



DESIGN COMMISSION
MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2018 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 6:02 PM.**

Member List

X	David Carroll – Chair		Melissa Hanao-Robledo
	Martha Gonzalez – Vice-Chair	X	Ben Luckens
X	Aan Coleman	X	Evan Taniguchi
X	Beau Frail	X	Bart Whatley
X	Samuel Franco		VACANT
X	Katie Halloran		

Commissioner B. Whatley arrived at 6:05 pm. Vice-Chair M. Gonzalez and Commissioner M. Henao-Robledo were absent.

Support Staff in attendance: Benjamin Campbell (Executive Liaison; PAZ); Nichole Koerth (Staff Liaison; PAZ)

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:

None.

2. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action):

- a. Discussion and possible action to evaluate and make recommendations regarding whether the **300 Colorado** project (addressed at 300 Colorado Street) complies with the [Urban Design Guidelines](#), a gatekeeper requirement for the Downtown Density Bonus Program ([LDC § 25-2-586](#)).

Amanda Swor (Drenner Group), Jon Pickard (Pickard Chilton) and Nick Brown presented and answered questions by the Commission.

The motion to recommend that 300 Colorado complies with the Urban Design Guidelines was made by Commissioner B. Whatley; second by Commissioner S. Franco. A friendly amendment that the parking be available to the public was made by Commissioner K. Halloran. The motion and friendly amendment were approved on a unanimous vote of [8-0-0]. Vice-Chair M. Gonzalez and Commissioner M. Henao-Robledo were absent.

- b. Briefing, discussion and possible action on the **Seaholm Waterfront Programming and Implementation Study**, which provides phased recommendations for the improvements of the 3 acre park site, including the Seaholm Intake Building. PARD seeks endorsement of the overall recommendations in the study, which includes Phase I improvements to provide property clean-up as well as safety and accessibility improvements to the Seaholm Intake building and surrounding parkland.

Kevin Johnson (COA-PARD), Heidi Anderson (Trail Foundation), Al Godfrey (Trail Foundation), and Katie Robillard (Austin Parks Foundation) provided the briefing and answered questions by the Commission.

The motion to support the project was made by Commissioner K. Halloran; second by Commissioner S. Franco. The motion was approved on a unanimous vote of [8-0-0]. Vice-Chair M. Gonzalez and Commissioner M. Henao-Robledo were absent.

Chair D. Carroll will draft the letter.

- c. Briefing and discussion on the **Congress Avenue Urban Design Initiative** (David Taylor, City of Austin Public Works Department & Tonya Swartzendruber, City of Austin Planning and Zoning Department).

Tonya Swartzendruber (COA-PAZ) and Michele Van Hyfte (Downtown Austin Alliance) presented and answered question by the Commission.

No action taken.

3. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and possible Action):

- a. Discussion and possible action on **CodeNEXT's** draft [codes](#), [maps](#), and processes ([Chair D. Carroll](#)).

No action taken. This item will be postponed until the adoption of CodeNEXT.

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

- a. 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](#)).

Commissioner S. Franco proposed collaborating with the drafters of the South Central Waterfront infrastructure guidelines, which are in progress.

No action taken. This item will be postponed until the adoption of CodeNEXT.

- b. Update from the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department (NHCD) to determine bonus fee collection, disbursement of fees, processes and documentation.

Mr. Campbell presented a memo from the Neighborhood Housing & Community Development and Planning & Zoning Departments regarding density bonus fees.

- c. Discussion and possible action on the **May 30, 2018** meeting minutes.

The motion to approve the minutes as drafted was made by Commissioner A. Coleman; Second by Commissioner E. Taniguchi; approved unanimously on a vote of [8-0-0]. Vice-Chair M. Gonzalez and Commissioner M. Henao-Robledo were absent.

- d. Liaison Reports.

None.

- e. Appointment of Committee/Working Group members by Chair; nomination of a liaison to the Joint Sustainability Committee.

Chair Carroll confirmed which commissioners would attend the Downtown Density Bonus Program working groups on Thursday, June 28 and Friday, June 29.

Commissioner Halloran volunteered to monitor the activities of the Joint Sustainability Committee.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Nomination of a liaison to the Joint Sustainability Committee.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Chair Announcements:

Chair Carroll announced that the City Architect would give an update on various projects within the next several months.

- b. Items from Commission Members:

Commissioner Coleman said that she felt the City should spend more money on parks. She pointed to Levy Park in Houston as a model.

- c. Items from City Staff:

Mr. Campbell said that Humberto Rey would visit the Design Commission later in the summer to address questions about Great Streets program.

ADJOURNMENT by consensus at: 8:34 PM.