



**DESIGN COMMISSION
MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2014 6:00 PM
AUSTIN CITY HALL, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ROOM 1101
301 W. SECOND STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701**

Meeting Minutes

Call to order by: E. Taniguchi at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call: D. Almy not present (Excused absence).

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Discussion and Possible Action)

- a. Discussion and possible action on the July 28, 2014 Design Commission meeting minutes.

The motion to approve the minutes as corrected on the Dias made by H. Hasbrouck; Second by J. Cotera was approved on a vote of [5-0; D. Almy not present; J. Wiginton not arrived yet].

[J. Wiginton arrived at 6:10 PM]

3. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

- a. Discussion and possible action on a recommendation to the City Council on the draft Pease Park Master Plan. (Kim McKnight, COA- PARD).

Ms. Kim McKnight of the Parks and Recreation Department presented the Pease Park Master Plan.

Speakers in favor of the Plan:

1. Mr. Richard Craig spoke in favor of the Plan;
2. Mr. Mitchel McGovern spoke in favor of the Plan;
3. Mr. Dan Vantreeck spoke in favor of preserving the park and in favor of the Plan;
4. Mr. Bill Head spoke in favor of the Plan; and
5. Ms. Zoila Vega spoke in favor of the Plan.

Speakers in opposition to the Plan:

1. Mr. Chris Rodensey spoke in opposition as a result of the exclusion of disk golf activities in the Plan;

2. Mr. Gordon Kelley spoke in opposition as a result of the exclusion of disk golf activities in the Plan;
3. Mr. Payton H. Aldridge spoke in opposition as a result of the exclusion of disk golf activities in the Plan; and
4. A letter from Mr. Jim Christianson in opposition as a result of the exclusion of disk golf activities in the Plan was read into the record.

Stakeholders in support of the Plan that did not speak:

1. Anne Wood;
2. Andy Liebler;
3. Monnie Anderson;
4. Patricia Winston;
5. Marianne Dorman; and
6. Steve Davis.

Stakeholders in support of the Plan that did not speak:

1. Dr. Steve Loeschen; and
2. J. Baumann.

The motion to support project direction as presented and encourage PARD to continue to work with stakeholders to find an alternative solution to hold disk golf activities in other locations and to send this item to the Landscape and Infrastructure working group to draft a letter to be presented at the next meeting made by J. Shieh; Second by H. Hasbrouck was approved on a vote of [6-0; D. Almy not present].

- b. Discussion and possible action on a presentation by The American Society of Landscape Architects, Austin Section, regarding their CodeNEXT issue paper seeking support for their position. (Chris Jackson, ASLA).

Chair Taniguchi recused himself from discussion and vote and vacated the Dias as he serves on the CodeNEXT Consultant Team as a sub-consultant to Opticos Design, Inc. Secretary Hasbrouck assumed Chair position for this item.

Mr. Chris Jackson presented the ASLA position paper on CodeNEXT.

The motion to send this item to the Landscape and Infrastructure working group and work with the ASLA to draft a letter to be presented at the next meeting made by H. Hasbrouck; Second by J. Wiginton was approved on a vote of [5-0; D. Almy not present; E. Taniguchi off Dias].

- c. Discussion and possible action on the GWTP Block 23 design development submittal located at 500 West 2nd Street seeking support for the project. (Adam Nims, Trammell Crow Company and Todd Runkle, Gensler Architects).

Mr. Adam Nims from the Trammell Crow Company introduced Mr. Todd Runkle from Gensler with Mr. Mark Flory which provided details on the Green Water Treatment Plan Block 23 design.

The Design Commission took no action on this item.

Chair Taniguchi returned to the Dias at the conclusion of this item.

- d. Discussion and possible action on a proposed alley vacation (F#9268-310) at 702 East 3rd Street between 3rd and 4th Streets seeking support for the alley vacation. (Michele R. Lynch, Metcalfe Wolff Stuart & Williams, LLP).

Ms. Michele R. Lynch presented the alley vacation request.

The motion to support the alley request as presented and consider the following:

1. Waller Creek Design Guidelines;
2. Creek Corridor Framework Plan; and
3. Operations and Maintenance Plan

made by J. Shieh; Second by J. Cotera was approved on a vote of [6-0; D. Almy not present].

- e. Discussion and possible action on the proposed Seton Medical Center at The University of Texas at Austin (SMCUT)-Aerial Walkway located at 1500 Red River Street seeking support for the aerial walkway. (David Armbrust, Armbrust & Brown, PLLC).

Commissioner Shieh recused himself from discussion and vote and vacated the Dias as his wife is a physician at Seaton.

Mr. Peter Reek presented the aerial walkway proposal over 15th Street.

Commissioner Cotera expressed concerns with sky-bridges as detailed in the UD Guidelines.

Mr. Todd Runkle spoke in favor of the project.

The motion to send this item to the Architecture and Development working group to draft a letter to be presented at the next meeting made by H. Hasbrouck; Second by E. Taniguchi was approved on a vote of [5-0; D. Almy not present; J. Shieh off Dias].

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.

The Design Commission took no action on this item.

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: **None**

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS: None

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Urban Rail Update
- b. CodeNEXT Update

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT by consensus at: 9:18 PM