



**DESIGN COMMISSION
MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 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)
 A ___ David Knoll (DK)
 P ___ Dean Almy (DA)

P ___ Jorge Rousselin (COA - PDRD)
Staff Liaison

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR B. WHATLEY AT 5:52 PM

D. Knoll; J. Cotera not present

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Discussion and action on the September 26, 2011 Design Commission regular meeting minutes.

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

B. Discussion and possible action on the October 13, 2011 Bylaws/Policies and Procedures Committee meeting minutes;

The motion to approve the minutes as drafted made by J. Cotera; Second by J. Wiginton was approved on a vote of [4-0-1] [D. Knoll not present] [D. Almy abstained].

[Commissioner J. Cotera arrived at 6:01 pm]

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Briefing and update regarding the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan (Paul DiGiuseppe, COA-PDRD).

Mr. Paul DiGiuseppe gave an update on the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan:

- Discussion on Design Commission involvement
- Look at existing FLUM's and issues with proposed mixed use corridors.
- How much does the plan guide the punishment of urban rail?
 - Only growth concepts along potential rail lines identified.

No action by commission.

- B.** Discussion and possible action on the Schematic Design package of the Seaholm Substation Art in Public Places Wall, located at future Second Street and future West Avenue, seeking input on the proposed design reinforcing pedestrian activity in the Seaholm district. (Susan Lambe, AIPP)

Ms. Susan Lambe gave a presentation on the Seaholm AIPP Wall. There was discussion on sidewalk conditions surrounding project.

The motion to approve schematic design as presented and considered north/northeast corner articulation design and scale of mesh selection.

- **Concerns with North portion of wall and scale of mesh chosen.**
- **On south side (plaza) – how it was developed and how many gates needed made by J. Cotera; Second by J. Shieh was approved on a vote of [5-0]. [D. Knoll not present].**

- C.** Discussion and possible action on nominations for Downtown Commission Liaison as recommended by the Nominations Working Group (Commissioner Cotera).

Presentation of Bart Whatley as representative to Downtown Commission for Council consideration as recommended by the nominations Working group.

The motion to recommend Bart Whatley as a Design Commission representative to the Downtown Commission made by J. Cotera; Second by J. Wiginton was approved on a vote of [5-0] [D. Knoll, not present].

- D.** Discussion and possible action on election of Design Commission Officers;

Presentation and discussion on Design Commission Officers as recommended by the Nominations Working Group:

- Chair – James Shieh
- Vice-Chair – David Knoll
- Secretary – Dean Almy

The motion to accept the Nominations Working group recommendations for Design Commission officers as presented made by D. Almay; Second by J. Cotera was approved on a vote of [5-0], [D. Knoll not present].

4. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and possible action on the Bylaws/Policies and Procedures Committee recommendations on draft project consideration flowchart and draft project review form letter to Mayor and Council. (Commissioner Wiginton).

Commissioner Wiginton presented draft flowchart as reviewed by the Bylaws/Policies/and Procedures Committee. Draft form letter was also reviewed.
The motion to approve form letter and flowchart items as drafted made by J. Wiginton; Second by J. Cotera was approved on a vote of [5-0] [D. Knoll not present].

5. COMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP REPORTS

- a. Standing Committees Reports– None
- b. Liaison Reports–
 - Commissioner Shieh gave an update on the East Riverside Working Group having a work session on transportation issues.
 - Commissioner Whatley gave an update on the Airport Blvd. Advisory Group
- c. Appointment of Committee/Working Group members by Chair-
 - **Appoint D. Almy to Comprehensive Plan and Urban Open Space working groups; Appoint D. Knoll to Urban Design Guidelines Working Group.**

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. Subchapter E Update
- b. Future plans for Seaholm/Cesar Chavez Redevelopment/Green
- c. Future plans for Downtown Plan Substation (AE)
- d. Future monographs (Executive Committee)

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Chair Announcements – **None**
- b. Items for Commission Members- **None**
- c. Items from City Staff- **None**

ADJOURNMENT 7:59 PM by consensus