



**DESIGN COMMISSION
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2009, 5:45PM
AUSTIN CITY HALL, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ROOM 1101
301 W. SECOND STREET
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701**

Current Commission Members

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

Meeting Notes

CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR WHATLEY AT 5:50PM

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:

None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. November 23, 2009 Regular Meeting

The motion to approve the minutes as drafted made by J. Wiginton; 2nd by: D. Knoll was approved on a vote of [5-0] [R. Weiss and J. Shieh not present].

3. NEW BUSINESS –

A. Review and recommendation of the Austin Energy System Control Center Phase I located at 2500 Montopolis Drive.

The motion to postpone to the January 25, 2010 meeting made by; B. Whatley; 2nd made by: E. McKinney was approved on a vote of [5-0] [R. Weiss; J. Shieh not present]

[J. Shieh joins meeting at 5:56 PM]

[R. Weiss joins meeting at 6:09 PM]

[Item 3B taken out of sequential order]

B. Review and recommendations of the Shoal Creek Walk Project located at 835 W. 6th Street seeking rezoning from Downtown Mixed Use (DMU) TO DMU-CURE.

Ms. Alice Glasco and Mr. Rick Dougan gave a presentation on Shoal Creek Walk Project.

The motion to send project to sub-committee for review and recommendation made by: R. Weiss; 2nd by: B. Whatley was approved on a vote of [7-0].

- C. Discussion of Austin Comprehensive Plan and involvement of Boards and Commissions in Comprehensive Plan Project. Mark Walters, of City of Austin PDR. **The motion to allow the Design Commission Comprehensive Plan Committee to come up with plan for participation in Comprehensive Plan made by B. Whatley and 2nd by: D. Knoll was approved on a vote of [7-0].**

[Item 3E taken out of sequential order]

- E. Mr. Mark Simmons gave presentation on functionality of green roofs and benefits of green roofs in urban areas. Discussion on Green Roofs Advisory Committee recommendations for density bonus. **The motion to support Green Roofs as a public benefit made by J. Wiginton; 2nd by: R. Weiss was approved on a vote of [7-0].**

[Item 3F taken out of sequential order]

- F. Discussion by Commissioner McKinney on Density Bonus Plan to support Density Bonus going to a stage of refinement. **Ms. Erica Leak gave update on Density Bonus schedule. The motion to allow Density Bonus Task Force to review refinements/recommendations, propose changes, and issue letter without full Design Commission review made by: R. Weiss; 2nd by: E. McKinney was approved on a vote of [7-0].**

[R. Weiss leaves meeting at 8:20 pm]

- D. Discussion and presentation on Downtown Valet Parking and Enterprise Fund. Mr. Jason Redfern, COA Transportation Dept. and Greg Pepper gave a presentation on Downtown Valet Parking and Enterprise Fund. **[No action taken by Commission]**

4. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Discussion on the 2009-2010 Annual Report and Work Plan
Bring ideas to Executive Committee.
[No action by commission]

5. COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS

Standing Committees – Update on Design Standards Committee by B. Whatley. Request a presentation by Staff on proposed amendment process.

- b. Special Committees
- c. Outreach and Education Task Force Reports

- d. Policy Task Force Reports - None
- e. Project Task Force Reports –
- f. Liaison Reports
- g. Parking Task Force – date certain for parking presentation

[8:45 pm J. Wiginton left meeting]

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Project updates – Downtown Plan Update given by Staff.
- b. Discussion on Planned Unit Developments (PUD's)
Staff liaison Jorge Rousselin gave a presentation on PUD's . Commission requested a copy of the latest PUD granted and requested that the various committees discuss what involvement the DC should have in PUD review.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Library Project
- b. Whispering Valley PUD
- c. Zach Scott Theater
- d. Design Standards presentation

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Chair Announcements – Continue to think about annual Work Plan; Reminder about meeting places.
- b. Items from Commission Members
- c. Items from City Staff

ADJOURNMENT 9:12 PM by consensus