



**DESIGN COMMISSION
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019 6:00 PM
Meeting Minutes**

AUSTIN CITY HALL, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ROOM 1101
301 W. SECOND STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701

COMMISSION MEMBERS

__ David Carroll, Chair (District 1)	_____ Beau Frail (District 6)
__ Martha Gonzalez, Vice-Chair (District 2)	_____ Katie Holloran (District 7)
__ Samuel Franco (District 3)	_____ Aan Coleman (District 8)
__ Josue Meiners (District 4)	_____ Bart Whatley (District 9)
__ Melissa Henao-Robledo (District 5)	_____ Ben Luckens (District 10)
__ Evan Taniguchi (Mayor)	

CITY OF AUSTIN PLANNING & ZONING STAFF

__ Jorge Rousselin, Executive Liaison
__ Art Zamorano, Staff Liaison
__ Aaron D. Jenkins, Staff Liaison
__ Patrick Colunga, Staff Liaison

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair D. Carroll at 6:04 PM
Commissioner E. Taniguchi - arrived at 6:05PM
Commissioner S. Franco - left at 6:07PM
Commissioner B. Frail - arrived at 6:08PM

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- a. The first five speakers, who shall sign up prior to the Call to Order, will each have three minutes to speak regarding items not on the agenda;

No Citizens signed up to speak

3.

4. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action):

- a. Discussion and possible action to evaluate and make recommendations regarding whether **The 90 Rainey** project, addressed at 90 Rainey Street, complies with the [Urban Design Guidelines](#), a

gatekeeper requirement for the Downtown Density Bonus Program ([LDC §25-2-586\(C\)\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)) [Amanda Swor](#) Drenner Group; Carson Nelson, Nelson Partners; Daniel Woodroffe, DWG)

The motion to support the project, as it complies with the Urban Design Guidelines, was made by Commissioner A. Coleman and seconded by Commissioner E. Taniguchi. vote of [7-0-0]

4. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action):

- b. None;

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

- a. Discussion and possible action on the **November 25, 2019** meeting minutes;
Approval by Commissioner A. Coleman, seconded by Commissioner E. Taniguchi
[6-0-0]
- b. Discussion and possible action on 2020 Downtown Density Bonus Working Group Schedule
Approval by Commissioner A. Coleman seconded by Commissioner M. Henao-Robledo.
[6-0-0]
B. Frail left the dias at 7:29 PM and returned at 7:34 PM and was not present for the vote
- c. Liaison Reports;
Commissioner M. Henao-Robledo – Stated that the Downtown Commission will be meeting Wednesday, December 18, 2019.
Chairman D. Carroll – stated that the Joint Sustainability Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, December 18, 2019
- d. Appointment of Committee/Working Group members by Chair;
M. Haneo-Robledo left the dias at 7:32 PM quorum was lost, and returned at 7:34 PM.
None
- e. Discussion of a letter to City Council regarding updating the Urban Design Guidelines (Vice-Chair M. Gonzalez); [Urban Design Guidelines](#)
Commissioner A. Coleman made a motion for recommendation to distribute after the letter is signed by the chair; seconded by commissioner B. Frail. [7-0-0]

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Courtesy Briefing of the Austin Core Transportation Plan from Austin Transportation Department
- b. Chairman D. Carroll would like a briefing from NHCD regarding the proposed change fees for the Density Bonus Calibration

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Chair Announcements;
None
- b. Items from Commission Members;
Commissioner A. Coleman requested a presentation by staff on the functional green requirement for projects over 80% pervious cover per the new section of code.
Commissioner B. Frail met with Erica Lee to discuss the Density Bonus Program fees Items from.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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Design Commission: Committees, Working Groups, Representatives and Liaisons

Committees

1. Executive Committee: D. Carroll (Chair), M. Gonzalez (Vice Chair)

Working Groups

1. Planning & Urban Design Working Group: E. Taniguchi, B. Whatley, A. Coleman, D. Carroll
2. Architecture & Development Working Group: B. Whatley, M. Gonzalez, D. Carroll, B. Frail
3. Landscape & Infrastructure Working Group: S. Franco, M. Henao-Robledo, A. Coleman, K. Halloran
4. Public Engagement Working Group: B. Luckens, S. Franco, M. Henao-Robledo
5. Infrastructure Design Guidelines Working Group: D. Carroll, M. Gonzalez, E. Taniguchi, B. Luckens

Representatives & Liaisons

1. South Central Waterfront Advisory Board Representative: S. Franco
2. Downtown Commission Liaison: M. Henao-Robledo
3. Joint Sustainability Committee Liaison: D. Carroll(Chair)

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Resources

1. Urban Design Guidelines for Austin:
http://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Boards_and_Commissions/Design_Commission_urban_design_guidelines_for_austin.pdf
2. Design Commission backup:
http://www.austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards_commissions/meetings/22_1.htm
3. Downtown Density Bonus program:
https://www.municode.com/library/tx/austin/codes/land_development_code?nodet=20190101_220_SUBCHAPTER_CUSDERE_ART3ADRECEDEDI_SPAGERE_S25-2-586DODEBOP