



**DESIGN COMMISSION  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 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 6:11 PM.**

Roll Call: **B. Frail arrived at 6:47 PM. K. Halloran, Melissa Henao-Robledo, B. Luckens, and B. Whatley not present.**

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: **None**

2. MEETING MINUTES (Discussion and Possible Action):

a. Discussion and possible action on the **September 25, 2017** meeting minutes;

**The motion to approve the minutes made by E. Taniguchi; second by M. Gonzalez; unanimously approved on a [6-0] vote; B. Frail, K. Halloran, Melissa Henao-Robledo, B. Luckens, and B. Whatley not present.**

3. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action):

a. Discussion and possible action on the **700 E. 11<sup>th</sup> St.** design development submittal, located at 700 E. 11th St., seeking a “finding of substantial compliance with the [Urban Design Guidelines for Austin](#),” one of the three Gatekeeper requirements of the [LDC § 25-2-586 Downtown Density Bonus Program](#) (Will Herring, Metcalfe Wolff Stuart & Williams, LLP) (45 mins.);

Michael Schooler (GDA) presented. Karl Hirschey (Tramwell Crow Residential) and Michelle Rogerson Lynch (Metcalfe Wolff Stuart & Williams, LLP) answered questions.

**B. Frail arrived at 6:47 PM.**

**The motion to recommend that the project is substantially compliant with the Urban Design Guidelines was made by M. Gonzalez; second by A. Coleman; failed on a vote of [5-2]; members voting “aye” were: D. Carroll, A. Coleman, B. Frail, M. Gonzalez, and E. Taniguchi; members voting “nay” were: S. Franco and C. Kenny; K. Halloran, Melissa Henao-Robledo, B. Luckens, and B. Whatley not present.**

- b. Discussion and possible action on the **ABIA Consolidated Maintenance Facility** design development submittal, located at 10100 & 10301 Golf Course Rd., seeking a finding of “compliance with city design and sustainability standards” per [Council Resolution 20071129-046](#) (David Smythe-Macaulay, COA Public Works Dept. ) (45 mins.);

Lyn Estabrook (COA Airport Dept.) presented and answered questions.

**The motion to find that the project complies with city design and sustainability standards was made by C. Kenny; friendly amendment to modify the motion to state that the project complies with the sustainability component of the design guidelines made by A. Coleman; accepted by C. Kenny; second by A. Coleman; passed on a unanimous vote of [7-0]; K. Halloran, Melissa Henao-Robledo, B. Luckens, and B. Whatley not present.**

4. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action):

- a. Discussion and possible action on **upgrading and incorporating infrastructure into the Urban Design Guidelines** as directed by [Council Resolution 20120816-060](#) ([Chair D. Carroll](#)) (20 mins.);

E. Taniguchi has written half of the Executive Summary and will have it next month to review.

**No action taken by the Commission.**

- b. Discussion and possible action on **CodeNEXT’s** draft [codes](#), [maps](#), and processes ([Chair D. Carroll](#)) (20 mins.);

Chair D. Carroll noted the Design Commission’s initial recommendations to the CodeNEXT team were not incorporated into Draft 2 of CodeNEXT. M. Gonzalez made recommendations.

**The motion to incorporate M. Gonzalez’s comments into the letter and to reissue it to CodeNEXT staff, Council, and consultants was made by D. Carroll; second by S. Franco; passed on a unanimous vote of [7-0]; K. Halloran, Melissa Henao-Robledo, B. Luckens, and B. Whatley not present.**

Chair D. Carroll will revise the letter.

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

- a. Liaison Reports:

S. Franco reported that the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board (SCWAB) saw a presentation by Christine Maguire (COA Economic Development Dept.) on financing

tools including Tax Increment Financing (TIF). The SCWAB has a special-called meeting to urge Council to designate the South Central Waterfront as a TIF to capture public improvements as private properties redevelop.

C. Kenny reported that the Design Commission's request to add a member to the Joint Sustainability Committee (JSC) was well received. The JSC is working to implement Phase 1 of the City's Climate Plan, which is applicable to the Design Commission as it focuses on City buildings and operations.

**No action taken by the Commission.**

b. Appointment of Committee/Working Group Members by Chair: **None**

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS: **None**

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. COA's Austin Energy District Cooling Plant No.3 (tentatively fall)
- b. Staff presentation on City of Austin's tree funding (tentatively late fall)
- c. Staff presentation on trees & density bonus projects (tentatively late fall)
- d. Staff update on municipal building projects, including Shipe Park and Onion Creek Fire & EMS Station (tentatively fall)
- e. Downtown Parking Strategy by Downtown Austin Alliance

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Chair Announcements:

Chair D. Carroll mentioned that AIA has set up a series of charrettes to test Draft 2 of CodeNEXT. There will be a reception to present the findings of their work on Nov. 4 from 6:00 to 8:00/8:30pm at 1501 E. 7<sup>th</sup> St.

**Executive Liaison Katie Mulholland (COA Planning and Zoning Dept.) mentioned that since CodeNEXT is a future agenda item, a quorum of the Commission (6 or more Commissioners) can't be present. Commissioners may need to stagger their attendance to ensure no more than 5 Commissioners are represent at any one time.**

b. Items from Commission Members:

E. Taniguchi noted his concern about the vote on the 700 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Density Bonus project (Item 3a), and the Commission being consistent on "substantial compliance" with the Urban Design Guidelines.

**Chair D. Carroll asked Staff to add how the Commission reviews against the Urban Design Guidelines and what substantial compliance means as an agenda item to next month's meeting.**

**A. Coleman asked Staff to find out if the Commission voted on not taking into consideration how a project generates revenue.**

c. Items from City Staff:

**Executive Liaison Katie Mulholland (COA Planning and Zoning Dept.) mentioned she would be scheduling a Working Group meeting with a density bonus applicant that is aiming for the Nov. 27 meeting.**

**ADJOURNMENT by consensus at: 8:24 pm**

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