



DESIGN COMMISSION
MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2017 6:00 PM
AUSTIN CITY HALL, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ROOM 1101
301 W. SECOND STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701

Meeting Minutes

Call to order by: **Chair D. Carroll at 6:03 PM.**

Roll Call: **B. Whatley arrived at 6:08pm, B. Frail arrived at 6:48pm M. Gonzalez not present.**

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: None

2. MEETING MINUTES (Discussion and Possible Action):

a. Discussion and possible action on the **July 24, 2017** meeting minutes;

The motion to approve the minutes made by E. Taniguchi; second by C. Kenny; unanimously approved on a [8-0] vote. B. Whatley, M. Gonzalez, and B. Frail not present.

3. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action):

a. Discussion and possible action on the **right of way vacation request** from the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society of The Protestant Episcopal Church in the USA, for the entire downtown alley of E. 7th St. located between Neches St. and Trinity St., seeking a recommendation of support to Director of the Office of Real Estate Services per [LDC § 14-11-73](#) (Representative: [Leah Bojo](#), Drenner Group, PC)

B. Whatley arrived at 6:08pm.

Katie Mulholland (COA Planning & Zoning) gave an overview of the commission's role in the downtown alley vacation process. Leah Bojo (Drenner Group) presented the project. Kim Vasquez (COA's Office of Real Estate Services), Branigan Mulchahy (Cielo Property Group), Chi Lee (Gensler), and Gabe Bruehl (KBGE) were also there to answer questions. C. Kenny requested to see the plan for loading and unloading Rideshare and A. Coleman requested information on the existing heritage Oak trees when the project returns for density bonus review.

The motion for the Chair to draft a letter of support for the project was made by C. Kenny; second by E. Taniguchi; the motion passed on a unanimous vote of [9-0]. M. Gonzalez and B. Frail not present.

- b. Staff presentation, discussion and possible action on **Downtown Density Bonus requirements and program outcomes** ([Katie Mulholland](#) and [Anne Milne](#), COA Planning & Zoning)

B. Frail arrived at 6:48pm.

Katie Mulholland (COA Planning and Zoning Dept.) presented. Anne Milne (COA Planning and Zoning Dept.), Sarah Talkington (COA Austin Energy Green Building Program), and Lauren Avioli (COA Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Dept.) answered questions from the Commission.

No action taken by the Commission.

4. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action):

- a. Discussion and possible action on **CodeNEXT's** draft code, maps, and processes (Chair Carroll)

Chair Carroll mentioned that the second draft code would be released on September 15, 2017.

No action taken by the Commission.

- b. Discussion and possible action on **upgrading and incorporating infrastructure into the Urban Design Guidelines** as directed by [Council Resolution 20120816-060](#) ([Chair D. Carroll](#))

S. Franco left the dais at 7:50pm.

The Chair requested that the Working Groups that weren't able to meet, meet and bring their recommendations as well as comment on the work that has been submitted to date for the next Design Commission meeting.

No action taken 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:

M. Henao-Robledo gave an update on the Downtown Commission meeting. She mentioned that the City of Austin is working with Sasaki and Downtown Austin Alliance

on an initiative called Our Congress Avenue. The City of Austin also presented the Seaholm waterfront project. M. Henao-Robledo mentioned that she hoped the Commission would get the Downtown Austin Alliance's parking presentation in the future.

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

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS: **None**

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. City of Austin's tree funding & standards (tentatively Oct.)
- b. Staff presentation on Municipal Buildings resolution and requirements and update on Shipe Park and Onion Creek Fire & EMS Station (tentatively Oct.)
- c. Downtown Parking Strategy by Downtown Austin Alliance (tentatively fall)

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Chair Announcements: **None**

b. Items from Commission Members:

C. Kenny mentioned he will bring an agenda item in September to propose the Commission 1.) designates a liaison to the Joint Sustainability Committee and 2.) requests to amend code to add a Design Commission member to the Committee.

c. Items from City Staff:

Katie Mulholland (COA Planning and Zoning) mentioned that she resent an email with a City of Austin memo that covers communicating with lobbyists and to contact the Clerks Office with questions.

ADJOURNMENT by consensus at: 8:05 pm