

# DESIGN COMMISSION MONDAY, JUNE 23, 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 Juan E. Cotera (JC)
_P James Shieh (JS) – Vice Chair	P Jeannie Wiginton (JW)
_P Evan Taniguchi (ET) – Secretary	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 @ 6:05 pm Roll Call: [J. Cotera] not present.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: None

# 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Discussion and Possible Action)

a. Discussion and possible action on the May 27, 2014 Design Commission meeting minutes.

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

# 3. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action) None

# 4. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

a. 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 government (Commissioner Whatley).

General discussion on role of Design Commission. Ms. Eleanor McKinney spoke on this item and relationship to Code Next. Recommendation to send to Executive Commission for recommendations by consensus.

b.Discussion and possible action on recommendations on bicycle connectivity at the east end of Lady Bird Lake (Chair Almy).

Chair Almy distributed a draft copy of a recommendation to the commission.

The motion to approve draft letter as submitted and corrected on the dias made by J. Cotera; Second by B. Whatley was approved on a vote of [7-0].

c. 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).

Ms. Eleanor McKinney spoke on this item addressing Downtown Commission and PARD comments. Ms. McKinney presented recommendations of Downtown Commission.

The motion to send work group for execution of recommendation letter and forward to staff made by D. Almy; Second by J. Cotera was approved on a vote of [6-0-1] [H. Hasbrouck abstained]

#### 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 spoke on Downtown Commission Report items:

- Project Connect
- DDBP FAR criteria.
- d. Appointment of Committee/Working Group members by Chair: None

# 6. STAFF BRIEFINGS: None

#### 7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Urban Rail Update
- TCM Updates

#### 8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Chair Announcements: None
- b. Items from Commission Members: Issues with taskforce recommendations.
- c. Items from City Staff: None

#### ADJOURNMENT by consensus at: 7:41 PM