



DESIGN COMMISSION
TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2014 6:00 PM
AUSTIN CITY HALL, STAFF BULLPEN ROOM 1029
301 W. SECOND STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701

Current Commission Members

_____ Dean Almy (DA) – Chair	_____ Juan E. Cotera (JC)
_____ Evan Taniguchi (ET) – Vice Chair	_____ James Shieh (JS)
_____ Hope Hasbrouck (HH) – Secretary	_____ Jeannie Wiginton (JW)
	_____ Bart Whatley (BW)
	_____ Jorge E. Rousselin (COA – PDRD) Staff Liaison

AGENDA

Please note: Posted times are for time-keeping purposes only. The Commission may take any item(s) out of order and no express guarantee is given that any item(s) will be taken in order or at the time posted.

	Approx. time
CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL	6:00 PM
1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL The first five speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.	6:00 PM
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Discussion and Possible Action) a. Discussion and possible action on the April 28, 2014 Design Commission meeting minutes.	6:15 PM
3. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action): a. Discussion and possible action on the 7th & Congress Hotel design development submittal located at 619 & 621 Congress Ave. seeking support for the project and review for substantial compliance with the Urban Design Guidelines for Austin in accordance with the Gatekeeper requirements of the Downtown Density Bonus Ordinance. (Richard T. Suttle Jr., Armbrust & Brown, PLLC.); b. Briefing on the Great Streets Master Plan (Humberto Rey, PDRD-Urban Design); and c. Discussion/possible action to appoint a work group to consider design guidelines applicable to alleys, in light of the 20' Wide Alley Project on alley activation. (Commissioner Whatley).	6:20 PM
4. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action) a. Discussion and possible action on reorganizing Design Commission Liaisons (Chair Almy); b. Discussion and possible action on recommendations to the City Council on Design Commission's role in the Boards and Commissions transition to the 10-1 form of	7:45 PM

<p>government (Commissioner Whatley).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Discussion and possible action on recommendations on bicycle connectivity at the east end of Lady Bird Lake (Chair Almy). d. Discussion and possible action on recommendations to Staff on an Administrative Rule for Publicly Accessible Plazas as a public benefit under the Downtown Density Bonus Program (Commissioner Taniguchi). 	
<p>5. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS (Discussion and Possible Action)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Standing Committees Reports; b. Working Group Reports; c. Liaison Reports; d. Appointment of Committee/Working Group members by Chair. 	9:00 PM
<p>6. STAFF BRIEFINGS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. None 	9:10 PM
<p>7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Urban Rail Update; and b. TCM Updates. 	9:10 PM
<p>8. ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Chair Announcements; d. Items from Commission Members; and e. Items from City Staff. 	9:15 PM
ADJOURNMENT	9:20 PM

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Design Commission Committees, Working Groups, and Liaisons

Committees

1. Bylaws/Policies & Procedures Committee: Wiginton (Chair), Cotera, Whatley
2. Executive Committee: Almy (Chair), Taniguchi, Hasbrouck

Working Groups

1. Planning and Urban Design Working Group: Whatley (Chair), Cotera, Shieh
2. Architecture and Development Working Group: Almy (Chair), Taniguchi, Cotera
3. Landscape and Infrastructure Working Group: Hasbrouck (Chair), Wiginton, Almy
4. Public Engagement Working Group: Wiginton (Chair), Taniguchi, Hasbrouck

Design Commission Liaisons

1. Affordable Housing Liaison: Wiginton
2. Downtown Comm. Liaison / Downtown Austin Plan: Whatley
3. TOD Liaison: Shieh
4. East Riverside Master Plan: Shieh
5. Airport Boulevard Redevelopment Initiative: Whatley
6. South Shore Waterfront SDAT: Almy
7. Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan: Taniguchi
8. Downtown Wayfinding: Taniguchi

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Resources:

1. The Urban Design Guidelines for Austin can be accessed here:
[Urban Design Guidelines for Austin.](#)
2. Design Commission backup may be accessed here: [Design Commission Backup.](#)