



DESIGN COMMISSION
MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 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__ Juan E. Cotera (JC)
__P__ Jeannie Wiginton (JW) – Vice Chair	__P__ David Knoll (DK)
__P__ James Shieh (JS) – Secretary	
__P__ Richard Weiss (RW)	
	_ P _ Jorge Rousselin (COA - PDRD) Staff Liaison

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR WHATLEY AT 5:50 PM

[J. Cotera not present - excused absence]

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 26, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes –

The motion to approve the meeting minutes as drafted made by: J. Wiginton; Second D. Knoll was approved on a vote of [4-0] [R. Weiss not present yet].

B. August 18, 2010 Project Review Committee Meeting minutes –

The motion to approve the meeting minutes as drafted made by: J. Wiginton; Second by: J. Shieh was approved on a vote of [4-0] [R. Weiss not present yet].

[R. Weiss arrived at 6:08 pm]

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and action on authorizing the Bylaws/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 September meeting made by: J. Wiginton; Seconded by: B. Whatley was approved on a vote of [5-0] [J. Cotera not present].

- B. Approve revised bylaws as directed by City Council in action taken on July 29, 2010, concerning officer terms;
The motion to approve as presented made by: R. Weiss; Seconded by: J. Wiginton was approved on a vote of [5-0] [J. Cotera not present].
- C. Report on Design Commission slate of proposed Officers by the Nomination Committee and election of officers. Commissioner Weiss presented the slate of officers as recommended by the Nomination Committee: Chair: B. Whatley; Vice Chair: J. Shieh ; Secretary: D. Knoll;
The motion to approve the slate as presented made by: R. Whatley; Seconded by J. Shieh was approved on a vote of [5-0] [J. Cotera not present].
- D. Discussion and action on possible modifications/termination of Design Commission Liaisons.
The motion to terminate WFO Liaison and combine Downtown Commission and Downtown Austin Plan Liaison; Terminate Pflugerville Bridge Liaison and add E. Riverside Liaison (J. Shieh) made by R. Weiss; Seconded by: J. Shieh was approved on a vote of [5-0] [J. Cotera not present].
- Motion to reconsider made by D. Knoll; Seconded by: B. Whatley was approved on a vote of [5-0] [J. Cotera not present].**
- Motion to appoint to D. Knoll as S. Congress Ave. Liaison and keep list of previous modifications to Design Commission liaisons made by R. Weiss; Seconded by: B. Whatley was approved on a vote of [5-0] [J. Cotera 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);
Presentation of draft letter by David Knoll. Discussion on parking issues. Public comments were taken from individuals in opposition to request. (Jeff Howard and Steve Drenner).

The motion to approve draft letter with the following modifications made by R. Weiss and 2nd by J. Wiginton was approved on a vote of [4-1] [J. Cotera absent].

- **The Design Commission is in favor of and supports mid-block development in the Downtown Austin area;**
- **Design Commission is specifically in support of the following:**
 - **A 10-foot setback above the historical structures to a height of 90 feet;**
 - **A 34 feet total setback;**
 - **The project shall be in accordance with the Urban Design Guidelines for Austin, specifically Guideline B5- Control On-site Parking on Page 74 of these same guidelines;**
 - **We consider active uses in lieu of parking in the street façade from floors 2-6 (as specified in Guideline B5) to be a public benefit that**

would garner our support for relaxation of the Congress Avenue Overlay Setback. Without satisfaction of this guideline, the Design Commission is not willing to support a 34-foot setback; and

- The project shall, to the greatest extent possible, conform to the principles and guidelines of the Downtown Austin Plan at the time that site plan permitting and building permitting is sought by the applicant or future owner.

A substitute motion made by J. Shieh and 2nd by B. Whatley to modify the Congress Avenue Overlay setback to 40 feet failed and the original motion was approved.

- B.** Discussion and action on draft letter and recommendations for the Downtown Austin Plan Development Standards. (Commissioner Cotera).

The motion to postpone to September meeting made by: B. Whatley; Seconded by: J. Wiginton was approved on a vote of [5-0] [J. Cotera not present].

- C.** Briefing memo on the African American Cultural and Heritage Facility Design Development submittal 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 and 912 E. 11th Street; (Alison Von Stein, PW/PM);

Briefing memo presented to Commission. No action taken by commission.

5. COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS

- a. Standing Committees Reports - **None**
- b. Special Committees Reports– **Reported on Design Commission nominations.**
- c. Outreach and Education Task Force Reports – **None**
- d. Policy Task Force Reports: **Report by J. Wiginton on S. Congress Project re: parking survey. R. Weiss gave a report on Downtown Commission re: screening wall surrounding Seaholm Project. Report by: J. Shieh on E. Riverside Corridor Project.**
- e. Project Task Force Reports: **Chair appoints B. Whatley to By-laws Committee.**
- f. Liaison Reports: **None**

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS

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

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - None

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Chair Announcements - **None**
- b. Items for Commission Members: Commissioner Knoll announced ULI Breakfast on September 14, 2010 at Flemings.
- c. Items from City Staff: **None**

ADJOURNMENT AT 7:31 PM by consensus