



**DESIGN COMMISSION
MONDAY, August 23, 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>X</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 on recommendations whether the **Elisabet Ney Museum Building Restoration and Site Improvements**, addressed at 304 E. 44th Street, complies with the City Design and Sustainability Standards, for the City of Austin; [Nick Faust](#) The Lawrence Group, [Christina Bies](#) City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department, [George Maldonado](#) City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department
 - Ellen Cofax, and Christina Bies City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department and Nick Faust The Lawrence Group presented and addressed questions.

- **Commissioner J. Meiners** made a motion to support the project as presented as it complies with the City's Design and Sustainability Standards, seconded by **Commissioner E. Taniguchi**.
- **The motion was approved [6 ayes, 0 nays]**

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

- a. Approval of June 28th and August 5th meeting minutes.
- **Commissioner E. Taniguchi** made a motion to approve the June 28th and August 5th meeting minutes as distributed. **Commissioner J. Meiners seconded**.
 - **The motion was approved [6 ayes, 0 nays]**
- b. Discussion and Possible action on recommendations related to the Downtown Density Bonus Program.
- **Chair D. Carroll** reiterated, that at the August 5th Special Called Meeting regarding the Downtown Density Bonus program, 2 of the 3 resolutions passed. The third resolution has been re-worded by **Commissioners J. Weaver** to address the concerns from the August 5th meeting.

6:20 PM Commissioner A. Coleman joined the meeting

6:22 PM Commissioner B. Luckens joined the meeting.

- **Commissioner B. Whatley** made a motion to approve the Resolution regarding the Downtown Density Bonus Program as amended. **Commissioner E. Taniguchi** seconded.
 - **The motion was approved [7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstained]**
- c. Update from representation on the Downtown Commission regarding last meeting
- **Commissioner Haneo-Robledo** was not able to attend, therefore no update was available.
- d. Update from representative on the Joint Sustainability committee regarding last meeting
- **Chair D. Carroll** mention that the Joint Sustainability committee has not met since their last update and will be meeting on August 25th and Chair Carroll will provide an update at the next Design Commission meeting.

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

- **Commissioner S. Franco** was not present, no update was given.

Jorge Rousselin suggested to Chair Carroll that staff can update the agenda to allow any Committee member to provide updates to the Design Commission. The Chair felt that was a good idea to allow.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. Chair Announcements:

- **Chair D. Carroll** announced update to the Urban Design Guidelines. At the last meeting the Planning Commission voted in support to updating the Urban Design Guidelines. Possible action to approve the update by City Council will occur at their September 2nd meeting.

b. Items from Commission Members:

- **Commissioner E. Taniguchi** asked for an update on setback easements being discussed by Austin Energy. **Chair D. Carroll** briefly discussed that Austin Energy has imposed an increase in the setback rule from 7 1/2 feet to 15 feet. This is in place and being enforced by Austin Energy. There is a coalition of Home Builders Association who is appealing this rule.

c. Items from City Staff:

- Aaron Jenkins updated the Commission regarding an email from City Clerk's office about in person meeting starting next month. There is an option for a Hybrid meeting in which a quorum of the commission would be present in person and others be connected remotely.

ADJOURNMENT by consensus at: 7:09 PM.