



DESIGN COMMISSION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 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 6:02 PM.

Roll Call: B. Whatley arrived at 6:23 PM, B. Luckens not present.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:

Kit Johnson announced he resigned his position as City Architect to accept the University Architect position at St. Edward's. Kit introduced Raymundo Minjarez (COA-PWD), who will be acting as interim City Architect until the position is filled.

2. MEETING MINUTES (Discussion and Possible Action):

- a. Discussion and possible action on the October 24, 2016 meeting minutes.

The motion to approve the minutes as drafted made by C. Kenny; second by H. Walker; was approved on a unanimous vote of [7-0]. B. Luckens and B. Whatley not present.

3. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action):

- a. Discussion and possible action on the 1400 Lavaca design development submittal located at 1400 Lavaca Street seeking support for the project and review for substantial compliance with the Urban Design Guidelines for Austin in accordance with the Gatekeeper requirements of LDC 25-2-586 for the Downtown Density Bonus Program (William Herring, Metcalfe Wolff Stuart & Williams, LLP);

Chi Lee (Project Manager with Gensler) presented with Eric Shultz (Landscape Architect with dwg.).

The motion to come to a finding of substantial compliance as presented was made by A. Coleman; second by B. Whatley; was approved on a unanimous vote of [8-0]. B. Luckens not present. Chair Taniguchi will finalize the letter.

- b. Discussion and possible action on the City of Austin's Wooldridge Square project submittal located at 900 Guadalupe Street, seeking support for the project (Reynaldo Hernandez Jr., COA Parks and Recreation Department);

Reynaldo Hernandez, Jr. (COA-PARD) presented with Eric Shultz (Landscape Architect with dwg.).

The motion to not recommend the project made by A. Coleman; second by S. Franco; was approved on a vote of [7-1]. D. Carroll against (in support of the project); B. Luckens not present.

Commissioners discussed the attributes of the project that support with the urban design guidelines, including how it contributes to an open space network, provides food service, and viewing platforms. The main reasons for not supporting were that the project does not address microclimate, circulation, seating, visual and special complexity, plantings to enliven the space, interactive art, or safety.

4. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action):

- a. Discussion and possible action on the Project Review Application ([Chair Taniguchi](#));

No action taken. Commissioners will send edits to Staff (COA-PAZ).

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 gave an update on the Downtown Commission meeting.**
- d. Appointment of Committee/Working Group members by Chair: **None.**

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS:

- a. Exofficio members attending Planning and Urban Design Work Group ([Katie Mulholland](#));

Executive Liaison briefed the Commission on members being able to attend the Planning and Urban Design Working Group meetings as ex officio members. Ex officio members can attend and particulate but are not cannot vote and are not members of or alternates to the Planning and Urban Design Working Group. M. Gonzalez, D. Carroll, and S. Franco volunteered to attend Working Group meeting in the future as ex-officio members.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Briefing on South Central Waterfront Initiative ([Alan Holt](#), Planning and Zoning) for 12/19 meeting;

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Chair Announcements: None.

b. Items from Commission Members:

C. Kenny gave an update on a possible bulletin.

A. Coleman proposed having the Landscape and Infrastructure Working Group (S. Franco, M. Henao-Robledo, A. Coleman, B. Luckens) meet with the Assistant City Manager regarding the scope of the Design Commission and the Airport Park and Ride structure. Staff will check with PAZ management. A. Coleman will work with staff.

c. Items from City Staff:

Staff will add the 2017 Design Commission schedule to the agenda for the next meeting on 12/19.

ADJOURNMENT by consensus at: 8:45 PM.