



DESIGN COMMISSION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 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: **D. Carroll at 6:00 PM.**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Carroll – Chair	<input type="checkbox"/> Melissa Henao-Robledo
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Martha Gonzalez – Vice-Chair	<input type="checkbox"/> Conor Kenny
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aan Coleman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ben Luckens
<input type="checkbox"/> Beau Frail	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Evan Taniguchi
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Samuel Franco	<input type="checkbox"/> Bart Whatley
<input type="checkbox"/> Katie Halloran	

Bart Whatley arrived at 6:02 PM. B. Frail, K. Halloran, M. Henao-Robledo, and C. Kenny not present.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: **None**
2. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action):
 - a. Discussion and possible action on the Block 71 Redevelopment project, located at 200 W. 6th St., seeking a finding of “substantial compliance with the Urban Design Guidelines for Austin,” one of the three Gatekeeper requirements of Downtown Density Bonus Program – LDC §25-2-586 (Jade Kanevski, Project Manager, Page) (30 mins.);

Bart Whatley arrived at 6:02 PM.

Larry Speck (Page) presented project. Cameron Campbell (Campbell Landscape Architecture) answered questions about trees.

The motion to find the project in substantial compliance with the Urban Design Guidelines made by A. Coleman; second by Vice Chair M. Gonzalez; passed on a unanimous vote of [7-0]; B. Frail, K. Halloran, M. Henao-Robledo, and C. Kenny not present.

- b. Introduction of new City Architect, Janice White (Raymundo Minjarez, COA Public Works Dept.)(10 mins.);

Raymundo Minjarez (COA Public Works Dept.) introduced Janice White as the new City Architect. Janice White provided information on her background.

No action taken by the Commission.

- c. Staff briefing on application of Subchapter E for park improvement projects (Christine Barton-Holmes, COA Development Services Dept.) (10 mins.);

Christine Barton-Holmes (COA Development Services Dept.) presented.

No action taken by the Commission.

- d. Discussion and possible action on the Town Lake Metro Park – Holly-Festival Master Plan Implementation Phase 1 project, located at 2101 Jesse E. Segovia St., seeking a review of compliance with city design and sustainability standards per Council Resolution 20071129-046 (Rey Hernandez, COA Parks & Rec Dept.) (30 mins.);

B. Luckens recused himself and stepped off the dais at 7:01pm.

Rey Hernandez (COA Parks & Rec Dept.) presented. Owen Harrod (MWM Design) answered questions.

The motion to approve the as presented with caveats (shading of picnic tables, security of restroom, width and location of sidewalk along Chicon) made by E. Taniguchi; second by Vice Chair M. Gonzalez; unanimously approved on a vote of [6-0-1]; B. Luckens recused; B. Frail, K. Halloran, M. Henao-Robledo, and C. Kenny not present.

3. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and possible action):

- a. Courtesy briefing on the Austin Energy District Cooling Plant No.3 project, located at 812 ½ West Second Street (Carlos Cordova, COA Austin Energy) (15 mins.);

B. Luckens returned to the dais at 7:30 pm.

Jim Collins (COA Austin Energy) and Phil Reed (Cotera+Reed) presented. Carolyn Kelley (landscape architect) and Marjorie Flanagan (COA Art in Public Places) answered questions about trees and public art, respectively.

No action taken by the Commission.

- b. Discussion and possible action on how the Design Commission reviews against the Urban Design Guidelines and what substantial compliance means (Chair D. Carroll) (20 min.);

E. Taniguchi suggested weighing guidelines. A. Coleman suggested the Commission take a stance on whether economics should play a part in their decision. Chair D. Carroll suggested being more comfortable when a project meets 80% (vs. 60%) of the guidelines. B. Whatley mentioned pushing AE to change its vault rules.

No action taken by the Commission.

- c. Discussion and possible action on upgrading and incorporating infrastructure into the Urban Design Guidelines as directed by City Council Resolution No. 20120816-060 (Chair D. Carroll) (15 mins.);

Chair D. Carroll created a Working Group with Chair D. Carroll, Vice Chair M. Gonzalez, and E. Taniguchi as members. A. Coleman showed interested in attending the meeting. Chair D. Carroll will send the meeting date for Staff to distribute.

No action taken by the Commission.

- d. Discussion and possible action on CodeNEXT's draft codes, maps, and processes (Chair D. Carroll) (5 mins.);

Chair D. Carroll asked to add this item to the agenda when Draft 3 of CodeNEXT is released in February 2018.

No action taken by the Commission.

4. COMMISSION-SPECIFIC BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action):

- a. Discussion and possible action on the October 23, 2017 meeting minutes (5 mins.); (Chair D. Carroll) (5 mins.);

The motion to approve the minutes was made by E. Taniguchi; second by S. Franco; approved on a unanimous vote of [7-0]; B. Frail, K. Halloran, M. Henao-Robledo, and C. Kenny not present.

- b. Discussion and possible action on 2018 meeting schedule (Chair D. Carroll) (5 mins.); (Chair D. Carroll) (5 mins.);

The motion to approve the schedule for 2018 was made by S. Franco; second by Vice Chair M. Gonzalez; approved on a unanimous vote of [7-0]; B. Frail, K. Halloran, M. Henao-Robledo, and C. Kenny not present.

- c. Liaison Reports (10 mins.) **None.**
- d. Appointment of Committee/Working Group members by Chair;

Chair D. Carroll appointed Chair D. Carroll, Vice Chair M. Gonzalez, and E. Taniguchi as members to a new Infrastructure Working Group.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

B. Whatley suggest an update from Capital Metro on the Downtown Transit Station at Brush Square as a future agenda item. Chair D. Carroll agreed.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Chair Announcements: **None.**
- b. Items from Commission Members: **None.**
- c. Items from City Staff: **None.**

ADJOURNMENT by consensus at: 8:14 PM.