



CITY OF AUSTIN

DESIGN COMMISSION

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RECOMMENDATION 20220124-1A**

Date: January 28, 2022

Subject: Design Commission recommendation for the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center Phase 2 project, located at 600 Red River.

Motioned By: Commissioner Franco
Amended By: Commissioner Coleman

Seconded By: Vice-Chair Rollason

Recommendation:

The City of Austin Design Commission recommends that the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center Phase 2 project, as presented to us on January 24, 2022, complies with the City of Austin's Design and Sustainability Standards. This endorsement comes with the additional recommendation that a stronger pedestrian connection be made between the Butler Hike & Bike Trail and Rainey Street and that this connection does not have to pass through the building or the Zocalo.

Rationale:

Dear Honorable Mayor & City Council,

This letter is to confirm the Design Commission's support of the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center Phase 2 project, as presented to us. Our review found the following positive attributes:

1. Proposed design reflects the community's input from a thorough outreach effort.
2. Proposed design has a stronger relationship to the Hike & Bike Trail than current design.
3. Addition is great solution to preserving the existing structure, while better defining the zocalo, and creating a powerful statement.
4. Proposed design will change grade of Hike & Bike Trail, making it more accessible.
5. Heritage trees will be preserved onsite.

Respectfully,
City of Austin Design Commission

Vote: 11-0-0

For: Chair Carroll, Commissioner Salinas, Commissioner Franco, Commissioner Meiners, Commissioner Henao-Robledo, Commissioner Taniguchi, Commissioner Weaver, Vice-Chair Rollason, Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Whatley, Commissioner Luckens.

Against: n/a

Attest: David Carroll, Chair
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