



**DESIGN COMMISSION**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2012 5:45 PM**  
**AUSTIN CITY HALL, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ROOM 1101**  
**301 W. SECOND STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701**

**~~DESIGN COMMISSION~~**  
**~~SPECIAL CALLED MEETING~~**  
**~~THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2012 5:00 PM~~**  
**~~ONE TEXAS CENTER, 5<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, ROOM 500~~**  
**~~505 BARTON SPRINGS RD., AUSTIN, TEXAS 78704~~**

### Current Commission Members

P \_\_\_ James Shieh (JS) – Chair  
 P \_\_\_ Dean Almy (DA) – Vice Chair  
 P \_\_\_ Evan Taniguchi (ET) – Secretary

P \_\_\_ Juan E. Cotera (JC)  
 P \_\_\_ Jeannie Wiginton (JW)  
 P \_\_\_ Bart Whatley (BW)  
 P \_\_\_ Hope Hasbrouck (HH)

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

### Meeting Minutes

**Call to order by: Chair Shieh at 5:52 PM.**

**Roll Call: J Cotera, B. Whatley not arrived yet.**

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: None**

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Discussion and Possible Action)**

a. Discussion and possible action on the October 22, 2012 Design Commission meeting minutes.

**The motion to approve the minutes as drafted made by J. Wiginton; Second by D. Almay was approved on a vote of [5-0]. [J. Cotera; B. Whatley not present]**

b. Discussion and possible action on the November 8, 2012 Design Commission Special-called meeting minutes.

**The motion to approve the minutes as drafted made by H. Hasbrouck; Second by E. Taniguchi was approved on a vote of [5-0]. [J. Cotera; B. Whatley not present].**

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

- a. Discussion and possible action on the Republic Square Mixed-use Rezoning schematic submittal location at 401 Guadalupe St., 304 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St., and 400 Lavaca St., seeking project support for rezoning the subject property from CCBD to CBD-CURE. (Richard Suttle, Armburst & Brown, PLLC.)

Mr. Daniel Woodroffe along with Sylvan Schurwanz, Benji Homsey, Charlie Givens, and Jennifer J. Wiebrand made a presentation on the proposed project at 4<sup>th</sup> and Lavaca and answered questions from commissioners regarding the Downtown overlay setback and hotel entrance.

**[J. Cotera arrived at 5:59 pm] [B. Whatley arrived at 6:01 pm]**

**The motion to support project seeking rezoning from CBD to CBD-CURE as presented and requested with the following considerations:**

- 1. Strongly consider pedestrian experience as it crosses-over vehicular driveways;**
  - 2. Strongly consider scale and façade relationships to the Warehouse District; and**
  - 3. Consider floor-to-floor heights of parking garage for future non-parking uses.**
- made by J. Shieh; Second by J. Cotera was approved on a vote of [7-0].**

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

- a. Discussion and possible action on recommendations for 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 as recommended by the Urban Design Guidelines Working Group.

Chair Shieh presented draft letter.

**The motion to approve letter as amended on the Dias made by J. Wiginton; Second by J. Shieh was approved on a vote of [7-0].**

- b. Discussion and possible action on the 2013 Design Commission meeting schedule.

**The motion to accept calendar as amended on Dias made by J. Cotera; Second by E. Taniguchi was approved on a vote of [7-0].**

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

Work plan discussed.

**No action by Commission.**

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

a. Standing Committees Reports: **None**

b. Working Group Reports: **None**

c. Liaison Reports:

**Commissioner Whatley reported on Downtown Commission Work Group discussion on Downtown alleys.**

d. Appointment of Committee/Working Group members by Chair: **None**

**6. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

**None**

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**None**

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

a. Chair Announcements: **None**

b. Items from Commission Members: **None**

c. Items from City Staff: Reference to the Imagine Austin flier.

**ADJOURNMENT by consensus at: 7:12 PM**