



SOUTH CENTRAL WATERFRONT ADVISORY BOARD APPROVED MINUTES FOR JULY 15, 2019 AT 6:00 PM

The South Central Waterfront Advisory Board convened in a regular meeting on July 15, 2019 at Austin City Hall, Boards and Commissions Room 1101 located on 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas.

Chair Samuel Franco called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

Board Members in attendance:

Chair Samuel Franco (Design Commission)
Francoise Luca (Parks & Recreation Board)
Wendy Price Todd (S. River City NA)
Cory Walton (Bouldin Creek NA)
Lynn Kurth (former WPAB)
Alfred Godfrey (Trail Foundation)

Ex Officios:

Lauren Avioli (NHCD)
Molly Alexander (DAA)
Eric Bollich (ATD)
Upal Barua (ATD)

City of Austin Planning & Zoning Staff:

Alan Holt, Executive Liaison
Sravya Garladden, Staff Liaison

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- a. Citizen Paula Kothmann signed up to speak about the development proposed for 305 S Congress, the Austin American Statesman site. She brought up concerns about affordable housing, traffic impact of the development, and potential noise impacts on Travis Heights.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION

- a. Board Member Francoise Luca made a motion to approve the draft June 17, 2019 minutes, seconded by Board Member Al Godfrey. Board Member Wendy Price Todd made a suggestion for a friendly amendment to use simpler wording when describing the retreat. The motion to approve, including the friendly amendment, passed with 6 yes, 1 absent (Linda Guerrero), and 2 vacant votes.

3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. **Congress Avenue Urban Design Initiative Presentation by the PAC** – Heyden Black Walker, representative of the Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC), gave a presentation on PAC's recommendations for the Congress Avenue Urban Design Initiative. The Board discussed this but no action was taken.
- b. **Update on SCW Consultant Work** – Executive Liaison Alan Holt updated the Board on the status of three contracts for consultants for the SCW Initiative and described how the scope of these contracts relates to critical implementation items for the SCW Plan. The Board discussed this but no action was taken.
- c. **Potential Special Called Meeting in September** – Executive Liaison Alan Holt gave a quick update to the Board on the possibility of a Special Called Meeting in September. The Board discussed this but no action was taken.

- d. Review of SCWAB Retreat Report** – The Board chose to discuss Items 3.d. and 3.e. together. The Board discussed the findings of the SCWAB Retreat Report and potential new working groups based on the retreat. Board Member Francoise Luca made a motion to approve, seconded by Board Member Cory Walton to dissolve all existing working groups. The motion to approve, passed with 6 yes, 1 absent (Linda Guerrero), and 2 vacant votes. Upon further discussion, Board Member Al Godfrey made a motion to approve, seconded by Board Member Francoise Luca to create four new working groups – 1) Outreach, 2) Community Benefits, Infrastructure, and Regulating Plan, 3) Finance and Governance, and 4) Active Projects. The motion to approve, passed with 6 yes, 1 absent (Linda Guerrero), and 2 vacant votes.
- e. SCWAB Working Groups** – Discussed under Item 3.d.
- f. Property Owner Outreach Meetings** – Executive Liaison Alan Holt introduced the need for meetings with property owners in the SCW District as current efforts unfold. The Board discussed this and delegated next steps on this item to the Outreach Working Group. No action was taken.
- g. Letter to Council Regarding a District Governance Entity for SCW** – Chair Samuel Franco introduced a draft letter to be sent by the SCWAB to the City Council regarding a District Governance Entity for the SCW District. The Board discussed suggestions for changes to the letter. No action was taken.

4. PROJECT UPDATES AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- a.** No updates

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Future agenda items will NOT be discussed at the current meeting, but will be offered for initiation, discussion, and/or possible recommendation at a FUTURE meeting.

- a.** Vice Chair Elections

6. ADJOURNMENT - With no objections, *Chair* Samuel Franco adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.