



**DESIGN COMMISSION  
RECOMMENDATION 20190128-02A**

Date: February 14, 2019

**Subject:** Design Commission recommendation for the Brush Square Master Plan located at 409 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street to determine compliance with city design and sustainability standards.

**Motioned By:** Vice-Chair Martha Gonzales      **Seconded By:** Katie Halloran

**Amendment 01 By:** Beau Frail – Recommend planting more trees along southern edge

**Amendment 02 By:** Aan Coleman – Recommend renaming Downtown Metro Rail Station

**Amendment 03 By:** Samuel Franco – Recommend studying funding source for programming

**Recommendation:**

The Austin Design Commission recommends that the Brush Square Master Plan, as presented on January 28, 2019, is in compliance with the city's design and sustainability standards.

In addition to the comments provided to the applicant during the presentation, the Design Commission passed the following recommendations:

- 1) Additional trees be included along the southern edge of the park to create more shade for the Festival Lawn space.
- 2) Renaming the Downtown Metro Rail Station to Brush Square Station.
- 3) Commission a study on how to create a sustainable funding source for the programming of the park as this will be essential to its future success

**Rationale:**

Dear City Council,

This letter is to confirm the Design Commission's recommendation that the Brush Square Master Plan, as presented to the body on January 28, 2019 complies with the city's design and sustainability standards. Positive features of the project include:

1. Expanding the existing usable area of the Park by reducing parking
2. Engagement of the East 4<sup>th</sup> Street Plaza and Metro Rail Station
3. Repurposing of the existing Fire Station
4. Diversity of areas including; play area, festival lawn, water features, and outdoor seating
5. Integration of existing Museums

Respectfully,  
City of Austin Design Commission

**Vote: 10 - 0 - 0**

For: David Carroll, Aan Coleman, Samuel Franco, Katie Halloran, Evan Taniguchi, Ben Lukens, Beau Frail, Bart  
Whatley, Martha Gonzales, Melissa Henao-Robledo

Against: n/a

Abstain: n/a

Absent: n/a

Recused: n/a

Attest: David Carroll, Chair of the Design Commission

