



**DESIGN COMMISSION  
MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2012 5:45PM-10:00PM  
AUSTIN CITY HALL, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ROOM 1101  
301 W. SECOND STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701**

**Current Commission Members**

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

P 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: Vice Chair Cotera at 5:58 PM.**

**Roll Call: [J. Shieh] not present; No quorum of Downtown Commission**

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: None**

**2. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)**

- a. Briefing on Seaholm Development District Public Realm Design Development submittal (Fred Evins, COA-EGRSO and Cynthia Jordan, COA-PW)

Mr. Fred Evins and Ms. Cynthia Jordan gave a presentation on the Seaholm Development District providing details about the public realm amenities as depicted from various design teams.

**No action by the Design Commission. The Downtown Commission did not have a quorum and thus no action was taken.**

- b. Briefing and discussion and possible action on the Design Development Phase submittal for the New Central Library project located at West Cesar Chavez Blvd. and future West Ave. seeking approval and support for the project. (Cynthia Jordan, COA-PW)

Ms. Cynthia Jordan along with Steve Reich of Lake Flato Architects gave a presentation on the library project. Questions were taken from the commissions.

**The motion to accept to accept the design as presented with the following items to be addressed:**

- 1. Simplification and clarification of the Plaza in the Seaholm Design;**
- 2. Continue to press for a lively and lit pedestrian environment along West Avenue; and**
- 3. Continue to investigate and demonstrate the degree to which the sectional change from Cesar Chavez to the retaining wall up to the lawn of the library is conducive to public activity.**

**made by E. Taniguchi; Second by B. Whatley as amended by H. Hasbrouck and D. Almy was approved on a vote of [6-0] [J. Shieh not present]. The Downtown Commission did not have a quorum and thus no action was taken.**

- c. Briefing on final draft of the Downtown Wayfinding Master Plan including 4<sup>th</sup> design option reflecting feedback on the previous designs. (Christine Freundl, COA-PDRD).

Ms. Christine Freundl gave an update on the Downtown Wayfinding Master Plan including details of the 4<sup>th</sup> design option.

**No action by the Design Commission. The Downtown Commission did not have a quorum and thus no action was taken.**

- d. Adjournment of the special called combined meeting on the Design and Downtown Commissions.

**Adjournment by consensus at 7:45 PM.**

## **DESIGN COMMISSION CALL TO ORDER**

**Called to Order at 7:47 PM**

### **3. APPROVAL AND CALL TO ORDER**

- a. Discussion and possible action on the July 23, 2012 Design Commission meeting minutes.  
**The motion to approve minutes as drafted made by J. Wiginton; Second by H. Hasbrouck was approved on a vote of [6-0] [J. Shieh not present].**

### **4. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)**

- a. Briefing on design, phasing, and schedule of the East 5<sup>th</sup> Street reconstruction project. (Christine Freundl, COA-PDRD);

**[B. Whatley recused himself from this item and left DIAS]**

Ms. Christine Freundl and Mr. Clay Harris gave an update on questions from last design commission meeting addressing questions raised at the last meeting.

**No action by commission.**

- a. Briefing on the Castleman Bull House renovations located at 201 Red River St. presented to the Historic Landmark Commission. (Hanney Dao, Escobedo Construction, LP).

Will Meredith gave a presentation on the work of his Real Estate Firm and reasons for presenting to the Design Commission. Ms. Hanney Dao gave a summary of the project.

**No action by Design Commission.**

- b. Briefing on recommendations on improvements to the LDC and Technical codes to address sound mitigation for construction of new residential dwelling units and other uses with overnight guests, such as hotels, in the Downtown Austin area. (Julie Kirby, COA-PDRD).

Mr. Leon Barba and Mr. Dan McNabb gave a presentation on the sound mitigation for new residential dwelling units.

Mr. Charlie Betts addressed the commission in opposition to the recommendations due to cost, solution to address low frequencies, existing residents and visitors to downtown.

**The motion to look at work done near airport where soundproofing took place and direct the Urban Design Guidelines Working Group to document Design Commission concerns to staff made by D. Almay; Second by J. Wiginton was approved on a vote of [6-0] [J. Shieh not present].**

- c. Discussion and possible action on crafting Design Guidelines for infrastructure projects as directed by City Council Resolution No: 20120816-060.

**The motion directing the Non-urban Project Review Working Group to craft a draft work plan and develop a definition for infrastructure and to bring back to the Design Commission for consideration made by D. Almay; Second by J. Wiginton was approved on a vote of [6-0] [J. Shieh not present].**

**5. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)**

- a. Discussion and possible action on Design Commission "Pillars." (Chair Shieh)  
**The motion to postpone to next meeting made by H. Hasbrouck; Second by B. Whatley was approved on a vote of [6-0] [J. Sheih not present].**
- b. Update on the Open Space and monograph draft. (Commissioner Hasbrouck.)  
**No action by commission. Request to remove this item from the agenda until an update is ready for discussion.**

- c. Discussion and possible action on a Vision Monograph proposal for the next year. (Commissioner Cotera);  
**Motion to postpone to next meeting made by J. Cotera; Second by B. Whatley was approve on a vote of [6-0] [J. Shieh not present].**

**6. COMMITTEE AND LAISION REPORTS (Discussion and Possible Action:**

- a. Standing Committees Reports;
- b. Working Group Reports; **None**
- c. Liaison Reports: Report by Commissioner Almy on the **SDAT: Charrette is over and waiting report**
- d. Appointment of Committee/Working Group members by Chair- **E. Taniguchi appointed to the Non-urban Project Review Working Group replacing Vice Cahir Cotera.**

**7. STAFF BRIEFINGS – None**

**8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Subchapter E Update

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**The motion to adjourn at 9:38 PM made by E. Taniguchi; Second by H. Hasbrouck was approved on a vote of [6-0] [J. Shieh absent].**