



DESIGN COMMISSION
MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2019 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	X	Ben Luckens
X	Aan Coleman	X	Evan Taniguchi
X	Beau Frail	X	Bart Whatley
X	Samuel Franco		VACANT
X	Katie Halloran		

Support Staff in attendance: Benjamin Campbell (Executive Liaison; PAZ); Art Zamorano (Substitute Staff Liaison; PAZ)

1. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:**

None.

2. **NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action):**

- a. Discussion and possible action on the **Brush Square Master Plan**, located at 409 East 5th Street, seeking a recommendation on “compliance with city design and sustainability standards” per [City Council Resolution 20071129-046](#) ([Kim McKnight](#), Parks and Recreation Department; [Brendan Wittstruck](#), Asakura Robinson);

Vice-Chair M. Gonzalez arrived at 6:07 p.m.

Kim McKnight, Brendan Wittstruck presented and answered questions by the Commission, with the help of Meghan Skornia (Asakura Robinson).

The motion to recommend the Brush Square Master Plan be adopted by Austin City Council as it complies with the city design and sustainability standards was made by Vice-Chair M. Gonzalez and seconded by Commissioner K. Halloran.

Commissioner B. Frail made a friendly amendment to request the applicant consider planting more trees on the south side of Brush Square.

Vice-Chair M. Gonzalez accepted.

Commissioner A. Coleman made a friendly amendment to recommend that Capital Metro rename the adjacent Red Line station “Brush Square Station.”

Vice-Chair M. Gonzalez accepted.

Commissioner S. Franco made a friendly amendment for the applicant consider conducting a cost analysis of the funding needed for operations and maintenance of the Brush Square Master Plan project.

Vice-Chair M. Gonzalez accepted.

Commissioner B. Luckens made a friendly amendment that the applicant reconsider lighting, screening of the fire station parking lot, and the shade over the water feature.

Vice-Chair M. Gonzalez declined the amendment.

The motion was approved on a unanimous vote of [10-0-0].

The Chair will draft a letter of recommendation for the applicants.

Commissioner A. Coleman left the dais at 7:34 PM.

3. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and possible Action):

- a. None

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

- a. Discussion and possible action on the **December 17, 2018** meeting minutes;

The motion to approve the minutes as drafted was made by Commissioner E. Taniguchi; second by Vice-Chair M. Gonzalez; approved unanimously on a vote of [9-0].

Commissioner A. Coleman not present.

- b. 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.

- c. Liaison Reports;

Commissioner M. Hanao-Robledo, liaison to the Downtown Commission, reported that the alley between E. 7th and E. 8th Streets and east of Red River Street, was being fenced

off due to safety concerns. Commissioner Hanao-Robledo also encouraged fellow commissioners to learn more about the organization Capital City Innovation.

Commissioner S. Franco, liaison to the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board, reported on discussions regarding financing and regulation, timing of development, and adoption of the regulating plan.

Chair D. Carroll, liaison to the Historic Landmark Commission Design Standards Working Group, gave a brief update.

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

Chair D. Carroll

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 related that several street trees were moved from in front of the 300 Colorado project and placed elsewhere Downtown to replace of lost trees.

ADJOURNMENT at: 7:50 p.m.