



**DESIGN COMMISSION
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2011, 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
 P ___ Jeannie Wiginton (JW) – Vice Chair
 P ___ James Shieh (JS) – Secretary

P ___ Juan E. Cotera (JC)
 P ___ David Knoll (DK)
 P ___ Dean Almy (DA)

P ___ Jorge Rousselin (COA - PDRD)
Staff Liaison

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR WHATLEY AT 5:47 PM

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Discussion and action on the June 27, 2011 Design Commission regular meeting minutes.
The motion to approve the minutes as drafted made by: J. Cotera; Second by J. Wiginton was approved on a vote of [6-0]**

3. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and action on the African American Cultural & Heritage Off-site Accessory Parking Facility located at 913 Juniper Street seeking Alternative Equivalent Compliance from requirements to install street trees in sidewalk to planting bed fronting East 11th Street. (Sandra Harkins, COA-NHCD).**

Ms. Sandra Harkins and Richard Fager and Regina Copic gave a presentation on the AACHOAPF and the request for AEC.

Mr. Richard Standridge addressed the commission about concerns related to core transit corridor issues and redevelopment of the entire corridor.

The motion to: (1) Recommend the submittal of an alternative site plan to add parking at mid block; (2) Review relationship of planting plan with the and 11th St. corridor design (3) Denial of AEC as requested made by D. Almy; Second by J. Shieh was approved on a vote of [5-0-1] [J. Cotera abstained].

- B.** Discussion and possible action on the Block 11 convention Center Hotel project submittal located on Block 11, corner of Cesar Chavez St. and Red River St. (Doug Manchester);

Mr. Perry Lorenz introduced the Design Team - Doug Manchester and Todd Runkle presented the conceptual project to the commission. There were concerns with the hotel as a single use; concerns with Sky Bridge and location and impact on streetscape and pedestrian circulation; address Red River and Cesar Chavez corner.

The motion to support project as presented and to request a future presentation with schematics with comments as discussed on Dias and; support additional FAR as requested made by D. Knoll; Second by J. Cotera was approved on a vote of [6-0].

- C.** Discussion and possible action on Austin Energy's Mueller Substation located at 4307 Manor Road seeking Alternative Equivalent Compliance to change location of street trees along Manor Rd. (Dorothy Kester, Austin Energy).

Christine Potts and Ron Humphrey presented AE's Mueller Substation AEC request.

The motion to approve Alternative Equivalent Compliance as requested made by J. Cotera; Second by J. Shieh was approved on a vote of [6-0].

- D.** Discussion and possible action on the Schematic submittal of the New Central Library located at West Cesar Chavez Boulevard and future West Avenue. (Cynthia Jordan, COA-PW/PM);

Ms. Cynthia Jordan, Mr. David Lake, and Mr. Jonathan Smith of Lake Flato Architects gave a presentation on the Central Library and schematic design. There was discussion on the nature of 2nd St and the building; Discussion on bus access; and open space program.

The motion to approve schematic submittal as presented and to bring back at 2/3 of design development with comments given on Dias with Urban Design diagram on a district wide level made by J. Cotera; Second by J. Shieh was approved on a vote of [6-0].

- E.** Discussion and possible action on the Conceptual submittal of the Austin Hotel located at 800 and 804 Congress Ave. seeking additional entitlements on the property in reference to the floor-to-area ratio, off-site parking, modification of the setback requirements of the Congress Avenue Overlay, and maneuvering in the alley. (David Kahn, Colina West);

Ms. Michele Haussmann of Windsted Law Firm, Mr. David Lake, and Mr. Jonathan Smith of Lake Flato Architects presented the request for additional entitlements.

The motion to approve project as presented with requested entitlements made by Jeannie Wiginton and second by David Knoll was approved on a vote of [6-0].

- F. Discussion and possible action on the Morris Williams Pro Shop Cart Barn located at 4305 Manor Rd., seeking approval for a replacement building with 9,992 SF total and minimal site improvements including Alternative Equivalent Compliance (AEC) from Subchapter E, Section 2.2.3.D (Building Placement standards for Urban Roadways) and Section 2.2.2.B.1 (Sidewalks for Core Transit Corridors). (David Taylor, COA-PW/PM).

Mr. David Taylor presented the AEC request. Members of the public addressed the Commission including Mr. Denis Klin and Mr. Del Wolmack in support of the request for AEC. The Commission discussed the addition of trees along the street.

The motion to approved AEC request as present made by D. Knoll, second by J. Wiginton was approved on a vote of [5-0-1].

The Design Commission took a brief recess.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and action on the Non-Urban Project Review Working Group's recommendations addressing Council resolution No. 20100819-035 regarding the formulation of recommendations for design guidelines for infrastructure projects commissioned by the City of Austin, including Austin Energy, the Austin Water Utility, and other city-owned enterprises and departments, (Commissioner Shieh).

Commissioner Shieh presented read draft letter into the record.

The motion to accept letter as modified on Dias by J. Wiginton; Second by J. Cotera was approved on a vote of [6-0].

- B. Discussion and action on nominations for Downtown Commission Liaison;

Already sent to Nomination Working Group for recommendation. Motion to assign to Nomination Group made by J. Cotera; Second by J. Wiginton was approved on a vote of [6-0].

- C. Discussion and possible action on nominations for Design Commission representative to the Seaholm Substation Wall AIPP Project.

The motion to nominate Commissioner Shieh as the Design Commission representative made by J. Wiginton, second by D. Knoll was approved on a vote of [6-0].

5. COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS

- a. Standing Committees Reports– Commissioner Shieh gave a report on E. Riverside working group met to discuss transportation issues and stations. Modes of transportation addressed.
- b. Special Committees Reports– **None**
- c. Appointment of Committee/Working Group members by Chair- **None**

d. Liaison Reports

Commissioner Shieh gave an update on the East Riverside Working Group which met to discuss transportation issues and location of transit stations.

e. Appointment of Committee/Working Group members by Chair: - **None**

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS

a. Project updates – Staff Liaison Jorge Rousselin provided a briefing to the Commission on the Airport Boulevard Redevelopment Initiative

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. West Enfield AEC; and
- b. Subchapter E Update

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Chair Announcements – **Chair Whatley welcomed Dean Almy**
- b. Items for Commission Members- **J. Cotera invited to El Paso AIA key note speaker.**
- c. Items from City Staff- **None**

ADJOURNMENT 9:15 PM by consensus