



**DESIGN COMMISSION
MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2012 5:45PM-10:00PM
AUSTIN CITY HALL, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ROOM 1101
301 W. SECOND STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701**

Current Commission Members

<input type="checkbox"/> P	James Shieh (JS) – Chair	<input type="checkbox"/> P	Jeannie Wiginton (JW)
<input type="checkbox"/> P	Juan E. Cotera (JC) – Vice Chair	<input type="checkbox"/> P	Bart Whatley (BW)
<input type="checkbox"/> NP	Dean Almy (DA) – Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/> P	Evan Taniguchi (ET)
		<input type="checkbox"/> P	Hope Hasbrouck (HH)
		<input type="checkbox"/> P	Jorge E. Rousselin (COA – PDRD) Staff Liaison

Meeting Minutes

Call to order by: Chair Shieh at 5:54 PM.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Discussion and Possible Action)

- a. Discussion and possible action on the March 26, 2012 Design Commission regular meeting minutes.

The motion to approve the minutes as drafted made by E. Taniguchi; Second by H. Hasbrouck was approved on a vote of [6-0]. [D. Almy not present]

3. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

- a. Courtesy briefing on the Downtown Wayfinding Project. (Christine Freundl, COA, Urban Design.

Ms. Christine Freundl gave a briefing on the Downtown Austin Wayfinding Project. Providing details on major milestones for the project including public meetings.

No action by commission.

- b. Discussion and possible action on the 3rd and Colorado Conceptual Project submission located at the northeast corner of 3rd & Colorado/301 & 311 Colorado Street & 114 w. 3rd Street seeking support for the project. (Steve Bell – Kendall/Heaton Associates, Inc.)

Mr. Steve Drenner gave a presentation on the project assisted by Mr. Tim Hendricks, Turan Didah and Jay Smith – providing details on the project.

The motion to support project with the following considerations:

1. **Maintain CBD zoning with underground parking;**
 2. **Consider first floor pedestrian area as plaza space and as depicted in the Urban Design Guidelines for Austin;**
 3. **Study the pedestrian/vehicular interaction at the garage entry and exit;**
 4. **Strongly consider the west exposure and how to treat that;**
 5. **And consider extending the retail toward the Colorado St. & 3rd Street corner;**
- made by J. Shieh; Second by J. Wiginton was approved on a vote of [6-0]. [D. Almy not present].**

- c. Discussion and possible action on The Gardens at Waller Creek Schematic Project submission located at Block 11, 608 E. Cesar Chavez Street seeking a review and support for the elevated pedestrian bridge/park that will connect the proposed hotel, with the Austin Convention Center. (Todd Runkle-Gensler).

Item pulled by applicant – No action taken

- d. Courtesy briefing on the Likona’s City Hall Schematic Submittal located at 301 W. 2nd Street Ste. 100 seeking support for the proposed restaurant improvements. (Mark Vornberg, Dick Clark Architecture).

Mr. Mark Vornberg and Mr. Dick Clark presented project and details to the commission.

No action taken by commission.

4. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

- a. **Discussion and possible action on a Monograph proposal for the next year. (Commissioner Cotera).**

Discussion on commissioner Whatley’s comments on Monograph. Commissioners encouraged to submit comments to staff liaison.

No action by the commission.

- b. **Discussion and possible action on outreach outline to involve Council members on education about the Design Commission.**

Discussion on potential outreach efforts to engage the council.

No action by commission.

c. Discussion and possible action on a future Design Commission Open House.

Discussion on potential open house for 2013 in the Fall with UT working group to meet and come up with initial recommendations to bring back.

No action by Commission.

5. COMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP REPORTS (Discussion and Possible Action)

- a. Standing Committees Reports: **None**
- b. Liaison Reports:
 - Seaholm Wall Project update by Commissioner Shieh
- c. Appointment of Committee/Working Group members by Chair: **None**

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS: Airport Blvd. Form-Based Code Initiative

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Subchapter E Update
- b. Seaholm Development Update –

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Chair Announcements; **None**
- b. Items from Commission Members: **None**
- c. Items from City Staff: **None**

ADJOURNMENT by consensus at: 8:35 PM.