



DESIGN COMMISSION
MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 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 6:01 PM.**

Member List

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

Commissioner A. Coleman arrived at 6:07 pm. Commissioner B. Frail arrived at 6:20 pm.
Commissioner B. Whatley was absent.

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

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:

None.

The Design Commission recessed at 6:06 pm to allow City Staff time to restore the AV system, which was unable to display presentations on the monitors in the room.

Commissioner A. Coleman arrived at 6:07 pm.

The AV system was restored and the Design Commission returned from recess at 6:23 pm.

2. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action):

- a. Discussion and possible action to evaluate and make recommendations regarding whether **The Republic** project, located at 401 W. 4th Street, complies with the [Urban Design Guidelines](#), a gatekeeper requirement for the Downtown Density Bonus Program ([LDC §25-2-586\(C\)\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)) ([Turan Duda](#), Duda Paine Architects; [Ashley Griffin-Didow](#), Duda Paine Architects; [Elliott Doerle](#), TBG Partners; [Richard Suttle](#), Armbrust & Brown) (15 mins.);

Richard Suttle (Armbrust & Brown); Jay Smith (Duda Paine Architects); Turan Duda (Duda Paine Architects); and Chris Jackson (TBG Partners) presented and answered questions from the Commission.

Commissioner B. Frail arrived at 6:20 pm.

The motion to recommend that The Republic project complies with the Urban Design Guidelines was made by Vice-Chair M. Gonzalez; second by Commissioner S. Franco. A friendly amendment that the bike parking be available to the public was made by Commissioner S. Franco. The motion and friendly amendment were approved on a unanimous vote of [9-0-0].

Commissioner B. Whatley was not present.

Vice-Chair M. Gonzalez recused herself and left the meeting room at 7:02 pm.

- b. Discussion and possible action to evaluate and make recommendations regarding whether the **6th + Guadalupe** project, located at 600 Guadalupe Street, complies with the [Urban Design Guidelines](#), a gatekeeper requirement for the Downtown Density Bonus Program ([LDC §25-2-586\(C\)\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)) ([Amanda Swor](#), Drenner Group; [Chi Lee](#), Gensler) (15 mins.);

Amanda Swor (Drenner Group); Chi Lee (Gensler); and Philip Koske (Nudge Design) presented and answered questions from the Commission.

Commissioner B. Frail left the dais at 7:20 pm.

Commissioner B. Frail returned to the dais at 7:27 pm.

The motion to recommend that the 6th + Guadalupe project complies with the Urban Design Guidelines was made by Commissioner A. Coleman; second by Commissioner B. Luckens. The motion was approved on a unanimous vote of [8-0-0].

Vice-Chair M. Gonzalez recused. Commissioner B. Whatley was not present.

- c. Discussion and possible action to evaluate and make recommendations regarding whether the **17th Street Hotel** project, located at 1620-1624 Lavaca Street, complies with the [Urban Design Guidelines](#), a gatekeeper requirement for the Downtown Density Bonus Program ([LDC §25-2-586\(C\)\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)) ([Amanda Swor](#), Drenner Group; [Chi Lee](#), Gensler) (15 mins.);

Amanda Swor (Drenner Group); Chi Lee (Gensler); and Chris Jackson (TBG Partners) presented and answered questions from the Commission.

The motion to recommend that the 17th Street Hotel project complies with the Urban Design Guidelines was made by Commissioner A. Coleman; second by Commissioner E. Taniguchi. The motion was approved on a unanimous vote of [8-0-0].

Vice-Chair M. Gonzalez recused. Commissioner B. Whatley was not present.

Commissioner S. Franco left the dais at 7:53 pm.

Vice-Chair M. Gonzalez returned to the dais at 7:53 pm.

Commissioner A. Coleman recused herself and left the meeting room at 7:53 pm.

- d. Discussion and possible action on the **Zilker Maintenance Barn** project, located at 2328 Columbus Drive, seeking a recommendation of “compliance with city design and sustainability standards” per [Resolution 20071129-046](#) ([Kalpana Sutaria](#), COA Public Works Department; [John McKennis](#), COA Parks and Recreation Department; [Sam Irrinki](#), Weston Solutions; [Jaime Beaman](#), Casabella Architects) (15 mins.);

Kalpana Sutaria (COA Public Works Department); John McKennis (COA Parks and Recreation Department); Sam Irrinki (Weston Solutions); and Jaime Beaman (Casabella Architects) presented and answered questions from the Commission.

Commissioner S. Franco returned to the dais at 7:56 pm.

Commissioner B. Luckens left the dais at 8:02 pm.

Commissioner B. Luckens returned to the dais at 8:06 pm.

Commissioner K. Halloran left the dais at 8:11 pm.

The motion to recommend that the Zilker Maintenance Barn project complies with city design and sustainability standards was made by Commissioner B. Luckens; second by Commissioner E. Taniguchi. The motion did not pass, by a vote of [5-2-0].

Chair D. Carroll and Commissioner S. Franco opposed the motion. Commissioner A. Coleman recused. Commissioner K. Halloran was away from the dais. Commissioner B. Whatley was not present.

Commissioner A. Coleman returned to the dais at 8:14 pm.

Commissioner K. Halloran returned to the dais at 8:15 pm.

- e. Discussion and possible action on the **Waterloo Park** project, located at 500 E. 12th Street, seeking support for the project (SPC-2017-0322C) (Peter Mullan, Waller Creek Conservancy; Andy Mazor, Thomas Phifer and Partners) (15 mins.);

Peter Mullan, Waller Creek Conservancy; Andy Mazor, Thomas Phifer and Partners; Maija Kreishman, Michael Hsu Office of Architecture; and Eric Schultz, dwg. presented and answered questions by the Commission.

Chair D. Carroll left the dais at 8:49 pm.

Commissioner K. Halloran left the meeting at 8:52 pm.

Chair D. Carroll returned to the dais at 8:53 pm.

The motion to support the Waterloo Park project was made by Commissioner E. Taniguchi; second by Vice-Chair M. Gonzalez. The motion was approved on a unanimous vote of [8-0-0].

Commissioners B. Whatley and K. Halloran were not present.

3. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and possible Action):

a. None

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

a. Discussion and possible action on the **June 25, 2018** draft meeting minutes (5 mins.);

The motion to approve the minutes as drafted was made by Commissioner E. Taniguchi; second by Commissioner S. Franco; approved unanimously on a vote of [8-0-0].

Commissioners K. Halloran and B. Whatley were not present.

b. Discussion and possible action on the determination of Substantial Compliance in regards to the Urban Design Guidelines ([B. Luckens](#)) (20 mins.);

Commissioner M. Hanao-Robledo left the dais at 9:26 pm.

Commissioner M. Hanao-Robledo returned to the dais at 9:27 pm.

**Discussion will resume at the September 24, 2018 Design Commission meeting.
No action taken.**

c. Liaison Reports:

Commissioner S. Franco discussed the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board and gave the update that a revision would be made in regards to the discontinuation of CodeNEXT.

Commissioner B. Frail left the dais at 9:29 pm.

Commissioner M. Hanao-Robledo announced that the upcoming Downtown Commission meeting had been canceled.

d. Appointment of Committee/Working Group members by Chair;

Commissioner B. Frail returned to the dais at 9:31 pm.

Discussion followed regarding attendance at the upcoming Working Group meeting on August 30th.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Further update from the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department (NHCD) regarding density bonus housing fee collection, disbursement of fees, processes and documentation;
- b. Staff update regarding the request by the Design Commission that existing Great Streets elements such as trees, furnishings, and pavers (when applicable), be returned to the City when removed for a new private Great Streets project, or when removed by a public entity ([Humberto Rey](#), City of Austin Planning & Zoning Department);
- c. Nomination of a liaison to the Joint Sustainability Committee;
- d. Re-Introduction and update from the City Architect, Janice White (September 24, 2018);
- e. Discussion regarding Urban Design Guidelines and the Infrastructure Guidelines;

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Chair Announcements:

None.

- b. Items from Commission Members:

None.

- c. Items from City Staff:

None.

ADJOURNMENT by consensus at: 9:36 PM.