



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

**Meeting Minutes**

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

**Roll Call: S. Franco and M. Gonzales not present.**

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: None**

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

- a. Discussion and possible action on the October 26, 2015 Design Commission meeting minutes. ([Kelsey Oelze](#), COA-PZD)

**The motion to approve the minutes as drafted made by A. Coleman; Second by B. Whatley was approved on a vote of [7-0].**

**3. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action):**

- a. Briefing on the basics of form-based code. ([Jorge Rousselin](#), COA-PZD);  
**No action by the Commission**
- b. Planning and Urban Design Working Group review of the urban area shared values: humane character, density, sustainability ([E. Taniguchi](#), [H. Walker](#), [B. Whatley](#), [A. Coleman](#));

**E. Taniguchi gave a quick introduction and then asked the rest of the working groups to share ideas for a more cohesive discussion.**

**No action by the Commission**

- c. Architecture and Development Working Group review of the urban area shared values: diversity, economic vitality, civic art ([B. Whatley](#), [M. Gonzalez](#), [D. Carroll](#));

**B. Whatley reviewed the notes of the working group, specifically diversity, and D. Carroll reviewed the value of civic art.**

**A. Coleman asked about the distinction between pure art in public places and place-making.**

**No action by the Commission**

**H. walker left at 6:58pm**

- d. Landscape and Infrastructure Working Group review of the urban areas shared values: sense of time, unique character, infrastructure ([S. Franco](#), [M. Henao-Robledo](#), [A. Coleman](#), [B. Luckens](#)); and

**No action by the Commission**

- e. Public Engagement Working Group review of the urban areas shared values: authenticity, safety, connection to outdoors ([B. Luckens](#), [S. Franco](#), [M. Henao-Robledo](#))

**Design Commission discussed all shared values and the definition of infrastructure.**

**B. Whatley suggested that it will be easier to complete tasks if the commission focuses on certain infrastructure projects and starts small. J. Rousselin suggested that the Design Commission define infrastructure and project types in order to narrow down what projects go to Design Commission. A. Coleman clarified that infrastructure should be thought of as an area that is more unoccupied by the public, but affects the public at a larger scale. The Commissioners agreed to come up with lists of what infrastructure is and bring to the next meeting.**

#### **4. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action):**

- a. Discussion and possible action on revision of [Urban Design Guidelines](#):

**No action by the Commission**

- b. Discussion and possible action on creation of Infrastructure Design Guidelines:

**No action by the Commission**

#### **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:  
**No action taken by the Design Commission**

#### **6. STAFF BRIEFINGS: None**

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Inviting City Architect Kit Johnson to next meeting**

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**ADJOURNMENT by consensus at 7:52 pm**