



DESIGN COMMISSION
MONDAY, OCTOBER 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 6:03 p.m.**

Member List

<u> X</u>	David Carroll – Chair	<u> X</u>	Melissa Henao-Robledo
<u> </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> </u>	Josue Meiners
<u> X</u>	Katie Halloran		

Support Staff in attendance: Jorge Rousselin (Executive Liaison; PAZ); Aaron Jenkins (Staff Liaison; PAZ); Art Zamorano (Staff Liaison; PAZ);

Vice-Chair M.Gonzalez and Commissioner J. Meiners were absent.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:

No citizens signed up to speak.

2. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action):

a. **None.**

3. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and possible Action):

a. **None.**

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

a. Discussion and possible action on the **September 23, 2019** draft meeting minutes;

The motion to approve the minutes, as drafted, was made by Commissioner A. Coleman and seconded by Commissioner E. Taniguchi. The motion was approved on a vote of [9-0-0].

- b. Discussion and possible action on the 2020 Design Commission Schedule request.

Commissioner A. Coleman requested that the July 27, 2020 meeting be cancelled.

Commissioner B. Frail requested that the November 23rd meeting be moved, staff suggested moving to November 16, 2020.

The motion to approve the 2020 Design Commission schedule with changes, as suggested, was made by Commissioner A. Coleman and seconded by Commissioner B. Luckens. The motion was approved on a vote of [9-0-0].

- c. Liaison Reports;

Commissioner Franco: Nothing new to report from the South Central Waterfront.

Commissioner Henao-Robledo: Was not present for the Downtown commission meeting, but was informed that they discussed the following;

Waterloo Greenway, Downtown waste collection contract, Congress avenue Urban Design Initiative, Rainey Street Shared streets program, and Palm District Master plan.

Chair Carroll: Sustainability committee meeting was cancelled.

- d. Appointment of Committee/Working Group members by Chair; **None.**
- e. Discussion of a letter to City Council regarding updating the Urban Design Guidelines (Vice-Chair M. Gonzalez);

This item has been postponed to the next meeting as Vice-Chair M. Gonzalez was not available to present.

- f. Discussion and possible action on the Memo Recommending Code Amendments related to the Downtown Density Bonus Program (Chair D. Carroll);

Commissioner B. Luckens: Suggested increasing the LEED requirements to 3 stars.

Staff Jorge Rousselin: Suggested that the letter clarify LDC amendments related to 25-2 and 25-2-586 DDBP as to not confuse between current code and future code.

Commissioner B. Frail: Suggested adding language to address affordable housing and address the calibration of the residential fee.

Commissioners A. Coleman and M. Henao-Robledo: Suggested adding language to have take a look at adding accessible public open space a community on the ground floor as a community benefit in downtown.

Commissioner K. Halloran: Will share a typo and grammatical suggestions with Chair Carroll.

Commissioner S. Franco: commented on the letter that is great, especially the area addressing parking with bullets points on how to accomplish and begin discussions regarding parking.

The motion to approve Chair D. Carroll to make the suggested changes and additions to the letter, as drafted, was made by Commissioner E. Taniguchi and seconded by Commissioner S. Franco. The motion was approved on a vote of [9-0-0].

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Presentation on the Palm District plan
- b. Presentation on NHCD Housing fund.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. Chair Announcements:

Chair Carroll reviewed the draft LCD and provided input on testing scenarios conducted to LCD staff, he also had a roundtable workshop with the AIA and provide a white paper on the AIA website to address FAQs and misconceptions.

b. Items from Commission Members:

Commissioner E. Taniguchi: Commented as well that he participated in the testing of the draft LDC scenarios to gain a birds eye view of the code rather than specific properties for the public.

Commissioner S. Franco: The Urban Transportation Commission will be having a meeting Friday, November 1st at 5:00 at City Hall. This is to discuss the UTC suggestions to Planning Commission for the new LDC.

c. Items from City Staff:

Staff Jorge Rousselin: Made the introduction of Art Zamorano who will be assisting with Design commission meeting for the short term.

ADJOURNMENT at: 7:09 p.m.