



City of Austin

Design Commission

DESIGN COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20210524-01A

Date: May 27, 2021

Subject: Design Commission recommendations for the Rainey Street Substation project, located at 806 ½ Lambie Street.

Motioned By: Josue Meiners

Seconded By: Bart Whatley

Friendly Amendment: Aan Coleman

Recommendation:

The City of Austin Design Commission supports the Rainey Street Substation project, located at 806 ½ Lambie St., as presented on May 24, 2021. With this support, the Design Commission further recommends that the project includes a modular suspended pavement system, like Silva Cells, for all the trees along East Avenue and Lambie Street. This is a standard practice for trees placed in sidewalks along the right-of-way and will provide more suitable conditions in order for these trees to thrive.

Rationale:

Dear Honorable Mayor & City Council,

This letter is to confirm the Design Commission's recommendation to support the design of the Rainey Street Substation as presented to us. Our review found the following positive attributes:

1. The community engagement process was robust. This is meaningful as the project will serve as the eastern gateway into the Rainey Neighborhood.
2. The proposed artistic design is both durable and aesthetically pleasing.
3. Preservation of heritage trees and inclusion of landscaped gardens.
4. Widening of existing sidewalks and addition of street trees.

Respectfully,
City of Austin Design Commission

Vote: 7 - 0 - 0

For: Aan Coleman, Evan Taniguchi, Melissa Henao-Robledo, David Carroll, Josue Meiners, Bart Whatley, Ben Luckens

Against: NA

Abstain: NA

Absent: Martha Gonzalez, Jessica Rollason, Samuel Franco

Attest: David Carroll, Chair of the Design Commission



David Carroll, Chair

Jessica Rollason, Vice Chair

Aan Coleman

Samuel Franco

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