



City of Austin

Design Commission

DESIGN COMMISSION
RECOMMENDATION 20200930-01A

Date: October 05, 2020

Subject: Design Commission recommendation for the hotel project, located at 617 Colorado Street.

Motioned By: Josue Meiners

Seconded By: Jessica Rollason

Recommendation:

The City of Austin Design Commission recommends that the hotel project, located at 617 Colorado Street, as presented on September 30, 2020, substantially complies with the City's Urban Design Guidelines.

Rationale:

Dear Director of Planning and Zoning Dept.,

This letter is to confirm the Design Commission's recommendation that the hotel project, located at 617 Colorado Street, as presented to us on September 30, 2020 substantially complies with the Urban Design Guidelines as one of the gatekeeper requirements of the Downtown Density Bonus Program. Our review found the following:

1. The project proposes no parking, which means it will reduce the amount of parking currently on site.
2. The project proposes street level public art, which complements the adjacent art museum.
3. The project proposes a designated rideshare drop off, outside the thru-lanes of traffic.
4. Proposed amenities on the second level will be open to the public with an intent to have a special discount program for local area teachers.

Respectfully,
City of Austin Design Commission

Vote: 8 - 0 - 0

For: David Carroll, Ben Luckens, Aan Coleman, Jessica Rollason, Evan Taniguchi, Melissa Henao-Robledo, Josue Meiners, Beau Frail

Absent: Bart Whatley, Martha Gonzalez, Samuel Franco

Attest: David Carroll, Chair of the Design Commission



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