



DESIGN COMMISSION
MONDAY, November 23, 2020 5:30 PM
Via Video conferencing

Meeting Minutes

Call to order by: **Chair D. Carroll at 5:36 p.m.**

Member List

<u> X </u> David Carroll – Chair (District 1)	<u> X </u> Beau Frail (District 6)
<u> </u> Martha Gonzalez – (District 2)	<u> </u> Jessica Rollason (District 7)
<u> </u> Samuel Franco (District 3)	<u> X </u> Aan Coleman (District 8)
<u> X </u> Josue Meiners (District 4)	<u> </u> Bart Whatley (District 9)
<u> X </u> Melissa Hanao-Robledo – Vice-Chair (District 5)	<u> X </u> Ben Luckens (District 10)
<u> X </u> Evan Taniguchi (Mayor)	

“X” Denote Commission Members who were in attendance

CITY OF AUSTIN HOUSING AND PLANNING STAFF

 X Jorge E. Rousselin, Executive Liaison
 X Aaron D. Jenkins, Staff Liaison
 X Art Zamorano, Staff Liaison

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

1. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action):
 - a. Discussion and possible action to evaluate and make recommendations regarding whether The East Tower, addressed at 84 N Interstate 35 Highway, complies with the Urban Design Guidelines, for the City of Austin. Leah Bojo Drenner Group; Jim Stephenson STG Design; Chris McCray McCray & Co.; Jacob Walker Studio DWG.
 - Leah Bojo of the Drenner Group along with Jim Stephenson STG Design, and Jacob Walker Studio DWG, presented and answered questions from Commissioners
 - A motion was made by Commissioner A. Coleman that the project substantially complies with the Urban Design Guidelines and seconded by Commissioner J. Meiners.
 - Commissioner B. Luckens left the meeting at 6:29 pm.
 - The motion was approved on a vote [6,0,0].

- b. Discussion and possible action on the River Street Residences project, addressed at 61-69 Rainey Street and 60 East Ave, seeking support for the project's proposal to vacate the alley way. (SP-2019- 0465C). Amanda Swor Drenner Group; Jim Schissler Civilitude; Stephany Roy City of Austin.

- Amanda Swor with Drenner Group presented seeking support for the project's proposal to vacate the alley way.
- Commissioner B. Luckens returned to meeting at 6:47 pm.
- Commissioner J. Meiners made a motion to support the vacation of the alley. Commissioner A. Coleman seconded.
- The motion failed [3, 4]
- Commissioner J. Meiners made a motion to not support the vacation of the alley. Commissioner E. Taniguchi seconded.
- The motion passed [4, 2, 1]
- Jorge E. Rousselin, Executive Liaison, stated that the minutes will reflect that due to the Commission unable to have a quorum vote, both motions fail and would move forward without a Design Commission recommendation.

2. COMMISSION-SPECIFIC BUSINESS (Discussion and possible Action):

- a. Approval of the October 26, 2020 meeting minutes
- Commissioner A. Coleman made a motion to approve the October 26th meeting minutes. Commissioner E. Taniguchi seconded.
 - The motion was approved [7, 0]
- b. Discussion and possible action on the **2021 Design Commission Schedule**
- Commissioner E. Taniguchi made a motion to approve the 2021 Design Commission Schedule as provided by staff. Commissioner J. Meiners seconded.
 - The motion was approved [7, 0]
- c. Update from representative on the Downtown Commission regarding last meeting.
- Vice Chair Haneo-Robledo informed the commission that the Downtown commission was cancelled due to a posting error and will meet in December.
- d. Update from representative on the Joint Sustainability committee regarding last meeting.
- Chair Carroll stated that City Council has requested a Climate Equity program through the City Manager's office. The downside is that council may not act until January which may cause an issue with the new Zoning Code slated for approval in December; with subsequent amendments to the new Zoning Code.

- e. Update from representative on the South-Central Waterfront Advisory Board
 - Commissioner Franco was not available to provide an update.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Chair Announcements:
 - No announcements

- b. Items from Commission Members:
 - No announcements

- c. Items from City Staff:
 - No announcements

ADJOURNMENT at: 7:07 p.m.

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