



DESIGN COMMISSION
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19 2011, 5:45PM-10:00PM
AUSTIN CITY HALL, EXECUTIVE SESSION ROOM 1027
301 W. SECOND STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701

Current Commission Members

 P James Shieh (JS) – Chair
 P David Knoll (DK) – Vice Chair
 A Dean Almy (DA) – Secretary

 P Juan E. Cotera (JC)
 EA* Jeannie Wiginton (JW)
 P Bart Whatley (BW)
 P Evan Taniguchi (ET)

 P Jorge E. Rousselin (COA – PDRD)
Staff Liaison

*EA = Excused Absence

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR J. Shieh at 6:53 PM

[Dean Almay (DA); Jeannie Wiginton (JW) not present]

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Discussion and action on the October 24, 2011 Design Commission regular meeting minutes.

The motion to approve the minutes as drafted made by: D. Knoll [DK]; Second by J. Cotera [JC] was approved on a vote of [5-0] [D. Almay and J. Wiginton not present]

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and possible action on the schematic submittal package for the Boardwalk Trail at Lady Bird Lake, located at 700 1/2 E. Riverside Dr. seeking approval on the proposed development and seeking Alternative Equivalent Compliance (AEC) for Building Placement Standards and Building Design Standards of Subchapter E 9 Design Standards and Mixed Use). (David Kim Taylor, COA Public Works).

Mr. David Taylor of Public Works gave a presentation on the schematic submittal of the Boardwalk Trail giving specifics of design and materials. Ms. Susan Rankin spoke in favor of the project.

The motion to support project as presented including AEC as requested by J. Cotera; Second by B. Whatley was approved on a vote of [5-0]; [D. Almay and J. Wiginton not present].

B. Discussion and possible action on appointing a Design Commission Liaison to the Downtown Wayfinding Stakeholder meetings.

Mr. Jim Robertson, COA Urban Design Division provided a summary of the project scope explaining major deliverables to be accomplished.

The motion to nominate E. Taniguchi to be project liaison made by J. Cotera; Second by D. Knoll was approved on a vote of [5-0] [D. Almay and J. Wiginton not present].

4. OLD BUSINESS

A . Discussion and possible action on the schematic submittal package of the JW Marriott Convention Center Hotel located at 106 E. 2nd Street requesting Alternative Equivalent Compliance (AEC) to deviate from the 2nd street Great Streets Typology (Pedestrian Dominant Street) provisions and seeking approval of the Schematic Design (Austin 18 Hotel, LLC., Richard Suttle, Armbrust & Brown, PLLC).

Commissioner Whatley gave a report on the Project Review Working Group's recommendation.

Mr. Girard Kinney and Mr. Sinclair Black spoke in opposition to the request as submitted seeking to modify the Great Streets typology.

Ms. Katherine Gregor spoke on the need to have active spaces long Congress Ave.

Mr. Richard Suttle of Armbrust and brown and Mr. Eddie Abetya of HKS Inc. provided the Commission with a presentation of updates to the design based on input received at the Project review working group.

The Commission discussed recommendations form Urban Design Staff.

The motion to issue a project review letter with the points as outlined below and to provide a copy of the letter to City Staff reviewing the site plan:

- 1. Not recommend schematic design as submitted;**
- 2. Not recommend approval of the requested deviation of the 2nd Street great Street Typology;**
- 3. Not recommend approval of the request to cantilever building into right-of-way;**

4. Furthermore, the Commission supports the following issues addressed by the project:

- **Acknowledging Brazos St. as a two-way street;**
- **Articulated façade;**
- **Use and location of restaurants at corners of structure;**
- **Acknowledging Congress Ave. setback; and**
- **Acknowledging pedestrian entrance on 2nd Street.**

made by J. Cotera; Second by B. Whatley was approved on a vote of [4-1]; Commissioner Knoll voting in opposition to motion; [D. Almy, J. Wiginton not present].

B. Discussion and possible action on the Monograph ideas for the next year.
(Commissioner Cotera)

Motion to postpone to January 30th meeting made by D. Knoll; Second by J. Shieh was approved on a vote of [5-0], [D. Almy, J. Wiginton not present].

C. Discussion and possible action on urban issues to be reviewed by the Design Commission and the application of the Urban Design Guidelines for Austin. (Chair Shieh)

No action taken.

D. Discussion and possible action on modifications to the 2012 Design Commission Meeting Schedule.

The motion to approve changes to schedule as revised made by E. Taniguchi.; Second by B. Whatley was approved on a vote of [5-0], [D. Almy, J. Wiginton not present].

5. COMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP REPORTS

- a. Standing Committees Reports– None
- b. Liaison Reports–
 - Airport Blvd FBC update by B. Whatley
- c. Appointment of Committee/Working Group members by Chair- **None**

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. DAP – Staff Liaison Jorge Rousselin provided an update on the Downtown Austin Plan adoption and anticipated next steps.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Subchapter E Update
- b. Report from WA's/Seaholm/Green Water Treatment Plant
- c. Nominations for Vice Chair

d. Form Letter

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Chair Announcements – **Welcome Commissioner Taniguchi**

B. Items from Commission members: None

C. Items from City Staff - None

ADJOURNMENT 9:38 PM by consensus.