

DESIGN COMMISSION MONDAY, MARCH 24 2014 6:00 PM AUSTIN CITY HALL, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ROOM 1101 301 W. SECOND STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701

Current Commission Members

____ Dean Almy (DA) – Chair _ Evan Taniguchi (ET) – Vice Chair Hope Hasbrouck (HH) – Secretary _____ Juan E. Cotera (JC) _____ James Shieh (JS) _____ 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

CA	LL 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 February 24, 2014 Design Commission meeting minutes. b. Discussion and possible action on the November 21, 2013 Executive Committee meeting minutes. 	6:15 PM
3.	 NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action): a. Discussion and possible action on the Design Development submittal of the Town Lake Metropolitan Park - Auditorium Shores Improvements - Off-Leash Area located at 1100 West Riverside Drive seeking support for the project. (Marty Stump, COA-PARD). 	6:20 PM
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. b. Discussion and possible action on Design Commission's Annual Report. 	6:45 PM
5.	COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS (Discussion and Possible Action) a. Standing Committees Reports; b. Working Group Reports;	7:15 PM

c. Liaison Reports;	
d. Appointment of Committee/Working Group members by Chair.	
6. STAFF BRIEFINGS: None	7:20 PM
7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS	7:20 PM
a. Great Streets Presentation;	
b. Urban Rail Update; and	
c. TCM Updates.	
8. ANNOUNCEMENTS	7:25 PM
d. Chair Announcements;	
e. Items from Commission Members; and	
f. Items from City Staff.	
ADJOURNMENT	7:30 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

Design Commission Staff Liaison:

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Resources:

- 1. The Urban Design Guidelines for Austin can be accessed here: <u>Urban Design Guidelines for Austin</u>.
- 2. Design Commission backup may be accessed here: Design Commission Backup.



DESIGN COMMISSION MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2014 6:00 PM AUSTIN CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROOM 1001 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

Meeting Minutes

Call to order by: Chair D. Almy @ 6:01 pm Roll Call: [B. Whatley] not present.

- 1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: None
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Discussion and Possible Action)
 - a. Discussion and possible action on the January 27, 2014 Design Commission meeting minutes.

The motion to approve minutes as drafted made by J. Cotera; second by E. Taniguchi was approved on a vote of [6-0]. [B. Whatley not present]

[B. Whatley joins meeting at 6:07 pm]

- 3. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)
 - a. Discussion and possible action on the Fifth and West Residences schematic submittal located at 501 West Ave seeking support for the project and review for substantial compliance with the Urban Design Guidelines for Austin. (Nikelle Meade, Husch Blackwell, LLP)

Ms. Nickelle Meade of Husch Blackwell gave a presentation on the project, highlighting how the project substantially meets the Urban Design Guidelines. Project presentation highlighted how project addresses Shoal Creek improvements.

•Architect presented details of the building design

•Mr. Ted Siff representing OANA spoke in support of the project.

•B. Whatley discussed work group letter of recommendations.

Motion to modify the Planning and Urban Design Working Group's draft letter by inserting a paragraph into letter as discussed on Dias requesting Riverside Resources provide infrastructure that would support public uses in the spirit of the Great Streets program in order to activate the pedestrian realm. The uses should include:

- 1.Programmatic animation (not kinetic) and pedestrian-scaled lighting to the areas in front of the proposed development;
- 2.Seating; and
- 3.Kiosks.

made by D. Almy; Second by J. Wiginton on a vote of [7-0].

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.

Commissioner Hasbrouck spoke about assigning staff work groups to begin interviews. By consensus it was agreed to allow Commissioner Hasbrouck to assign meetings.

b. Discussion and possible action on Design Commission's Annual Report.

Executive Commission to meet and craft report and questionnaire. No action by the Commission.

- 5. COMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP REPORTS (Discussion and Possible Action)
 - a. Standing Committees Reports: None
 - b. Working Group Reports: None
 - c. Liaison Reports:
 - •B. Whatley reported on Downtown Commission: Busking and regulations on Panhandling and how the sit/lie Ordinance works. Busking is not different from panhandling clarify.
 - •Update on Great Streets
 - d. Liaison Reports: None
- 6. STAFF BRIEFINGS: None

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Great Streets Presentation •Urban Rail Briefing

•TCM Updates

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Chair Announcements: None
- b. Items from Commission Members: None
- c. Items from City Staff: None

ADJOURNMENT by consensus at: 7:47 PM



DESIGN COMMISSION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2013 2:30 PM ONE TEXAS CENTER ROOM 500 – 5TH FLOOR 505 BARTON SPRINGS RD., AUSTIN, TEXAS 78704

Executive Committee Members

___P___ Dean Almy (DA) – Chair ___P___ Evan Taniguchi – Vice Chair (ET) _P___ Hope Hasbrouck– Secretary (HH)

P____ Jorge E. Rousselin, Staff Liaison COA-PDRD

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER by Chair Almy at 2:35 PM – all present

- 1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: None
- 2. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and possible action)
 - Discussion and possible action on completion of the infrastructure guidelines. The Committee discussed how to address Infrastructure Guidelines framework by breaking down tasks through working groups. Discussion included identifying at least ten critical City departments to engage:

Austin Energy PDRD Austin Water Sustainability PARD Austin Transportation Public Works Watershed

Discussion also centered around the creation of engagement questions to present to the various departments once staff meetings begin.

No action by the Committee.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT at 3:45 by consensus



Project Name: Town Lake Metropolitan Park - Auditorium S	Shores Improvements -	Off-Leash Area
Project Location/Address:		
1100 West Riverside Drive, 78704		
Applicant: TBG Partners	Property Owner: PARD	
Mailing Address:	Mailing Address:	
901 S Mopac, Bldg II, Suire 350, Austin, Texas 78746	200 South Lamar Blvd,	Austin, Texas 78704
Phone Number:	Phone Number:	
512-327-1011	512-374-6700	
Project Architect/Engineer: TBG Partners	Project Start Date: May 2014	Project End Date: February 2015
Mailing Address:	Phone Number:	
901 S Mopac, Bldg II, Suire 350, Austin, Texas 78746	512-327-1011	
Is project subject to redevelopment site plan or zoning application approvals?	Anticipated Dates of Ac	ction
	Planning Commission: City Council:	
Narrative Description of Proposed Project (in attach or add additional page(s) as necessar		you are seeking;
This project is located at the corner of Riv		t Bouldin Creek
The project consists of off-leash improve		
of the overall Town Lake Metropolitan Pa		
provides expansive lawn spaces for dogs	.	
Lady Bird Lake, shoreline restoration, lan	dscape buffering, and	shade trees
Is Alternative Equivalent Compliance (AEC) re	equested for this project	2
Yes ✔No If yes,	please refer to following	page
Current Status of Submittal:		
Conceptual Schema		esign Development
Do you have a copy of the Urban Design Guid If not, please see:		′es No
http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/downtown/downloads/u	<u>irban_design_guidelines_f</u>	or_austin.pdf
Please fill in the subsequent information on t	he following pages.	



Relate the project to applicable items addressed in the Urban Design Guidelines for Austin. For an explanation of each guideline, please review the document at: <u>http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/downtown/downloads/urban_design_guidelines_for_austin.pdf</u>

ALTERNATIVE EQUIVALENT COMPLIANCE (AEC)

Is AEC being requested for this project?



No

If yes, please explain nature of request including alternatives offered and entitlements sought. Attach additional page if necessary.

AREA WIDE GUIDELINES

1. Create dense development

_____incorporated,

need input,



2. Create mixed-use development

incorporated,

need input,



3. Limit development w	hich closes downto	wn streets
incorporated,	need input,	N/A
4. Buffer neighborhood	ledges	
incorporated,	need input,	N/A
5. Incorporate civic art	in both public and p	rivate development
incorporated,	need input,	N/A
6. Protect important pu	blic views	
incorporated,	need input,	N/A
7. Avoid historical misi	representations	
incorporated,	need input,	√ N/A
8. Respect adjacent his	storic buildings	
incorporated,	need input,	√ N/A
9. Acknowledge that ro	oftops are seen from	n other buildings and the street
incorporated,	need input,	√ N/A
10. Avoid the developn	nent of theme enviro	nments
incorporated,	need input,	N/A
11. Recycle existing bu	ilding stock	
incorporated,	need input,	√ N/A

GUIDELINES FOR THE PUBLIC STREETSCAPE

1. Protect the pedestria	an where the building	meets the street
incorporated,	need input,	√ N/A
2. Minimize curb cuts		
incorporated,	need input,	√ N/A
3. Create a potential fo	r two-way streets	
incorporated,	need input,	√ N/A
4. Reinforce pedestriar	n activity	
incorporated,	need input,	N/A
5. Enhance key transit	stops	
incorporated,	need input,	√ N/A
6. Enhance the streets	cape	
incorporated,	need input,	√ N/A
7. Avoid conflicts betw	een pedestrians and	utility equipment
incorporated,	need input,	N/A
8. Install street trees		
incorporated,	need input,	√ N/A
9. Provide pedestrian-s	scaled lighting	
incorporated,	need input,	N/A
10. Provide protection	from cars/promote c	urbside parking
incorporated,	need input,	N/A

11. Screen mechanical	and utility equipmen	nt i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i
incorporated,	need input,	√ N/A
12. Provide generous s	street-level windows	
incorporated,	need input,	√ N/A
13. Install pedestrian-fi	riendly materials at s	treet level
incorporated,	need input,	N/A
GUIDELINES FOR PL		
1. Treat the four square	es with special consi	deration
incorporated,	need input,	√ N/A
2. Contribute to an ope	n space network	
incorporated,	need input,	N/A
3. Emphasize connecti	ons to parks and gre	enways
incorporated,	need input,	N/A
4. Incorporate open sp	ace into residential d	levelopment
incorporated,	need input,	√ N/A
5. Develop green roofs		
incorporated,	need input,	√ N/A
6. Provide plazas in hig	gh use areas	
incorporated,	V need input,	N/A

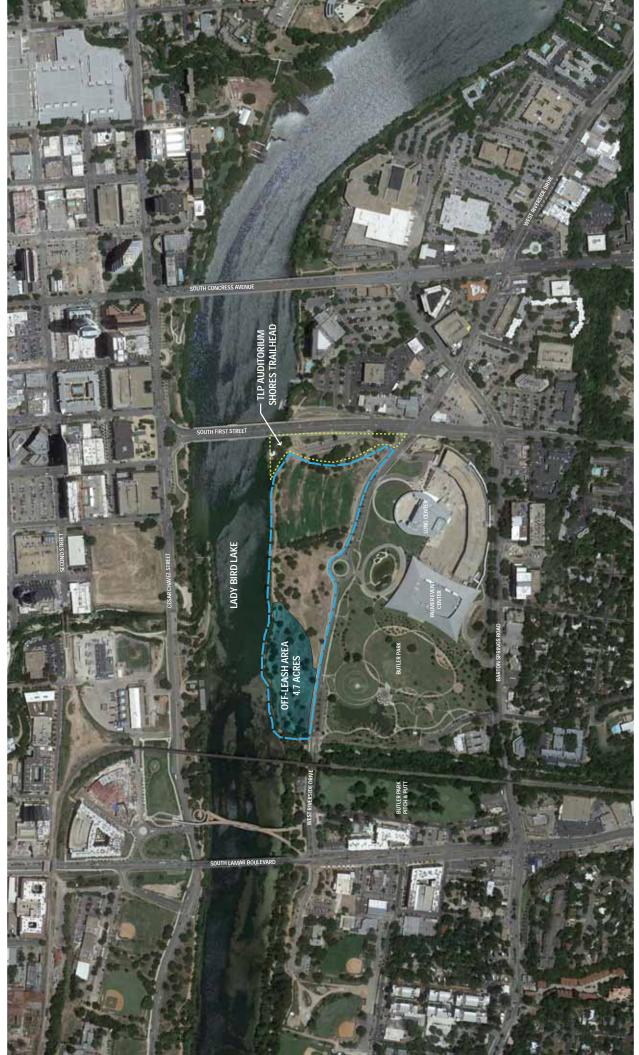
7. Determine plaza fu	nction, size, and act	ivity
incorporated,	need input,	N/A
8. Respond to microc	climate in plaza desig	gn
incorporated,	need input,	N/A
9. Consider views, ci	rculation, boundarie	s, and subspaces in plaza design
incorporated,	need input,	N/A
10. Provide an appro	priate amount of pla	za seating
incorporated,	need input,	N/A
11. Provide visual an	d spatial complexity	in public spaces
incorporated,	need input,	N/A
12. Use plants to enli	ven urban spaces	
incorporated,	need input,	N/A
13. Provide interactiv	e civic art and fount	ains in plazas
incorporated,	need input,	√ N/A
14. Provide food serv	vice for plaza particip	pants
incorporated,	need input,	√ N/A
15. Increase safety in	plazas through way	finding, lighting, & visibility
incorporated,	need input,	N/A
16. Consider plaza op	perations and mainte	enance
incorporated,	🖌 need input,	N/A

GUIDELINES FOR BUILDINGS

1. Build to the street		
incorporated,	need input,	√ N/A
2. Provide multi-tenant	, pedestrian-oriented	development at the street level
incorporated,	need input,	√ N/A
3. Accentuate primary	entrances	
incorporated,	need input,	N/A
4. Encourage the inclus	sion of local characte	Pr
incorporated,	need input,	√ N/A
5. Control on-site parki	'nq	
incorporated,	need input,	√ N/A
6. Create quality constr	ruction	
incorporated,	need input,	N/A
7. Create buildings with	h human scale	
incorporated,	need input,	N/A

Auditorium Shores Improvements - Off-Leash Area **TOWN LAKE METROPOLITAN PARK**

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PROJECT VICINITY MAP

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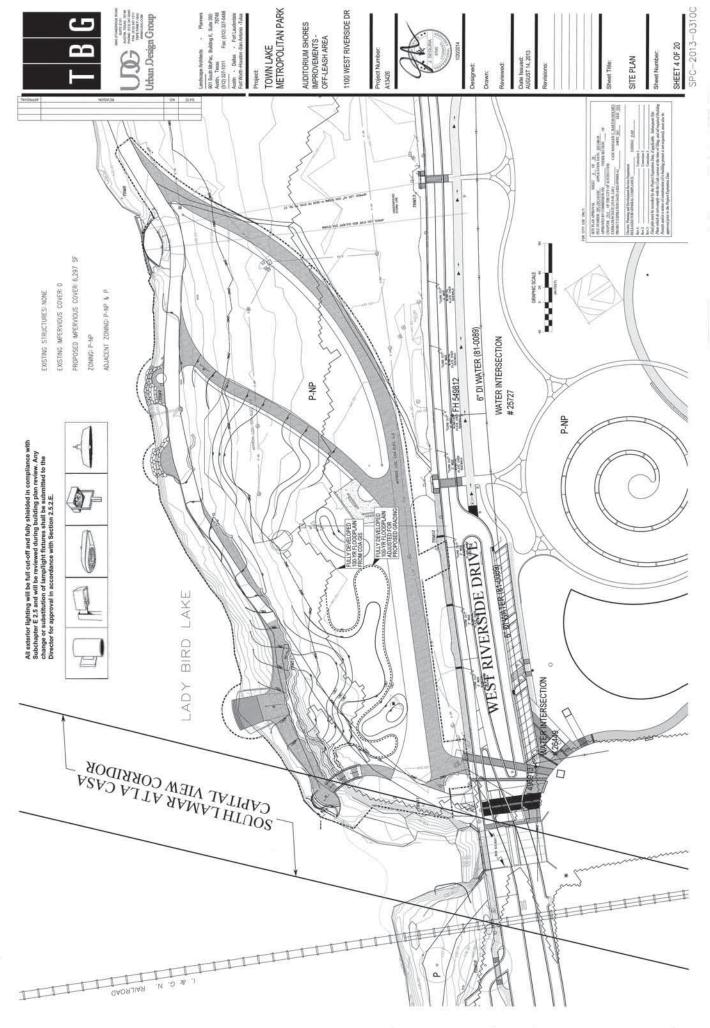


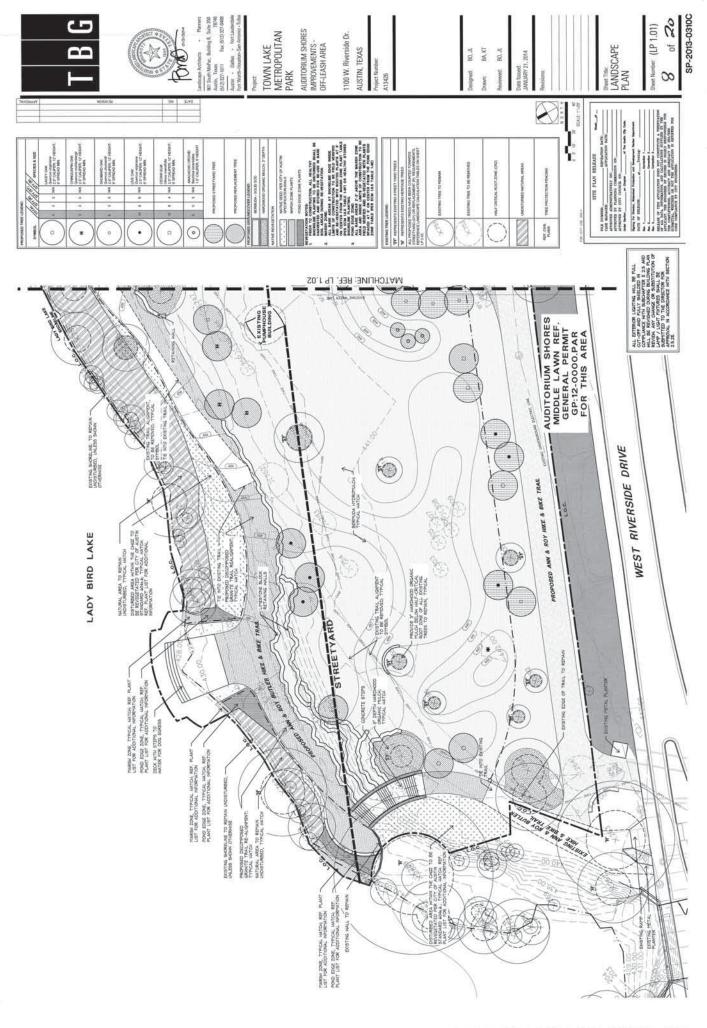


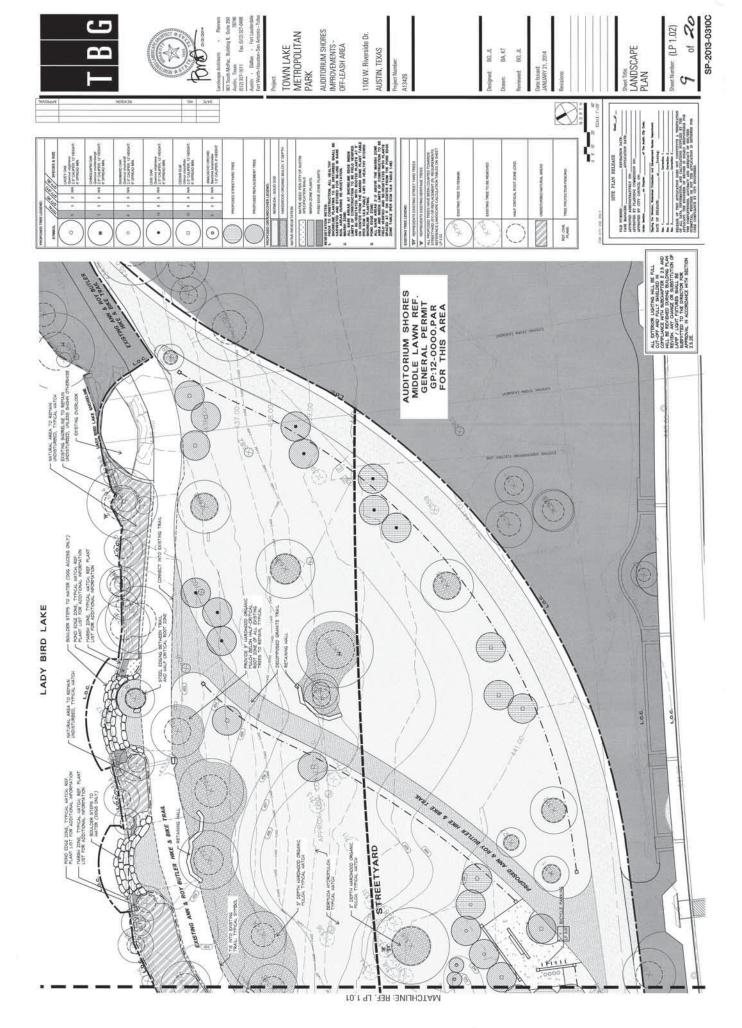
OVERALL CONTEXT AERIAL

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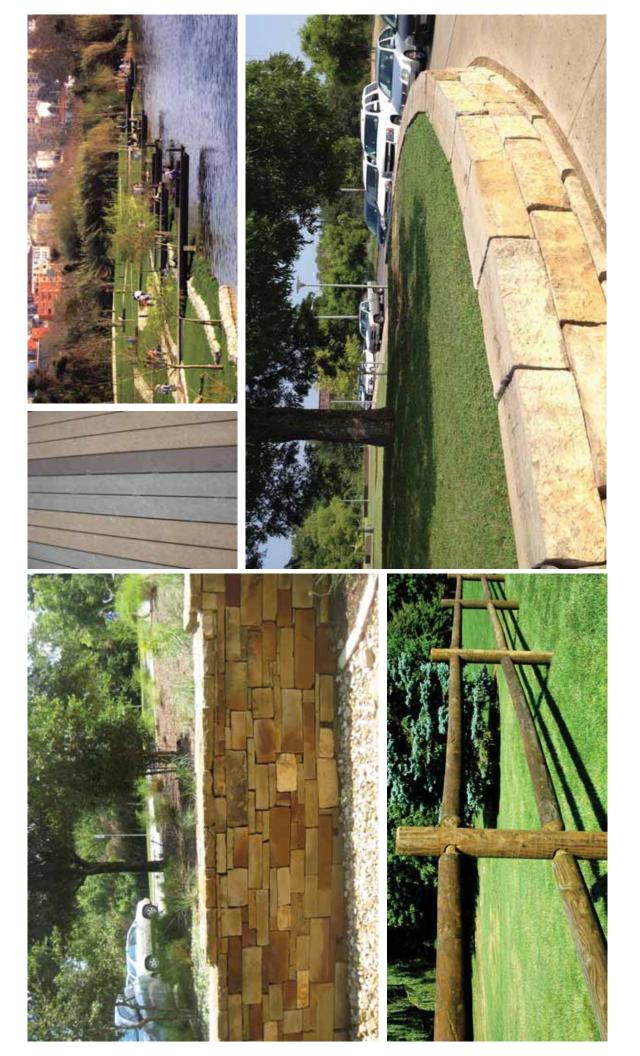




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FUTURE PARK AMENITIES

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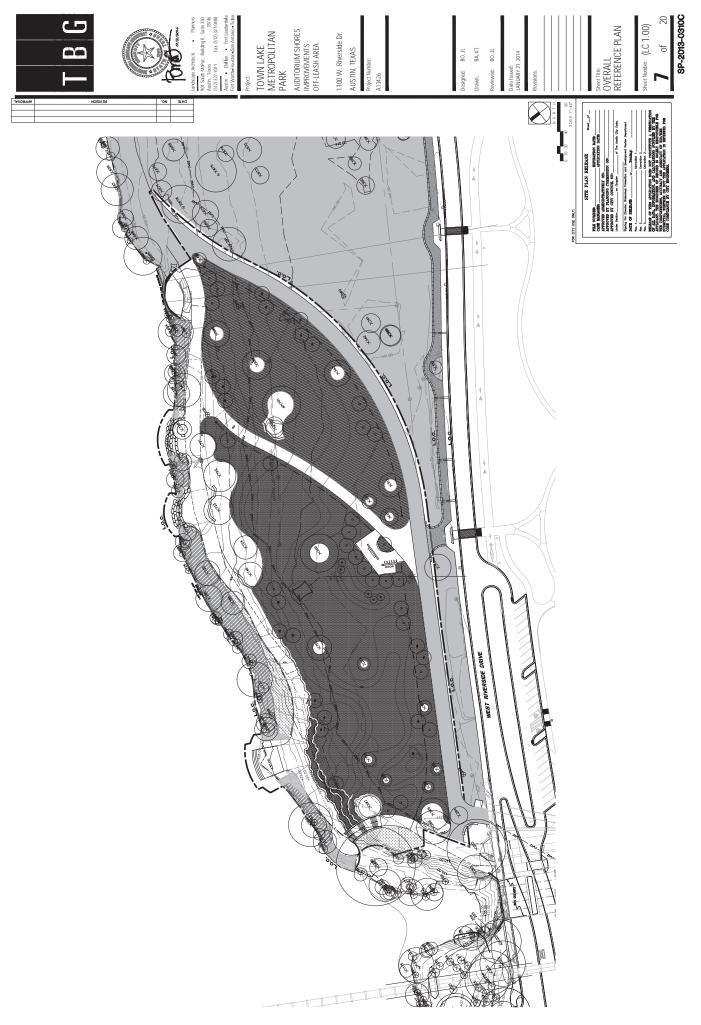


April 2014 (Estimated Date) April 2014 (Estimated Date) March 24, 2014 March 10, 2014 May 2014 **MILESTONES:** (Recommendation of Approval to Planning Commission) Site Development Permit Approval Waterfront Advisory Board Planning Commission **Design Commission**

Completion of Construction Drawings Construction Phase

May 2014 - February 2015

QUESTIONS? Design Commission MARCH 24, 2014



Infrasturcture Design Guidelines City Contact Assignment - Alphabetical 17-Mar-14

Commissioner

Col	Col Column2	Column3	Column4	Column5	Column6
1	1 Almy	Kit	Johnson	Public Works - City Architect	Kit.Johnson@austintexas.gov
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3	3 Hasbrouck	Lonnie	Robinson	AWU Pipeline engineering	Robinson Lonnie.Robinson@austintexas.gov
4	4 Shieh	Marc	Coudert	Sustainability	<u>Marc.Coudert@austintexas.gov</u>
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2	2 Cotera	Chris	Wolter	Austin Water Engineering	Chris. Wolter@austintexas.gov
S	3 Hasbrouck	Gary	Schatz	Transportation - Assistant Director	Gary.Schatz@austintexas.gov
4	4 Shieh	Andy	Halm	Real Estate Services	Andy.Halm@austintexas.gov



Annual Internal Review

This report covers the time period of <u>1/1/2012 to 12/31/2012</u> <u>1-1-2013 to 12/31/2013</u>

THE DESIGN COMMISSION

The Board/Commission's Mission Statement per City Code (Section 2-1-129) is:

The commission shall provide advisory recommendations to the city council as requested by the city council to assist in developing public policy and to promote excellence in the design and development of the urban environment.

The commission shall:

- (1) offer policy recommendations regarding specific issues of urban design;
- (2) participate in developing design guidelines;
- (3) unless otherwise directed by the city council, for projects that require the approval of the Planning Commission or the Zoning and Platting Commission:(a) review a project only after a formal request by the project sponsor or applicant; and
 - (b) complete the review before the respective Planning or Zoning and Platting Commission takes final action;
- (4) provide citizen education and outreach regarding quality urban design;
- (5) provide a venue for citizen input on the design and development of the urban environment;
- (6) maintain liaison relationships with city staff and other boards and commissions; and
- (7) perform other activities as directed by the city council. The commission may appoint one or more of its members to serve as liaison to a project specific community advisory group addressing urban design and planning issues at the formal request of the project sponsor.
- 1. Describe the board's actions supporting their mission during the previous calendar year. Address all elements of the board's mission statement as provided in the relevant sections of the City Code.
 - A. Specific outcomes of significance:

- a. The Design Commission introduced its concern of public outreach thru the creation of the Outreach and Education Working Group
- b.a. The Design Commission continued its study of City infrastructure projects thru discussions and meetings with City Staff and Council. The Commission also developed a work plan to achieve the goals of the Council directive execute the Council directive by the fall of 2014.
- e.<u>b.</u> The Design Commission assisted in policy development thru liaisons to Council charged study areas to help advocate the greater vision.
- c. The Design Commission took part and reviewed the Airport Boulevard and Riverside Corridor master plans, and Seaholm substation project thru joint Commission meetings.
- d. <u>The Design Commission restructured its Working Groups for increased</u> <u>efficiency and service to the public.</u>
- e. The Design Commission reviewed and made recommendations to the Downtown Sound Mitigation study:
- f. The Design Commission began monthly discussions of pertinent issues for the creation of monographs.
- B. The Design Commission reviewed public and private projects as demonstrated in the agendas.
- C. Drafted project review letters as requested.
- D. Agendas
- E. Meeting minutes
- 2. Determine if the board's actions throughout the year comply with the mission statement.

Evaluation 2011 20122013:

The Design Commission ("Commission") successfully achieved the goals and objectives as set forth by the City Council in evaluating projects for compliance with approved Urban Design guidelines and setting forth design criteria for urban projects. The Commission continues to evaluate urban projects for compliance with the updated, citywide Urban Design Guidelines.

- 3. List the board's goals and objectives for the new calendar year.
 - A. <u>To craft a draft Infrastructure Projects Design Guidelines by the fall of 2014 in</u> accordance with City Council directive under Resolution No. 20120816-060.
 - B. To raise the awareness of urban design, establishing and promoting design guidelines in order to improve the quality of the built environment throughout the metropolitan area, and informing policies that shape the application of urban design principles,
 - C. To efficiently and effectively evaluate projects in order for developments to see DC as a tremendous asset and continue to use DC as a resource for assisting their projects.
 - D. To protect the future development of areas that have the potential to have dense development

E. To continue to uphold the duties of the Commission's Mission Statement.

4. Proposed activities for the next year to achieve the board's goals and objectives.

- A. The commission proposes to provide active community outreach and education to Public, Council, and interested stakeholders.
 - a. Active informal discussion on urban design issues implemented by dedicating time in each meeting for open discussion of topics
 - i. Some topics introduced by public for insight from Design Commission
 - b. Set up meetings will Council offices to introduce who we are and what we stand for, and how we can assist them.
 - c. Begin the creation of Design Commission Manual
 - i. Create the outline of the working manual
 - ii. Begin discussions and assembly of the manual
- B.A. Offer strategic help to City Staff in the review of changes to the Land Development Code as they propose them and and present it to the Design Commission.
- C.B. Continue to meet with City Staff, and Council to develop the interim Infrastructure Guidelines and begin creating the final document.
- D.C. The Commission proposes to continue refinement of will refine the Design Commission Project Review process by including, but not limited to, the following
 - a. Creation of a "Frequently Asked Questions" list for project submissions
 - b. Review of the required items for project submittal process.
 - c. Understand overlying message that we would like to project about the project as well as specific detailed comments, and use the created new template to capture.
 - d.c. Develop process that Commissioners would use which would streamline the evaluation of the project on the macro and micro levelstreamlines review process including areas of critical concern.

The Commission proposes to continue to will work with the City of Austin Planning & Development Review Department on issues and activities pertaining to Urban Design such as the Comprehensive Plan, Urban Design Guidelines, the Commercial Design Standards ordinance, and design implications of code amendments.

- F.E. The Commission proposes to continue towill conduct project reviews and make advisory recommendations upon request by project sponsors and/or applicants regarding private and public development to the City Council, the Planning Commission, Planning & Development Review Department, and other boards and commissions, utilizing the Urban Design Guidelines as a primary reference.
- G.F. The Commission proposes to continue to will conduct project reviews and make advisory recommendations to the city council regarding the City of Austin improvement projects (Great Streets, buildings, bridges, roads, parks, infrastructure, etc.).
- H.G. The Commission proposes to continue towill monitor planning activities through Design Commission liaisons selected emerging projects and master plans such as the

Airport Boulevard Redevelopment Initiative, Downtown Austin Plan Implementation, Downtown Wayfinding, East Riverside Corridor Regulating Plan, Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan, Subchapter E, and Waterfront Overlay, South Austin Neighborhood Plan.

- L.<u>H.</u> The Commission proposes to continue to<u>will</u> offer design guideline education and act as a resource for city departments, developers, other boards and commissions, interested stakeholder, and the community regarding design related issues.
- J.<u>I.</u> The Commission proposes to<u>will</u> continue commission efforts to offer general assistance and advisory recommendations on issues as defined in the Urban Design Guidelines.
- K. The Commission proposes to continue commission efforts through committees and working groups.
- 5. Proposed work schedule: The commission proposes to hold public meetings during fiscal year 2012-2013:
 - A. On the fourth Monday of every month unless specified by an approved meeting calendar.
 - B. When called to review and make advisory recommendations of subjects as may be assigned for commission review by request from city management, other city departments, and or city council.





Dean Almy, Chair

Evan Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Hope Hasbrouck, Secretary

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Austin Design Commission

To: City of Austin StaffMarch 3, 2014From: Austin Design CommissionRe: Review of W. 5th & West Project for substantial compliance with the
Urban Design GuidelinesMeeting date: February 24, 2014
Applicant: Riverside Resources

The applicant is seeking a density bonus to raise the FAR from 8:1, past the allowable 15:1 to 20:1 FAR. The project is in a floodplain and is on a site sized approximately one quarter of a city block.

The applicant reported to have been working with the surrounding community groups to fine-tune the list of community benefits offered in connection with the density bonus sought. This list includes extending Great Streets improvements along both sides of West between 5th and 6th.

Positive attributes of the project address plazas and open space with the green roof deck and contributions to Shoal Creek. Additionally extension of Great Streets improvements is regarded as positive.

Concerns primarily center on the manner in which the building and the spaces within relate to the streetscape on both West 5th and West Avenue. The Working Group discussed possibilities of more engaging building materials and a kiosk type space at sidewalk elevation.

We recommend that the project, as presented, is not in substantial compliance with the Urban Design Guidelines. The floodplain seems to create unique difficulties for the project to address the streetscape as outlined in the Urban Design Guidelines. The project does not substantially meet guidelines of reinforcing pedestrian activity, enhancing the streetscape, , and providing pedestrian oriented uses at street level.

The Commission requests that Riverside Resources modify the design's interface with the public streetscape in such a way that the design provide for infrastructure which would support public uses in the spirit of the Great Streets program so as to activate the pedestrian realm. Infrastructural improvements should include, but not be limited to, provision for uses that would accommodate and encourage an animated public realm in which elements such as: pedestrian-scaled lighting in the areas in front of the proposed development, along with seating, together with sales kiosks, be designed to be compatible with the architectural character of the project. It is the sense of the Design Commission that if these criteria are met, then substantial compliance could be achieved.

Respectfully,

Dean Almy, Chair City of Austin Design Commission

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