



**DESIGN COMMISSION
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2014 6:00 PM
AUSTIN CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROOM 1001
301 W. SECOND STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701**

Current Commission Members

<input type="checkbox"/> P___ Dean Almy (DA) – Chair	<input type="checkbox"/> P___ Juan E. Cotera (JC)
<input type="checkbox"/> P___ James Shieh (JS) – Vice Chair	<input type="checkbox"/> P___ Jeannie Wiginton (JW)
<input type="checkbox"/> P___ Evan Taniguchi (ET) – Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/> P___ Bart Whatley (BW)
	<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 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 December 16, 2013 Design Commission meeting minutes.

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

3. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

- a. Discussion and possible action on the Reconnect Austin Project seeking support from the Design Commission to consider this as an additional alternative and request that it receive further study. (Sinclair Black, Black+Vernooy Architecture and Urban Design).

Mr. Sinclair Black presented the Reconnect Austin project and showed a video.

Motion to:

- 1. The Design Commission will endeavor to write a letter of support for considering Reconnect Austin as a fourth alternative in studies prepared by TxDOT and considered by NEPA. Have landscape and infrastructure work group to craft a letter in support for Reconnect Austin as a 4th alternative as presented and**

2. The Design Commission will support Reconnect Austin as a 4th alternative to the NEPA process made by H. Hasbrouck; second by B. Whatley approved on a vote of [7-0].

- b. Discussion and possible action on the Design Development submittal of the Fiskville Substation Enclosure Project located at 9821 ½ Middle Fiskville Road, seeking support for the replacement of the chain link fence. (Ron Humphrey, COA-Austin Energy).

Mr. Ron Humphrey and Ms. Stritmatter presented the Fiskville Fence Project.

The motion to provide support for approach as recommended in the presentation addressing masonry and landscape buffer agents made by J. Wiginton; Second by H. Hasbrouck was approved on a vote of [7-0].

- c. Briefing on the City of Austin Bike Share Program (Nadia Barrera, COA-Public Works Department).

Ms. Nadia Barrera and Mr. Eliot McFaden presented the Austin Bike Program.

No Action by commission.

4. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

- a. Discussion and possible action on Design Guidelines for infrastructure projects as directed by City Council Resolution No: 20120816-060 including discussion on Design Commission's areas of critical concern and engagement with City staff.

Discussion on draft list of staff and craft cover letter on invitation to Planning and Urban Design work group.

•Add Lorriane Riser from Real Estate

Motion to send to Planning and Urban Design work group.

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

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

- b. Liaison Reports: **Commissioner Whatley gave a report on Downtown presentations:**

- DAP updates
- Code amendments
- Density Bonus recommendations
- Rainey St. plan

Almy: SSW moving forward

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

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS: None

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Transportation Criteria Manual Revisions

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Chair Announcements: **None**

b. Items from Commission Members: **TX Architect article from Dean**

c. Items from City Staff: **None**

ADJOURNMENT by consensus at: 8:05 PM