

DESIGN COMMISSION MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2010, 5:45PM AUSTIN CITY HALL, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ROOM 1101 301 W. SECOND STREET AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701

Current Commission Members

P____Bart Whatley (BW) – Chair A____Jeannie Wiginton (JW) – Vice Chair P____James Shieh (JS) – Secretary P____Richard Weiss (RW)

__P ___ Eleanor McKinney (EM)

__P ___ Juan E. Cotera (JC)

__P ___ David Knoll (DK)

P ____ Jorge Rousselin (COA - PDRD) Staff Liaison

Meeting Notes

CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR WHATLEY AT 5:54 PM [J. Wiginton and R. Weiss not present]

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: Mr. Albert Stowell spoke on proposed Bicycle Boulevard.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 22, 2010 Regular Meeting minutes

The motion to approve the minutes as corrected made by: E. McKinney, second by J. Cotera was approved on a vote of [5-0] [J. Wiginton; R. Weiss not present].

B. March 22, 2010 Regular Meeting minutes The motion to approve the minutes as corrected made by: E. McKinney, second by B. Whatley was approved on a vote of [5-0] [J. Wiginton; R. Weiss not present].

[R. Weiss joins meeting at 6:07 PM]

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Briefing on the Waller Creek Master Plan Project; (George Adams, Assistant Director, COA, PDRD)

Mr. George Adams, and Ms. Tonya Swartzendruber made a presentation on the Waller Creek Master Plan.

The motion to reactivate Waller Creek Project Review Committee and review project made by B. Whatley, second by J. Cotera was approved on a vote of [6-0] [J. Wiginton not present].

ADDENDUM

B. Discussion and action to appoint a Design Commission Member to the Airport Blvd. Advisory Board.

The motion to appoint Chair Whatley as member to Airport Blvd. Advisory Board representing the Design Commission made by R. Weiss, second J. Cotera was approved on a vote of [6-0] [J. Wiginton not present].

4. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Briefing on the Bicycle Boulevard Project. (Annick Beaudet, PW, COA)
 Ms. Annick Beaudet, PW, COA gave a presentation on the proposed Downtown Bike Blvd. and staff recommendation. Mr. Jeremy Zabrowski gave a presentation on the economic impact of the project. Public comment on the project was taken.
 The motion to support staff recommendation as presented and to include continuation of public comment made by R. Weiss and second by J. Cotera was approved on a vote of [5-0-1]; [B. Whatley abstain; J. Wiginton not present].
- B. Discussion and action on project review letter for the ZACH Scott Theater located at 1510 Toomey Road, seeking to construct new theater and support facilities.
 Draft project review letter read into record. The motion to approve letter as modified on the dias made by B. Whatley and second by J. Shieh was approved on a vote of [6-0] [J. Wiginton not present].
- C. Discussion and action on draft letter and recommendations for the Downtown Austin Plan Development Standards.
 No Action taken by Design Commission.

5. COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS

- a. Standing Committees None
- b. Special Committees None
- c. Outreach and Education Task Force Reports **None**
- d. Policy Task Force Reports:

E. McKinney gave an update on the Density Bonus working group: 3 more meetings to be scheduled in near future before executive committee recommendations are made.

- e. Project Task Force Reports: Density Bonus Taskforce Report -None
- f. Liaison Reports:

Downtown Commission was cancelled due to South by Southwest, did not meet.

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Project updates Update on the Downtown Austin Plan given by Staff Liaison Jorge E. Rousselin.
- b. Planned Unit Development discussion. **Discussion on PUD's led by Staff Liaison Jorge E. Rousselin.**

- c. Discussion on Open Meetings Act and conducting of Commission business outside a posted meeting. **Discussion on the Open meetings Act led by Staff Liaison Jorge E. Rousselin.**
- 7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

a. Whispering Valley PUD

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Chair Announcements None
- b. Items for Commission Members: ULI Breakfast at 7:30 am on 4/28/2010.
- c. Items from City Staff: None

ADJOURNMENT 9:01 PM by consensus