



**DESIGN COMMISSION  
MONDAY, May 24, 2021 5:30 PM  
VIA REMOTE WebEx**

**Meeting Minutes**

Call to order by: **Chair D. Carroll** at 5:34 p.m.

**Member List**

<u>X</u>	David Carroll – Chair (District 1)	<u>X</u>	Melissa Hanao-Robledo (District 5)
<u>      </u>	Jessica Rollason – Vice-Chair (District 7)	<u>      </u>	Jen Weaver (District 6)
<u>      </u>	Martha Gonzalez (District 2)	<u>X</u>	Aan Coleman (District 8)
<u>      </u>	Samuel Franco (District 3)	<u>X</u>	Bart Whatley (District 9)
<u>X</u>	Josue Meiners (District 4)	<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

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: **None.**

1. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action):
  - a. Discussion and possible action to evaluate and make recommendations for the City of Austin, Austin Energy; Rainey Street Sub Station Project, addressed at 806 ½ Lambie Street. Tara Delagarza - Austin Energy; Kim Doyal - Austin Energy; Girard Kinney – Kinney Architects; Zak Robinson - Carter Design.
    - Tara Delagarza and Kim Doyal – Austin Energy; Girard Kinney – Kinney Architects and Roberto Garcia – Carter Design presented and answered questions.
    - **Commissioner J. Meiners** made a motion to support the project as presented, **seconded by Commissioner B. Whatley.**

- **Commissioner A. Coleman** made a friendly amendment to include a Silva Cell or similar systems beneath the landscaping. **Commissioner J. Meiners** and **Commissioner B. Whatley** accepted the friendly amendment.
  - **The motion was approved [ 7 ayes, 0 nays]**
- b. Courtesy Briefing on the City of Austin Palm District Planning Initiative, to be presented by Stevie Greathouse – City of Austin Housing and Planning Department.
- Stevie Greathouse – City of Austin Housing and Planning Department provided a courtesy briefing of the City of Austin Palm District Planning Initiative.
- c. Courtesy Briefing on the Austin Land Development Code Functional Green component, to be presented by Pamela Abee-Taulli–City of Austin Development Services Department
- Pamela Abee-Taulli–City of Austin Development Services Department provided a courtesy briefing on the Austin Land Development Code Functional Green component and answered questions.

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

- a. Approval of April 26th meeting minutes.
- **Commissioner A. Coleman** made a motion to approve the April 26th meeting minutes as distributed, **seconded by Commissioner J. Meiners.**
  - **The motion was approved [ 7 ayes, 0 nays]**
- b. Discussion and Possible action on a recommendation to City Council to request an update to the Urban Design Guidelines
- **Chair D. Carroll** requested for Design Commission approval to proceed with the Planning Memo for the update of the Urban Design Guidelines, for presentation to the Planning Commission for support and then to City Council for approval.
  - **Commissioner E. Taniguchi** made a motion that the Planning Memo for the update to the Urban Design Guidelines be forwarded for support from the Planning Commission and City Council for approval, **seconded by Commissioner J. Meiners.**
  - **The motion was approved [ 7 ayes, 0 nays]**

- c. Update from representation on the Downtown Commission regarding last meeting
  - **Commissioner Haneo-Robledo** was not able to attend, however, stated that issues related to homelessness and the opening of Waterloo Park and the Moody amphitheater were discussed.
- d. Update from representative on the Joint Sustainability committee regarding last meeting
  - **Chair D. Carroll** mentioned that the Joint Sustainability committee was provided a few updates on the following:
    - The New Energy code, building codes will be going to City Council next week for adoption.
    - The Green Building policy
    - The Emissions Reduction plan
- e. Update from representative on the South-Central Waterfront Advisory Board.
  - **Commissioner S. Franco** was not present, and no update was given.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Chair Announcements:
  - **Chair D. Carroll** announced that the vacant District 6 seat has been filled by new commissioner Jen Weaver.
- b. Items from Commission Members:
  - **Commissioner A. Coleman** asked staff for an update to discuss the Density Bonus fees that were recently passed. **Chair D. Carroll** has reached out to City Staff for availability in June to provide an update and status on the fee calibration.
  - **Commissioner B. Whatley** asked to get an update, specifically on how the Density Bonus fees have been generated, how they are being used, and how they compare to the University Neighborhood Overlay.
- c. Items from City Staff:
  - Aaron Jenkins requested that any comments to the Draft Urban Design Guidelines be forwarded via email by the end of the week.

**ADJOURNMENT by consensus at: 8:13 PM.**