



**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. 11th 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. 7th 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. 11th 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