



**SPECIAL CALLED DESIGN COMMISSION  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2020 5:30 PM  
Via Video conferencing**

**Meeting Minutes**

Call to order by: **Chair D. Carroll at 5:40 p.m.**

**Member List**

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

“✓” Denote Commission Members who were in attendance

“\*” Denote Commissioner could not attend due to COA Technical difficulties

**CITY OF AUSTIN HOUSING AND PLANNING STAFF**

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

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

1. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action): **Chairman Carroll recused himself from this item and Commissioner Whatley conducted the meeting.**
  - a. Discussion and possible action to evaluate and make recommendations regarding whether **90 Rainey**, addressed at 90 Rainey Street, complies with the Urban Design Guidelines, for the City of Austin. [Amanda Swor](#) Drenner Group; [Carson Nelsen](#) Nelsen Partners; [Kim Harding](#) Studio DWG.
    - Amanda Swor of the Drenner Group along with [Carson Nelsen](#) Nelsen Partners; [Kim Harding](#) Studio DWG, presented and answered questions from Commissioners
    - A motion was made by **Commissioner J. Meiners** that this project substantially complies with the Urban Design Guidelines and seconded by **Commissioner J. Rollason**.
    - Commissioner A. Coleman included a friendly amendment that the bench be included in the final project. Drenner Group committed to this amendment. Amendment accepted by **Commissioner J. Meiners**.
    - The motion was approved on a vote [7, 0, 1].

Chairman Carroll takes back running the meeting.

- b. Discussion and possible action to evaluate and make recommendations regarding whether **City of Austin EMS Stations**, addressed at 3616 South First Street complies with the Urban Design Guidelines, for the City of Austin; [Owen Harrod](#) MWM Design Group.
  - Owen Harrod, MWM Design Group presented seeking support for the project's compliance with the Urban Design Guidelines.
  - Commissioner B. Luckens left the meeting at 6:30 pm.
  - Commissioner J. Meiners made a motion to support the project as meeting the Urban Design guidelines.
  - Commissioner J. Meiners redrew his motion.
  - Commissioner B. Luckens returns to the meeting at 6:43 pm
  - The Design Commission offered recommendations that the project take into consideration Accessibility, the public right-of-way, wayfinding signage on the property, possible addition of a rain garden in lieu of the retention pond, and the integration the Artwork, consideration of hybrid Bermuda grass, and limit construction to preserve the trees on site.
- c. Discussion and possible action to evaluate and make recommendations regarding whether **City of Austin EMS Stations**, addressed at 1330 E. Rundberg Lane complies with the Urban Design Guidelines, for the City of Austin; [Owen Harrod](#) MWM Design Group.
  - Owen Harrod, MWM Design Group presented seeking support for the project's compliance with the Urban Design Guidelines.
  - The Design Commission offered recommendations that the project take into consideration Accessibility, with an emphasis on the public right-of-way. Moreover, consideration to creating more of a greenspace for a friendly pedestrian experience.
  - Commissioner S. Franco left the meeting.
- d. Discussion and possible action to evaluate and make recommendations regarding whether **City of Austin EMS Stations**, addressed at 5710 N. Lamar Blvd complies with the Urban Design Guidelines, for the City of Austin; [Owen Harrod](#) MWM Design Group.
  - Owen Harrod, MWM Design Group presented seeking support for the project's compliance with the Urban Design Guidelines.
  - City of Austin Public Works staff will work offline with Urban Design staff to address project concerns.
- e. Staff briefing and possible action on the **Historic Design Standards** to be presented by [Cara Bertron](#) from the City of Austin Housing and Planning Department.
  - Cara Bertron presented seeking support of a resolution from the Urban Design commission.

- A motion was made by **Commissioner B. Whatley** to support a resolution for the Historic Design standards and seconded by **Commissioner J. Rollason**.
- The motion was approved on a vote [7, 0, 0]

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

a. Approval of the November 23, 2020 meeting minutes

- Chairman D. Carroll offered some corrections to the November 23<sup>rd</sup> minutes that Item 1b: showed the motion passed, when in fact it should state that motion failed. Item 2d: stated that the Zoning Code was referenced; however, it was the Building code, which is slated for approval September 2021.
- Chairman D. Carroll made a motion to approve the November 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting minutes with corrections. Commissioner A. Coleman seconded.
- The motion was approved [7, 0, 0]

b. Update from representative on the Downtown Commission regarding last meeting.

- No update given.

c. Update from representative on the Joint Sustainability committee regarding last meeting.

- Chairman D. Carroll stated that the meeting was cancelled due to quorum so there is no update to be given.

d. Update from representative on the South-Central Waterfront Advisory Board.

- Commissioner Franco was not available to provide an update.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. Chair Announcements:

- Happy Holidays

b. Items from Commission Members:

- Happy Holidays

c. Items from City Staff:

- A. Jenkins updated the Commission on the Urban Design Guidelines Working Group and expressed his appreciation to the Commissioners for their input to the Working Group.
- A. Jenkins did inform the Commissioners that until further notice we will continue to conduct meetings via web conferencing.

**ADJOURNMENT at: 8:38 p.m.**