



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

Current Commission Members

P James Shieh (JS) – Chair
 P Juan E. Cotera (JC) – Vice Chair
 A Dean Almy (DA) – Secretary

A Jeannie Wiginton (JW)
 P Bart Whatley (BW)
 P Evan Taniguchi (ET)
 P Hope Hasbrouck (HH)

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

Meeting Minutes

Call to order by: Chair Shieh at 5:55 PM.

Roll Call: [J. Cotera, D. Almay, and J. Wiginton] not present

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Discussion and Possible Action)

- a. Discussion and possible action on the May 29, 2012 Design Commission regular meeting minutes.

The motion to approve the minutes as drafted made by H. Hasbrouck; Second by E. Taniguchi was approved on a vote of [4-0]. [J. Cotera, D. Almay and J. Wiginton not present]

[J. Cotera arrived at 5:57 pm]

3. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

[Commissioner Whatley recused himself on this item and stepped-off the dias.]

- a. Briefing on the design, phasing, and schedule of the East 5th Street reconstruction project. (Clay Harris, COA-PW)

Mr. Clay Harris presented project highlighting project context, TOD implementation, community outreach, project phasing, proposed improvements and proposed street amenities.

- Discussion on outreach efforts and lighting poles
- Discussion on utility placement and conflicts with existing development
- Connectivity and pedestrian connections – lighting concerns related to safety
- Parallel parking concerns

Commission requested for follow-up briefing. No action by the commission.

[Commissioner Whatley back on dias after item 3A]

- b. Briefing on the Seaholm Power Development located at 800 West Caesar Chavez. (John Rosato and Jim Susman, STG Design).

Mr. John Rosato and Mr. Jim Susman gave a presentation on the Seaholm Project with specifics about the site design, materials and program.

An invitation was made to the presenters to return with a presentation on how the project addresses surrounding context and how it connects to the Urban Fabric.

No Action by Commission.

- c. Briefing on the JW Marriott convention Center Hotel located at 106 e. 2nd Street requesting input specifically on the loading dock doors along 3rd Street (Richard Suttle, Armbrust & Brown, PLLC);

Mr. Richard Suttle gave a briefing on the loading dock doors along 3rd Street.

- Questions from commissioners on wall articulation and streetscape design for 3rd St.

Commissioners reviewed the scaled model addressing the loading dock doors on 3rd street. No action by commission.

[Commissioner Taniguchi recused himself from item 3D and stepped-off dias]

- d. Discussion and possible action on the schematic project submittal for the Town Lake Park – Auditorium Shores Trailhead located at 900 W. Riverside Dr. seeking support for the project. (Justin Lindabury, TGB Partners).

Mr. Stump provided an intro to the project. Mr. Justin Lindanberry presented details of the project. The commission was engaged for comments on streetscape, street trees and food service for the public.

The motion to support project as it moves forward and request further consideration of Design Commission recommendations made by H. Hasbrouck; Second by J. Shieh was approved on a vote of [4-0]. [E. Taniguchi off dias; D. Almy and J. Wiginton not present].

4. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

- a. Discussion and possible action on a proposal to revisit the Open Space monograph, to assess, update, rewrite for the next year. (Commissioner Hasbrouck).

Brief discussion by Commissioner Hasbrouck on schedule to complete Open Space Monograph revisions. No action by the Commission.

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

Commissioner Cotera requested comments on the draft monograph from Commissions be sent to Staff liaison. No action by the Commission.

- c. Discussion and possible action on outreach outline to involve Council members on education about the Design Commission. (Chair Shieh)

Discussion on pillars of review relevant to Design Commission role and possible stations at open house: Open Space, parking, Pedestrian and driving experience, sustainability. At the direction of the Chair, the Design Commission's Urban Design Guidelines Working Group will meet to formulate recommendations and present to the Commission for consideration.

No action by commission.

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

Deferred discussion pending recommendations on Design Commission "Pillars". No action by the Commission.

- e. Discussion and possible action on project review letter format and Design Commission recommendations.

Discussion on Design Commission Project review letter and crafting of recommendations.

No action by the commission

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

- a. Standing Committees Reports: **None**

- b. Working Group Reports: Commissioner Hasbrouck provided a detailed report on the: Educational and Urban Open Space Working Groups.
- c. Liaison Reports: Commissioner Whatley gave a report on projects reviewed at DT Commission
- d. Appointment of Committee/Working Group members by Chair: **None**

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS:

- a. Airport Blvd. Form-Based Code Initiative – Staff Liaison Jorge Rousselin provided an update on the Code Development Phase.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Subchapter E Update

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Chair Announcements; Chair Shieh: Comments on pillars for Executive Committee
- b. Items from Commission members - None
- c. Items from City Staff: None

ADJOURNMENT by consensus at: 9:45 PM.