



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

**Current Commission Members**

<input type="checkbox"/> P___ Bart Whatley (BW) – Chair	<input type="checkbox"/> P___ Eleanor McKinney (EM)
<input type="checkbox"/> A___ Jeannie Wiginton (JW) – Vice Chair	<input type="checkbox"/> P___ Juan E. Cotera (JC)
<input type="checkbox"/> P___ James Shieh (JS) – Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/> P___ David Knoll (DK)
<input type="checkbox"/> P___ Richard Weiss (RW)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> P___ Jorge Rousselin (COA - PDRD) Staff Liaison

**Meeting Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR WHATLEY AT 5:58 PM**

**[J. Wiginton not present - excused absence]**

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:**

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. June 28, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes –**

The motion to approve as corrected on Dias made by: R. Weiss; Second J. Shieh was approved on a vote of [6-0] [J. Wiginton not present].

**B. July 16, 2010 Project Review Committee Meeting minutes –**

The motion to approve as corrected on Dias made by: R. Weiss; Second J. Shieh was approved on a vote of [6-0] [J. Wiginton not present].

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion and action on the African American Cultural and heritage Facility schematic seeking to do stabilization, partial demolition, removal of asbestos and lead paint and rehabilitation of the historic Dedrick Hamilton House, and construction of a new building on the site located at 908 E. 11th Street; (Alison Von Stein, PW/PM);**

**Mr. Al York gave a presentation on the schematic design submittal for the African American Cultural and Heritage Facility.**

**Motion to support project as presented and to support alternative equivalent compliance as requested and address sidewalk placement made by: R. Weiss; Second by E. McKinney was approved on a vote of [6-0] [J. Wiginton not present].**

- B. Discussion and action on the inclusion of an Urban Design plan element to the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan (Garner Stoll, Assistant Director, PDRD):  
**Mr. Garner Stoll made a presentation on the Comprehensive Plan vision statement and The motion to support the inclusion of Urban Design as an Element into the Comprehensive Plan made by R. Weiss; Second by J. Cotera was approved on a vote of [6-0] [J. Wiginton not present].**
- C. Discussion and action on drafting a Design Commission resolution regarding Downtown alleys and the possibility of making alley closures prohibited as part of the Downtown Austin Plan form-Based Design Criteria. (Chair Whatley and Commissioner Weiss);  
**Commissioner Weiss gave a report on the need to address alley closures downtown. The motion to support resolution to prohibit closure of alleys as part of the Downtown Austin Plan Form-based Design Criteria and draft letter to address accessible alleys making 18 ft. minimum height for alleys made by R. Weiss; Second by: B. Whatley was approved on a vote of [6-0] [J. Wiginton not present].**
- D. Discussion and action on the recommendations of the By-Laws/Policies & Procedures Committee regarding the termination of Design Commission Committees (Commissioner Wiginton);  
**The motion to approve as drafted and amended on the dias made by R. Weiss; Second: J. Shieh was approved on a vote of [6-0] [J. Wiginton not present].**
- E. Discussion and action on authorizing the By-Laws/Policies & Procedures Committee to initiate amendments to the Design commission Project Submittal Process and Project Consideration Sheet (Commissioner Wiginton)  
**The motion to postpone to the August 23, 2010 meeting and review charge of commission adding Chair Whatley's comments on the dias made by E. McKinney; Second by R. Weiss was approved on a vote of [6-0] [J. Wiginton not present].**

#### **4. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion and action on a draft letter and recommendations for the 909 Congress rezoning request under case No. C14-2010-0090 requesting to rezone the subject property from CBD-H to CBD-H-CURE and seeking to develop retail/offices: (Tucker Lynch, LBL Partners);  
**Discussion on CURE request by commission. Public comments taken. The motion to postpone to August 23rd meeting and send back to Project Review Taskforce for evaluation and recommendation made by R. Weiss, Second by D. Knoll; was approved on a vote of [6-0] [J. Wiginton not present].**
- B. Discussion and action on draft letter and recommendations for the Downtown Austin Plan Development Standards. (Commissioner Cotera).  
**The motion to postpone item to the August 23, 2010 meeting made by R. Weiss; Second by J. Cotera was approved on a vote of [6-0] [J. Wiginton not present].**

**5. COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS**

a. Standing Committees Reports

Report by R. Weiss on Nomination Committee report and proposed slate of officers.

Report by R. Weiss on Downtown Commission's review of Downtown parking and valets.

b. Special Committees Reports– **None**

c. Outreach and Education Task Force Reports – **None**

d. Policy Task Force Reports:

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

f. Liaison Reports:

**6. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

a. Project updates – Report on Downtown Austin Plan by Staff Liaison Jorge E. Rousselin.

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

a. Chair Announcements - Recognition of E. McKinney for her work on the Design Commission.

b. Items for Commission Members: Commissioner McKinney read resignation letter into record.

c. Items from City Staff: None

**ADJOURNMENT 8:29 PM by consensus**