



**DESIGN COMMISSION**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2016 6:00 PM**  
**AUSTIN CITY HALL, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ROOM 1101**  
**301 W. SECOND STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701**

Meeting Minutes

**Call to order by: E. Taniguchi at 6:07 PM.**

**Roll Call: B. Whatley arrived at 6:43 PM; A. Coleman, M. Gonzalez, and C. Kenny not present.**

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: None**

**2. MEETING MINUTES:**

- a. Discussion and possible action on the September 26, 2016 meeting minutes;

**The motion to approve the minutes as drafted made by D. Carroll; seconded by H. Walker; approved on a unanimous vote of [6-0]. B. Whatley, A. Coleman, M. Gonzalez, and C. Kenny not present.**

- b. Discussion and possible action on the September 30, 2016 meeting minutes;

**The motion to approve the minutes as drafted made by S. Franco; seconded by H. Walker; approved on a unanimous vote of [6-0]. B. Whatley, A. Coleman, M. Gonzalez, and C. Kenny not present.**

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

- a. Discussion and possible action on the City of Austin's Lamar Beach Master Plan located at 1200 W. Cesar Chavez seeking support for the project (Charles Mabry, Parks and Recreation Department);

Melissa Morrow from West Austin Youth Association (WAYA) spoke in support of the Master Plan. A representative from Austin Pets Alive filled out a comment card in support of the master plan.

**The motion to fully support the master plan as presented and to write a letter of support that emphasizes how the success of the master plan relies on moving Cesar Chavez was made by B. Whatley; seconded by E. Taniguchi; approved on a unanimous vote of [7-0]. A. Coleman, M. Gonzalez, and C. Kenny not present. Chair Taniguchi will draft letter.**

b. Discussion and possible action on the City of Austin's Montopolis Recreation and Community Center project submittal located at 1200 Montopolis Drive seeking support for the project and review of Alternative Equivalent Compliance under Subchapter E of the Land Development Code (David Smythe-Macaulay, Public Works Department);

**The motion to support the project as presented and to support the Alternative Equivalent Compliance made by B. Whatley; seconded by H. Walker; approved on a unanimous vote of [7-0]. A. Coleman, M. Gonzalez, and C. Kenny not present.**

c. Briefing on City of Austin's Community Climate Plan (Zach Baumer, Sustainability Office);

**No motion taken by Commission.**

d. Briefing on Building Excellence Leadership Team's ideas to consolidate resolutions affecting City owned buildings (Kit Johnson, Public Works Department);

City Architect, Kit Johnson, gave an overview of existing resolutions and codes that regulate City buildings and proposed the development of a "complete buildings" policy that emphasizes buildings that are "civil" or that play well with neighboring buildings and residents, the environment, and that are long lasting. **No motion taken by Commission.**

e. Briefing, discussion, and possible action on the City of Austin's process for Downtown Density Bonus applicants going to Design Commission seeking support for process changes (Katie Mulholland, Planning and Zoning);

B. Whatley recommended specifying "calendar days," Chair Taniguchi recommended adding a fourth or fifth Commissioner on a rotating basis to the working group, M. Heneo Robledo recommended specifying "Planning and Urban Design Working Group," and B. Whatley suggested rotating between the Working Groups. **The motion to support the changes to the process and calendar as presented made by B. Whatley; seconded by H. Walker; approved on a unanimous vote of [7-0]. A. Coleman, M. Gonzalez, and C. Kenny not present.**

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

a. Discussion and possible action on the Project Review Application (Chair Taniguchi)

Chair Taniguchi suggest C. Kenny reviews Sustainability presentation and said he will accept the most recent revisions made A. Coleman. Executive Liaison will send to Commissioners for review and final comments. **No action taken by Commission.**

- b. Discussion and possible action on a strategy for developing Infrastructure Guidelines (Chair Taniguchi)

Chair Taniguchi suggested updating the current Urban Design Guidelines at the same time that the Commission adds chapters for the infrastructure design guidelines. Chair Taniguchi will assign chapters to the Working Groups. Chair Taniguchi suggested reviewing other cities' guidelines (e.g., New York), and adding resources to Design Commission's Drop Box. Executive Liaison will send link to Drop Box. **No action taken by Commission.**

## 5. COMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP REPORTS (Discussion and Possible Action)

- a. Standing Committees Reports: None
- b. Working Group Reports: None
- c. Liaison Reports:

S. Franco mentioned he'd heard an interesting presentation on affordable housing at the Downtown Commission meeting.

- d. Appointment of Committee/Working Group members by Chair: None

## 6. STAFF BRIEFINGS: None

## 7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Staff briefing by Alan Holt on South Central Waterfront scheduled for 12/19 meeting.

## 8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Chair Announcements: None
- b. Items from Commission Members:

B. Luckens mentioned that this year's *Imagine Austin* amendments included a study of Growth Concept Map and Activity Centers and Corridors west of MoPac. **B. Luckens made a motion to add the study as a staff briefing to the agenda in the future; B. Whatley seconded.**

H. Walker mentioned Chuck Marohn from Strong Towns would be giving a presentation on Wednesday 10/28 morning and a happy hour at the Pour House in the evening.

- c. Items from City Staff: None

**ADJOURNMENT by consensus at: 8:45 PM**