



**DESIGN COMMISSION**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2013 6:00 PM**  
**AUSTIN CITY HALL, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ROOM 1101**  
**301 W. SECOND STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701**

**Current Commission Members**

☐ P\_\_\_ Dean Almy (DA) – Chair  
☐ P\_\_\_ James Shieh (JS) – 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

\*Excused Absence

**Meeting Minutes**

**Call to order by: Chair D. Almy @ 6:04 pm**  
**Roll Call: All present**

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: None**

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

- a. Discussion and possible action on the October 28, 2013 Design Commission meeting minutes.

**The motion to approve minutes as drafted made by E. Taniguchi; second by H. Hasbrouck was approved on a vote of [7-0]**

- b. Discussion and possible action on the November 14, 2013 Executive Committee meeting minutes.

**The motion to approve minutes as drafted made by E. Taniguchi; second by H. Hasbrouck was approved on a vote of [7-0]**

- c. Discussion and possible action on the September 6, 2013 Design Commission special-called meeting minutes;

**The motion to approve minutes as drafted made by E. Taniguchi; second by H. Hasbrouck was approved on a vote of [7-0]**

- d. Discussion and possible action the September 20, 2013 Design Commission special-called meeting minutes;

**The motion to approve minutes as drafted made by E. Taniguchi; second by H. Hasbrouck was approved on a vote of [7-0]**

- e. Discussion and possible action on the July 15, 2013 Design Commission special-called meeting minutes;

**The motion to approve minutes as drafted made by E. Taniguchi; second by H. Hasbrouck was approved on a vote of [7-0]**

- f. Discussion and possible action on the January 25, 2013 Executive Committee meeting minutes.

**The motion to approve minutes as drafted made by E. Taniguchi; second by H. Hasbrouck was approved on a vote of [7-0]**

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

- a. Discussion and possible action on the Aspen Heights Apartments schematic submittal located at 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Nueces St. seeking support for the project and review for substantial compliance with the Urban Design Guidelines for Austin. (Brett Rhode, Rhode Partners).

- **Mr. Brett Rhode gave a presentation on the Aspen Heights Apartments schematic submittal demonstrating substantial compliance with the Urban Design Guidelines for Austin.**
- **Concerns with lack of retail on first floor and activation of ground level by Commissioner Cotera.**

**The motion to accept project as presented and declaring it is substantially compliant with Urban Design Guidelines with the following recommendations:**

- 1. Assure adaptability of ground floor spaces along San Antonio St. and Nueces to 8<sup>th</sup> in order to activate public realm.**
- 2. Demonstrate strategies for visual compatibility or programmatic uses of the garage roof;**

**made by D. Almy; Second by J. Wiginton was approved on a vote of [6-1]. [J. Cotera voting against]**

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

- a. Discussion and possible action on reorganizing all Design Commission working groups and liaisons to streamline process for efficiency.

**Discussion on current structure of work groups and recommendations on how to reorganize as drafted.**

**The motion to reorganize the work group structure with the following as crafted:**

- 1. Planning and Urban Design: Chair – B. Whatley; J. Cotera; J. Shieh**
- 2. Architectural & Development: Chair - D. Almy; E. Taniguchi; J. Cotera**
- 3. Landscape & Infrastructure: Chair – H. Hasbrouck; J. Wiginton; D. Almy**
- 4. Public Engagement: Chair – J. Wiginton; E. Taniguchi; H. Hasbrouck**

**Next Density Bonus Project Review to Planning and Urban Design Working Group**

**Made by D. Almy; Second by H. Hasbrouck was approved on a vote of [7-0].**

- b. Discussion and possible action on timeline and related documents for accomplishing Design Guidelines for infrastructure projects as directed by City Council Resolution No: 20120816-060.

**Discussion by chair on draft timeline for completing infrastructure Design Guidelines.**

**The motion to accept document as drafted and have a special-called meeting with departments made by D. Almy; Second by J. Cotera was approved on a vote of [7-0].**

- c. Discussion and possible action on process for evaluating projects seeking review for substantial compliance of the Urban Design Guidelines for Austin under the Density Bonus Program for Downtown.

**Discussion on predictable process for review under Density Bonus Program as drafted.**

**The motion to adopt as corrected on Dias made by J. Shieh; Second by E. Taniguchi was approved on a vote of [7-0].**

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

- a. Standing Committees Reports: **None**
- b. Working Group Reports: **None**
- c. Liaison Reports: **None**
- d. Appointment of Committee/Working Group members by Chair: Per Item #4A

## **6. STAFF BRIEFINGS: None**

## **7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Transportation Criteria Manual Revisions**

## **8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Chair Announcements: **None**

- b. Items from Commission Members: Report from Commissioner Almy on meeting with Google Fiber.
- c. Items from City Staff: Next Design Commission Meeting on December 16<sup>th</sup>.
- d. **ADJOURNMENT by consensus at: 8:26 PM**