



DESIGN COMMISSION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2015 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	_____ 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 January 26, 2015 Design Commission meeting minutes. (Jorge Rousselin , COA-PDRD)	6:15 PM
3. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action): a. Discussion and possible action on Design Commission's role in CodeNEXT; and b. Discussion and possible action on a recommendation to defer reviewing responses to the Lady Bird Lake Excursion Boat RFP to the Parks and Recreation Board representative and authorize the Chair to take appropriate action to enter a joint recommendation to City Council to authorize award and execution of a revenue contract with LONE STAR RIVERBOAT, INC. (Kirk Scanlon , PARD).	6:20 PM
4. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action) a. Discussion and possible action on recommended changes to the Design Commission Project Review Sheet. (Commissioner Whatley)	6:50 PM
5. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS (Discussion and Possible Action) a. Standing Committees Reports; b. Working Group Reports; c. Liaison Reports; d. Appointment of Committee/Working Group members by Chair.	7:00 PM
6. STAFF BRIEFINGS: None	7:15 PM
7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None	7:15 PM

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS a. Chair Announcements; b. Items from Commission Members; and c. Items from City Staff.	7:20 PM
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. Downtown Comm. Liaison / Downtown Austin Plan: Whatley
2. Airport Boulevard Redevelopment Initiative: Whatley

Design Commission Staff Liaison:

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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.](#)



**DESIGN COMMISSION
MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2015 6:00 PM
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301 W. SECOND STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701**

Meeting Notes

Call to order by: H. Hasbrouck at 6:15 PM.

Roll Call: DA, ET, JW not present

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Discussion and Possible Action)

- a. Discussion and possible action on the December 15, 2014 Design Commission meeting minutes. ([Jorge Rousselin](#), COA-PDRD).

The motion to approve the minutes as drafted made by H. Hasbrouck; Second by B. Whatley was approved on a vote of [4-0] [DA, ET, JW not present].

3. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action):

- a. Briefing and update on the City of Austin Complete Streets Policy, and discussion on how creation of Urban Design Guidelines and Complete streets efforts can be synched up to support mutual goals. ([Kit Johnson](#), COA-PW and [Katherine Gregor](#), COA-ATD).

Mr. Kit Johnson & Ms. Katherine Gregor gave an update on the COA Complete Streets Policy focusing on implementation approach and how it can be integrated into the UDG.

Mr. Humberto Rey spoke on the coordination with Capital Metro and the Great Streets Program.

No action by the Commission.

- b. Discussion and possible action on Design Commission's role in CodeNEXT

The motion to postpone to February meeting made by H. Hasbrouck; Second by J. Coteria was approved on a vote of [4-0]. [DA, ET, JW not present].

- c. Discussion and possible action on appointing a Design Commission representative to the CodeNEXT working groups.

The motion to appoint B. Whatley to serve as the Design Commission representative to the CodeNEXT working groups made by J. Shieh second by J. Cotera was approved on a vote of [4-0]. [DA, ET, JW not present].

4. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

- a. Discussion and possible action on recommended changes to the Design Commission Project Review Sheet.

Commissioner Whaley presented an initial framework to modify the project review sheet.

The Commission requested a follow-up development of the application packet for next meeting.

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

- a. Standing Committees Reports: **None**
- b. Working Group Reports: **None**
- c. Liaison Reports: Commissioner Whatley reported on the CodeNEXT working groups focusing on infill housing, missing middle, and compatibility.
- d. Appointment of Committee/Working Group members by Chair: **None**

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS: None

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT by consensus at: 7:26 PM

January 13, 2015

Design Commission
Attn: Dean Almy

The process of the code revisions (CODENEXT) promises to be long and difficult at best. The good news is that we could not have a better consultant team for the task.

It has long been my opinion that the code issues have increased costs significantly and unnecessarily and have compromised the quality of design in our city. As you well know good design cures most concerns.

Since the Design Commission is the only group I can think of that is official and knowledgeable I am hoping that the Commission will step up to lead the discussion as the process unfolds. Under the leadership of the Design Commission the conversation can deal with possibilities rather than ill-conceived limitations; can be based on good design principles not on no growth politics.

Our urban life is less robust and less pervasive than it could be, and our taxes are higher due to the politics of "No". Let's just do something about that in 2015.

LADY BIRD LAKE EXCURSION BOAT PROPOSAL

DESIGN COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 23, 2015



JUSTIN
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Overview

Code of Ordinance:

§ 8-1-74 - REVIEW OF A PROPOSAL SEEKING A CONCESSION.

A representative from the (Parks and Recreation) board, the Environmental Board, and the Design Commission **may** evaluate each proposal received in response to a request for proposals for a boating concession authorized under [8-1-72](#) (*Boating Concessions*). The representatives **shall** make a joint recommendation to the council on the grant of a concession under this article.

Previous Action:

Jan. 13th - Concessions and Contracts Committee (Subcommittee of the Parks Board)

Committee members unanimously (3-0) agreed to place the item on the PARB agenda for the January 27th meeting to the City Council the approval of the negotiation and execution of the Lady Bird Lake Excursion Boat agreement.

Jan. 21th - Environmental Board

Moved to delegate the review of the Lady Bird Lake Excursion Boat RFPs to the Parks and Recreation Board. Board Member James Schissler moved to approve and Mary Ann Neely seconded. Vote 6-0-0-1. Robert Deegan was absent.

Jan. 27th - Parks and Recreation Board

Board members unanimously (5-0) agreed to recommend to the City Council the approval of the negotiation and execution of the Lady Bird Lake Excursion Boat agreement

Jan 29th - Parks and Recreation Board Representative Review

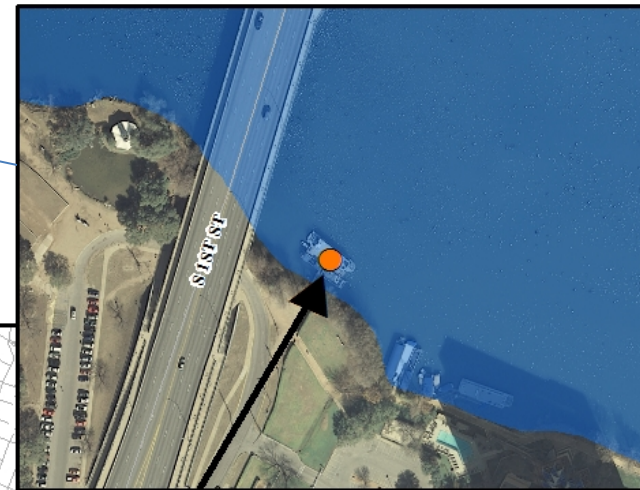
Parks and Recreation and Purchasing Department staff met with Jane Rivera, Chair Parks and Recreation Board, to evaluate the single proposal received from the Lady Bird Lake Excursion Boat Request for Proposals (RFP). Ms. Rivera approved the proposal and recommends Council grant the concession to the best evaluated proposer: Lone Star Riverboat.

Concession Location Map



Concession Facilities:

- Dock
- Three Boats
- Ramp to dock
- No buildings or other structures



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Concessions Type

- Food and Beverage
- Canoe, Kayak, SUP
- Canoe, Kayak, SUP, Sculling
- Recreational Train
- Golf
- Excursion Boat
- Sculling, Food & Bev., SUP

Town Lake Park Concessions: Location Map

Feb. 13, 2015 K. Scanlon

Excursion Boat - FAQ

- **Lone Star Riverboats Contract:** All concession contracts are license agreements that allow for the operation and provision of recreational services on parkland. |
- **Contract Performance:** Contractor in compliance with contract. No incidents of cure.
- **Gross Revenue:** Lone Star generated \$507,000 in FY14.
- **Commissions to the City:** Lone Star pays 8% of gross revenue to City as rent.
- **Environmental Programming**
 - **Bat Tours:** Partner with the Bat Conservation Society to establish and interpretive
 - **Student Tours:** Lone Star has partnered with the Expedition School to provide fee environmental tour of Lady Bird Lake to approximate 300 students annually.

Respondents Proposal

- **Experience:** 27 years operating on Lady Bird Lake
- **Term:** The term of the agreement will be one (1) five year primary term with one (1) five year option period.
- **Increased Revenue:** Increase in commissions paid to the City from the current 8% of gross revenue to 9% of gross revenue for the first 5-years and 10% for five year option period.
- **ADA Compliance:** The Respondent shall finance, design, permit and construct the sidewalks, railings; parking and sundries to ensure compliance with the American Disabilities Act.
- **Increase Capacity:** The Respondent shall increase the capacity of the fleet by approximate 30 seats. No expansion of the dock will be required.

Action

Whereas, the Design Commission delegates the review of Lady Bird Lake Excursion Boat solicitations to the Parks and Recreation Board.

And whereas, the provision of recreational and leisure services on Lady Bird Lake fall outside the charge of the Design Commission;

And whereas, the Respondent's proposal will not result in the any construction of or alteration to a public streetscape, plaza, open space, or buildings within the downtown;

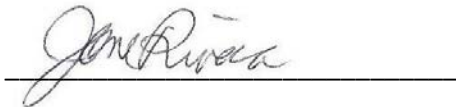
Therefore, the Design Commission recommends to defer reviewing RFP responses to the Parks and Recreation Board representative and authorizes the chair to take appropriate action to enter a joint recommendation to City Council to authorize award and execution of a revenue contract with LONE STAR RIVERBOAT, INC., to provide boat excursion services on Lady Bird Lake.

Review of a Proposal Seeking a concession in Town Lake Park

Management and Operation of Excursion Boat Services on Lady Bird Lake

Solicitation #: RFP TVN0048

On January 29th, Parks and Recreation and Purchasing Department staff met with Jane Rivera, Chair Parks and Recreation Board, to evaluate the single proposal received from the above referenced Request for Proposals (RFP). As stated in City of Austin Code of Ordinances Section 8-1-74 the Environmental Board and Design Commission *may* participate in the evaluation; however, both entities decided to defer to the judgment of the Parks and Recreation Board representative. Therefore, based upon the review of the proposal submitted and the evaluation criteria provided and in accordance with the above referenced section of the City's Code of Ordinances, the Boards and Commission make a joint recommendation to council to grant the concession to the best evaluated proposer: Lone Star Riverboat, Inc.



Date 02/09/2015

Parks and Recreation Board

Date: _____

Environmental Board

Date: _____

Design Commission

DESIGN COMMISSION WORKING GROUP ON PROJECT REVIEW APPLICATION

Question #__?__

How does this project serve to enhance the urban environment in which it “resides”? Does it respond to the structure and quality of life illustrated by the Urban Design Guidelines, the Great Streets Program, the Commercial Design Standards, _____, (we need to insert other COA guides)? Describe how this project serves to make the city more walkable, humane, dense, diverse, pedestrian friendly, responsive to public art, unique and authentic in character, safe and connected to the outdoors.