



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 Civiltude; 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 failed as there was a lack of quorum vote [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. Council may not act until January, which may be an issue as many of the recommendations within the plan require code [Building] changes; the city has begun the code amendment process for the new codes that will be adopted in 2021.

- 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.