



DESIGN COMMISSION
MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 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 6:04 p.m.**

Member List

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

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

Commissioners B. Frail, and B. Luckens were absent.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:

None.

2. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action):

Commissioners S. Franco and Vice-Chair M. Gonzalez recused from Items 2a-2b and left the dais at 6:05 p.m.

- a. Discussion and possible action on the **1700 Guadalupe (Travis County Courthouse) Downtown Alley Vacation**, located at 1700 Guadalupe Street, seeking a review and recommendation of support to the Direct of Public Works (Office of Real Estate Services) and Council per [LDC § 14-11-73](#) ([Michael Whellan](#), Armbrust & Brown);

A joint presentation was made for both the alley vacation and the Downtown Density Bonus Program applications.

- b. Discussion and possible action to evaluate and make recommendations regarding whether the **1700 Guadalupe (Travis County Courthouse) project**, addressed at 1700 Guadalupe Street, complies with the [Urban Design Guidelines](#), a gatekeeper requirement for the Downtown Density Bonus Program ([LDC §25-2-586\(C\)\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)) ([Michael Whellan](#), Armbrust & Brown);

Michael Whellan (Armbrust & Brown), Chi Lee (Gensler) and Chris Jackson (TBG) presented and answered questions from Commissioners.

Commissioner M. Henao-Robledo left the dais at 6:57 p.m. and returned at 6:59 p.m.

A motion to recommend approval of the 1700 Guadalupe (Travis County Courthouse) Downtown Alley Vacation was made by Commissioner E. Taniguchi and seconded by Commissioner A. Coleman. The motion was approved on a unanimous vote [6-0-0]. Vice-Chair M. Gonzalez and Commissioner S. Franco recused.

A motion to recommend that the 1700 Guadalupe (Travis County Courthouse) project complies with the Urban Design Guidelines, was made by Commissioner B. Whatley.

A friendly amendment requesting the applicant consider Wayfinding for the project was made by Commissioner E. Taniguchi; and accepted by Commissioner B. Whatley.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner A. Coleman.

The motion was approved on a unanimous vote [6-0-0]. Vice-Chair M. Gonzalez and Commissioner S. Franco recused.

Vice-Chair M. Gonzalez returned to the dais at 7:12 p.m.

Commissioner S. Franco returned to the dais at 7:14 p.m.

3. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and possible Action):

a. **None**

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

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

Discussion is ongoing. No action taken.

b. Discussion and possible action on the **October 22, 2018** meeting minutes;

Commissioner K. Halloran left the dais at 7:32 pm

The motion to approve the minutes as drafted was made by Vice-Chair M. Gonzalez; second by Commissioner A. Coleman. The motion was approved unanimously [7-0-0]. Commissioner Halloran was away from the dais.

Commissioner K. Halloran returned to the dais at 7:35 p.m.

c. Liaison Reports;

None.

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

None.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

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

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Chair Announcements:

None.

- b. Items from Commission Members:

None.

- c. Items from City Staff:

Mr. Campbell announced that a presentation from Austin Energy Green Building would be forthcoming in the new year.

ADJOURNMENT at: 7:44 p.m.