29-7/30            Classic Game Fest  
 Palmer Event Center 900 Barton Springs Rd.  
 Www.classicgamefest.com

**August 2017**

- 8/3-8/4                AIA Austin Summer Conference  
 Norris Conference Center  
<https://www.aiaaustin.org/content/summer-conference>
- 8/12                    Austin Ice Cream Festival  
 Fiesta Gardens  
[www.icecreamfestival.com](http://www.icecreamfestival.com)
- 8/16                    CSI Austin Chapter Meeting  
 Accessibility  
 AIA Offices                                      11:30-12:45 pm
- 8/19                    Bat Fest  
 Congress Avenue Bridge  
<http://www.roadwayevents.com/event/bat-fest/>

**FISCAL YEAR 2018**
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