



DESIGN COMMISSION
MONDAY, MARCH 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 6:06 p.m.**

Member List

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

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

Commissioners B. Whatley, M. Hanao-Robledo and S. Franco were absent.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:

None.

2. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action):

- a. Discussion and possible action to evaluate and make recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Director regarding whether the **44 East** project, addressed at 44 East Avenue, complies with the [Urban Design Guidelines](#), a gatekeeper requirement for the Downtown Density Bonus Program ([LDC §25-2-586\(C\)\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)) ([Leah Bojo](#), Drenner Group; LLP);

Leah Bojo (Drenner Group), Larry Speck (Page), Brad Stein (Intracorp), and Daniel Woodroffe (dwg.) presented and answered questions from the Commission.

The motion to recommend that the project complies with the Urban Design Guidelines was made by Vice-Chair M. Gonzalez and second by Commissioner A. Coleman. The motion was approved unanimously [7-0-0].

Commissioners B. Whatley, M. Hanao-Robledo, and S. Franco were absent.

- b. Courtesy briefing and discussion on the **Block 185** project, part of the former Green Water Treatment Plant ([Bill Butler](#), Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects; [Jon Robert](#), Pelli Clark Pelli Architects);

Bill Butler, Jon Robert, Jim Stephenson and Cameron Campbell presented and answered answer questions from the Commission.

No action taken.

Commissioners B. Whatley, M. Hanao-Robledo, and S. Franco were not present.

- c. Discussion and possible action on the **Dougherty Arts Center** project, located at 200 S. Lamar Boulevard (currently at 1110 Barton Springs Road), seeking a recommendation to Council for approval of the proposed Dougherty Arts Center redevelopment site at Butler Shores Park ([Kevin Johnson](#), City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department; [Barbara Austin](#), RVi Planning + Landscape Architecture; [Jonathan Pearson](#), Studio 8 Architecture);

Commissioner B. Frail left the dais at 7:30 p.m. and returned at 7:34 p.m.

Commissioner A. Coleman left the dais at 7:32 p.m. and returned at 7:35 p.m.

The quorum was lost when Commissioner A. Coleman left the dais: the meeting ceased. The meeting resumed when Commissioner B. Frail returned.

Kevin Johnson, Barbara Austin, and Jonathan Pearson presented and answered questions from the Commission.

Commissioner K. Halloran left the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

The motion to recommend approval of the project to Council was made by Vice-Chair M. Gonzalez and second by Commissioner A. Coleman. The motion was approved unanimously [6-0-0].

Commissioners B. Whatley, M. Hanao-Robledo, S. Franco, 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 **February 25, 2019** meeting minutes;

The motion to approve the meeting minutes as drafted was made by Vice-Chair M. Gonzalez and second by Commissioner E. Taniguchi. The motion was approved unanimously [6-0-0].

Commissioners B. Whatley, M. Hanao-Robledo, S. Franco, K. Halloran were not present.

- b. Discussion and possible action regarding recommendations for the Downtown Density Bonus Program in relation to the Rainey Street Subdistrict of the Waterfront Overlay District ([Ord. 20140227-054](#)) (requested by [Chair D. Carroll](#) & [Vice-Chair M. Gonzalez](#));

Sandra DeLeon gave a presentation and discussed the Rainey neighborhood with the Commission.

Item postponed until the April Design Commission meeting at which time a letter of recommendation would be discussed.

- c. Liaison Reports;

None.

- d. Appointment of a Design Commission Liaison to the Downtown Commission;

None.

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

None.

- f. New terms for reappointed Commissioners;

Mr. Campbell stated that all of the Commissioners whose terms had expired were reappointed by City Council.

- g. Presentation of staff approval memos for **6th x Guadalupe** and **91 Red River**;

Mr. Campbell gave a brief update on the state of the above projects.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding recommendations for the Downtown Density Bonus Program in relation to the Rainey Street Subdistrict of the Waterfront Overlay District ([Ord. 20140227-054](#)) (requested by [Chair D. Carroll](#) & [Vice-Chair M. Gonzalez](#));

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Chair Announcements:

None.

- b. Items from Commission Members:

None.

c. Items from City Staff:

None.

ADJOURNMENT at: 9:11 p.m.