



**DESIGN COMMISSION
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2015 6:00 PM
ONE TEXAS CENTER ROOM 325
505 BARTON SPRINGS RD., AUSTIN, TEXAS 78704**

Meeting Minutes

Call to order by Chair Taniguchi at 6:25 pm.

Roll Call: All Commissioners present.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:

- a. 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.

[Peter Baird](#) from Vision Zero ATX spoke to Design Commission about the purpose and goals of Vision Zero ATX and explained that he wanted to keep the Design Commission informed about the increasing traffic danger in the City of Austin.

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

- a. Discussion and possible action on the June 22, 2015 Design Commission meeting minutes. ([Kelsey Oelze](#), COA-PZD)

The motion to approve the minutes as drafted made by B. Whatley; Second by E. Taniguchi was approved on a vote of [9-0].

- b. Discussion and possible action on the August 24, 2015 Design Commission meeting minutes. ([Kelsey Oelze](#), COA-PZD)

The motion to approve the minutes as drafted made by H. Walker; Second by S. Franco was approved on a vote of [8-0] [A. Coleman abstained].

3. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action):

- a. Discussion and possible action on Block 188 Project located at 202 Nueces Street seeking support from the Design Commission for a development project with both a hotel program and a residential program. ([Glenn Rescalvo](#), Handel Architects)

A. Coleman recused herself from Item 3A and vacated Dias.

Mr. Glenn Rescalvo of Handel Architects, as well as Mr. Cameron Campbell of TenEyck, presented the Block 188 Project to the Design Commission. The Commissioners asked him questions regarding sidewalks, entrances, bike racks, landscaping, and parking. Mr. Glenn Rescalvo, Mr. Cameron Campbell, and Mr. Matt Green of the Kor Group answered the Commissioner's questions.

The motion to recommend the support of the Block 188 Project as presented made by B. Whatley; Second by H. Walker was approved on a vote of [8-0] [A. Coleman absent from the Dias].

- b. Discussion and possible action on the Warren Substation Project located at 2100 W 35th Street seeking support from the Design Commission for the project. ([Belinda Frye](#), Civil Land Group)

A. Coleman rejoins the Dias.

Ms. Belinda Frye presented the Warren Substation Project to the Design Commission and explained how the project related to the Urban Design Guidelines. After the Commissioners asked questions and made suggestions, Ms. Belinda Frye and Mr. Greg Ulcak of Civil Land Group requested a letter from the Design Commission recommending the support of the project.

The motion to draft a letter supporting the Warren Substation Project including the recommendations that the applicants implement a more robust and all native planting scheme by putting species that are preferably Evergreen, but all native, on center spacing that are approximately 20 feet on center, that they place the trees in a naturalistic ravage, and that they irrigate the trees temporarily with a system of irrigation that can be removed and disconnected after they are established, and afterwards, the applicants show the Design Commission the project again made by A. Coleman; Second by B. Luckens. A. Coleman amended to motion to include the relocation of the three trees shown in the project presentation and B. Luckens concurred. The motion was approved on a vote of [9-0].

- c. Discussion and possible action on the One Two East Project located at 1109, 1105, and 1107 N. IH35 seeking support from the Design Commission for a mixed use multifamily and retail development project. ([Stephen Drenner](#), Drenner Group).

Mr. Brett Rhode of Rhode Partners presented the One Two East Project to the Design Commission. He stated that the applicants were requesting to amend the NCCD to increase FAR and Height. The Commissioners made comments and asked questions. Mr. Brett Rhode, as well as Mr. John Donisi of the Drenner Group, responded to the Commissioners. The applicants requested that the Design Commission write a letter supporting the project prior to their presentation to the Planning Commission

The motion to draft a letter supporting the One Two East Project after the Design Commission has seen a more detailed schematic of the project made by H. Walker; Second by S. Franco. B. Whatley made a substitute motion to draft a letter of support, especially for the areas involving East 11th St., East 12th St., and Branch Street, stating that those areas were substantially compliant with the Urban Design Guidelines, but with the recommendation that the Project emphasizes the importance of the IH35 frontage road; Second by M. Gonzalez. B. Whatley offered a friendly amendment to invite the applicants to come back to Design Commission to show more detailed schematics of the frontage road, and M. Gonzalez concurred. E Taniguchi offered an additional friendly amendment that the applicants should partner with a Design Commission working group, and B. Whatley and M. Gonzalez accepted the amendment. A. Coleman offered an additional friendly amendment that the letter includes the recommendation that the applicants show that at least 50% of the roofs are green roofs. B. Whatley and M. Gonzalez accepted, and the substitute motion along with the friendly amendments was approved on a vote of [9-0].

- d. Discussion and possible action on revision of Design Commission Bylaws.

No action taken by the Design Commission.

- e. Discussion and possible action on revision and overview of Urban Design Guidelines.

No action taken by the Design Commission.

- f. Discussion and possible action on creation of Infrastructure Guidelines.

No action taken by the Design Commission.

- g. Discussion and possible action on revision of Project Review Sheet.

No action taken by the Design Commission.

4. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action): None

5. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS (Discussion and Possible Action):

- a. Standing Committee Reports: **The Executive Committee gave a report on the process of editing the Design Commission Bylaws.**
- b. Working Group Reports: **None**
- c. Liaison Reports: **S. Franco told the Design Commission that he did not attend the Downtown Commission due to lack of quorum.**
- d. Appointment of Committee/Working Group members by Chair: **E. Taniguchi appointed various members of the Design Commission to the Planning and Urban Design Working Group, the Architecture and Development Working Group, the**

Landscape and Infrastructure Working Group, and the Public Engagement Working Group.

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS: None

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Chair Announcements: **None**
- b. Items from Commission Members: **B. Luckens announced that there is going to be a CodeNEXT Workshop at the Doherty Arts Center.**
- c. Items from City Staff: **None**

ADJOURNMENT by consensus at 9:45 PM