



**DESIGN COMMISSION
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 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 6:00 PM.

Roll Call: A. Coleman arrived at 6:07 PM. B. Luckens, M. Gonzalez, and C. Kenny not present. B. Whatley left at 7:06 PM.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:

Girard Kinney discussed a possible future agenda item regarding billboards and signage.

2. MEETING MINUTES (Discussion and Possible Action):

- a. Discussion and possible action on the November 28, 2016 meeting minutes.

The motion to approve the minutes as drafted made by H. Walker, seconded by S. Franco, approved on a unanimous vote of [7-0]; B. Luckens, M. Gonzalez, and C. Kenny not present.

3. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action):

- a. Discussion and possible action on the Town Lake Lofts design development submittal, located at 16 N IH-35 Service Road Southbound, 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 (Nikki Morgenthaler, Rhode Partners)

Brett Rhode (Rhode Partners) presented the project.

The motion to support the project was made by D. Carroll, seconded by E. Taniguchi, approved on a unanimous vote of [7-0]; B. Luckens, M. Gonzalez, and C. Kenny not present. Chair Taniguchi will finalize the letter.

- b. Discussion and possible action on the on the City of Austin's Shipe Neighborhood Park Pool Facility project submittal located at 4400 Avenue G seeking support for the project

and review of Alternative Equivalent Compliance under [Subchapter E of the Land Development Code](#) ([Robin Camp](#), Public Works Department);

Robin Camp (COA-PWD), Laurie Limbacher (architect and historic expert, Limbacher & Godrey Architects), and Conners Ladner (project landscape designer, Design Workshop) presented with Rey Hernandez (project manager, COA-PARD). Staff requested a recommendation for relief from building a 15 foot Core Transit Corridor sidewalk around the park's entirety and for a concrete sidewalk of minimum width and length along Avenue G (from 45th Street to bridge).

The motion to support the project with stipulation that curb ramps are added at 44th St and Avenue G and an accessible path is created along Avenue G from 44th Street to 45th Street made by D. Carroll, seconded by A. Coleman, failed on a vote of [5-1], S. Franco against; B. Luckens, M. Gonzalez, C. Kenny, and B. Whatley not present. Chair Taniguchi will write a letter. The Commission would like an update.

- c. Briefing and discussion on [South Central Waterfront Initiative](#) ([Alan Holt](#), Planning and Zoning Department)

No action taken.

- d. Discussion and possible action on [2017 meeting schedule](#) ([Chair Taniguchi](#))

The motion to support the 2017 meeting schedule as is was made by S. Franco, seconded by H. Walker, and approved on a unanimous vote of [6-0]; B. Luckens, M. Gonzalez, C. Kenny, and B. Whatley not present.

4. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action):

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

The motion to postpone application to January 2017 meeting made by Walker, seconded by A. Coleman, and approved on a unanimous vote of [6-0]; B. Luckens, M. Gonzalez, C. Kenny, and B. Whatley not present. Chair will touch base with C. Kenny. Commissioners will send remaining edits to staff (COA-PAZ).

- b. Discussion and possible action on the [Infrastructure Design Guidelines](#) ([Chair Taniguchi](#));

No motion taken. Commission will review existing guidelines (e.g., Chicago, New York). Staff (COA-PAZ) will send a link to the guidelines. Commission will continue the discussion in January meeting.

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: **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: **None.**

ADJOURNMENT by consensus at: 8:41 PM.