



**DESIGN COMMISSION
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 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 6:08 PM.

Roll Call: J. Wiginton and J. Cotera not present

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Discussion and Possible Action)

- a. Discussion and possible action on the March 23, 2015 Design Commission meeting minutes. ([Kelsey Oelze](#), COA-PZD)

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

3. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

- a. Briefing on the Congress Avenue Urban Design Project. ([Jim Robertson](#), COA-PZD)

Mr. Jim Robertson gives a presentation on the status of and the future goals for Congress Avenue.

No action taken by the Design Commission.

- b. Briefing on the Rainey Alley Project. ([Kit Johnson](#), COA-PW)

Mr. Kit Johnson gives a presentation on Rainey Alley's existing conditions and presents case studies reflecting citizens' concerns about the alley.

No action taken by the Design Commission.

4. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

- a. Discussion and possible action on a letter to Council addressing the Capital Metro Downtown Gateway Station (Chair Almy)

Chair Almy requests to place the letter on the May 26, 2015 Design Commission meeting agenda after there has been more review of the draft of the letter. Ms. Ellen Ray from Community Involvement in the Capital Metro Downtown Gateway

Station Project requests that the Design Commission attempt to finish the letter in a timely fashion and offers support to Design Commission.

No action taken by the Design Commission.

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

By consensus, the Design Commission chooses to postpone the item to the May 26, 2015 Design Commission meeting agenda.

No action taken by the Design Commission.

- c. Discussion and possible action on timelines for Infrastructure Design Guidelines completion (Commissioner Hasbrouck)

Commissioner Hasbrouck gives a brief update on the progress of the Infrastructure Design Guidelines.

No action taken by the Design Commission.

- d. Discussion and possible action on Design Commission's 2015 Annual Work Plan (Chair Almy)

Chair Almy reviews the draft Annual Internal Review, and by consensus, the Design Commission decides to discuss the item in more detail in the May 26, 2015 Design Commission meeting.

No action taken by the Design Commission.

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 reports on the CodeNEXT focus on missing middle housing.**
- 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: **J. Rousselin addresses South Central Waterfront Initiative Talkabout #4 and invites commission members to attend.**

ADJOURNMENT by consensus at 7:12 PM