



**DESIGN COMMISSION
MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2015 6:00 PM
ONE TEXAS CENTER ROOM 325
505 BARTON SPRINGS RD., AUSTIN, TEXAS 78704**

Meeting Minutes

Call to order by: Chair Almy at 6:03 PM. [B. Whatley; J. Cotera not present]

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: None

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)

The motion to approve the minutes as drafted made by J. Wiginton; Second by E. Taniguchi was approved on a vote of [5-0] [B. Whatley; J. Cotera not present].

3. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action):

- a. 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](#), COA-PARD);

Discussion: Mr. Kirk Scanlon presented the Lady Bird Lake Excursion Boat RFP seeking to defer review.

The motion to allow Chair to sign deferment document on behalf of the Commission made by E. Taniguchi; Second by H. Hasbrouck was approved on a vote of [5-0] [B. Whatley; J. Cotera not present].

- b. Discussion and possible action on the Hyatt House Design Development submittal located at 901 Neches St. seeking support for a waiver request to the Pedestrian Oriented Business requirement due to slope constraints along 9th St. ([Reece Whitley](#), Noble Surveying & Engineering Works).

Discussion: Mr. Ross Hamilton introduced the project and initiated the presentation seeking a waiver to the Pedestrian Oriented business requirement. Mr. Reece Whitley gave details of the project and Great Streets compliance. Mr. Roger Brown gave the Commission details on the building's entrance and relationship to great Streets.

The motion to support the waiver request as requested with the following conditions and recommendations:

Conditions:

1. The artworks be of greater extent and be more articulated;
2. The artwork engage the works across the street; and
3. The artwork begin to address the larger context; and

Recommendation:

1. Engage the Waller Creek Conservancy and Arts in Public Places to conceptualize the role of the artwork on 9th Street.

made by H. Hasbrouck; Second by J. Shieh; was approved on a vote of [5-0] [B. Whatley; J. Cotera not present].

- c. Discussion and possible action on the courtesy briefing memo relating to Downtown Alley Naming. ([Cari Buetow](#), COA-ATD).

Discussion: Ms. Cari Buetow presented the memo to the Commission and was available for comments/questions.

No action by the Commission.

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

Discussion:

Commissioner Taniguchi recused himself from this item and discussion vacated the dias.

Mr. Zapalac presented a brief summary of CodeNEXT and how the Team has engaged the public and the Commission. The Commission questioned Mr. Zapalac on next steps and how the Commission will be utilized. Find ways for the Commission or representative of the Commission to engage with the process while the code is tested.

No action by the Commission.

Commissioner Taniguchi rejoined the dias.

4. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

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

Postpone to next meeting by consensus.

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: None

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Chair Announcements: Arch & Dev. WG to set up a meeting with CapMetro to discuss gateway project.

b. Items from Commission Members: **None**

c. Items from City Staff: **None**

ADJOURNMENT by consensus at: 7:40 PM.