



DESIGN COMMISSION
MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 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 6:02 p.m.**

Member List

<u>X</u>	David Carroll – Chair	<u>X</u>	Melissa Henao-Robledo
<u>X</u>	Martha Gonzalez – Vice-Chair	<u>X</u>	Ben Luckens
<u>X</u>	Aan Coleman	<u>X</u>	Evan Taniguchi
<u>X</u>	Beau Frail	<u>X</u>	Bart Whatley
<u>X</u>	Samuel Franco	<u>X</u>	Josue Meiners
<u>X</u>	Katie Halloran		

Support Staff in attendance: Jorge Rousselin (Executive Liaison; PAZ); Nichole Koerth (Staff Liaison; PAZ); Aaron Jenkins (Staff Liaison; PAZ)

Commissioner B. Frail arrived at 6:07 p.m.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:

None.

2. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action):

- a. Discussion and possible action to evaluate and make recommendations regarding whether the **17th & Guadalupe Apartments** project, addressed at 313 W. 17th Street, complies with the [Urban Design Guidelines](#), a gatekeeper requirement for the Downtown Density Bonus Program ([LDC §25-2-586\(C\)\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)) ([Brockett Davidson](#), Rhode Partners);

Brockett Davidson presented and answered questions from Commissioners.

The motion to recommend the project as it complies with the Urban Design Guidelines was made by Vice-Chair M. Gonzalez and seconded by Commissioner J. Meiners.

A friendly amendment regarding the possibility of contracting local artists for their exhibit area, and the decoupling of parking, to be included in the lease agreement, was made by Commissioner S. Franco; and accepted by Vice-Chair M. Gonzalez and Commissioner J. Meiners.

The motion, with friendly amendments, was approved on a vote of [10-1-0].

Commissioner A. Coleman opposed.

- b. Discussion and possible action to evaluate and make recommendations regarding whether **The Travis** project, addressed at 80 Red River Street, 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; [Michael Schooler](#), GDA Architects; [Anna Hoge](#), Consort, Inc.);

Leah Bojo presented, with assistance from Michael Schooler and [Mike Frazee](#) (Studio Outside)

The motion to postpone this item until the September 23rd Design Commission meeting was made by Chair D. Carroll and seconded by Commissioner B. Luckens. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of [11-0-0].

- c. Discussion and possible action on the [Pedestrian Advisory Council](#) recommendations for the Congress Avenue Urban seeking support from the Commission. Presenter: Vice-Chair Adam Greenfield;

Adam Greenfield presented.

The motion to support the project was made by Vice-Chair M. Gonzalez and seconded by Commissioner B. Luckens. The motion was approved by a vote of [10-0-1].

Commissioner B. Whatley abstained.

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 24, 2019** draft meeting minutes;

The motion to approve the minutes, as drafted, was made by Commissioner A. Coleman and seconded by Commissioner B. Frail. The motion was approved on a vote of [10-1-0].

Commissioner K. Halloran left the dais at 8:15 PM and returned at 8:19 PM and was not present for the vote.

b. Liaison Reports;

Commissioner S. Franco gave an update on the South Central Waterfront project.
Chair D. Carroll gave an update on the Joint Sustainability Committee.

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

A working group to draft a letter to Council regarding the update of the Urban Design Guidelines was formed. Commissioners K. Halloran and S. Franco will draft the letter using comments from the Commission.

d. Discussion of a letter to City Council regarding updating the Urban Design Guidelines (Vice-Chair M. Gonzalez);

Vice-Chair M. Gonzalez presented.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

a.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. Chair Announcements:

None.

b. Items from Commission Members:

None.

c. Items from City Staff:

None.

ADJOURNMENT at: 8:51 p.m.