



City of Austin

Design Commission

DESIGN COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20220228-1C

Date: March 07, 2022

Subject: Design Commission recommendation for the Block 150 project located at 402 & 416 West 12th Street.

Motioned By: Commissioner Meiners
Friendly Amendment: Commissioner Franco

Seconded By: Commissioner Henao-Robledo

Recommendation:

The City of Austin Design Commission recommends that the Block 150 project located at 402 & 416 West 12th Street, as presented to us on February 28, 2022, substantially complies with the City of Austin Urban Design Guidelines, with the additional recommendation that the proposed public art space prioritizes underserved artists in the community.

Rationale:

Dear Director of Housing and Planning Department,

This letter is to confirm the Design Commission's recommendation that the Block 150 project located at 402 & 416 West 12th Street, substantially complies with the Urban Design Guidelines as one of the gatekeeper requirements of the Downtown Density Bonus Program, with the additional recommendation listed above. Our review found the following positive attributes:

1. For community benefits, the project proposes public art gallery, outdoor garden, public restaurant with outdoor seating, sculpture garden, and a public terrace.
2. Project engages the A.O. Watson house as an amenity
3. Proposed design places all utilities in alley
4. Proposed design does not place any curb cuts on 12th Street, which has a steep grade.

Respectfully,
City of Austin Design Commission

Vote: 7 - 0 - 0

For: Evan Taniguchi, Melissa Henao-Robledo, Jen Weaver, Josue Meiners, David Carroll, Jon Salinas, Samuel Franco

Against: None

Absent: Ben Luckens, Aan Coleman, Jessica Rollason, Bart Whatley

Attest: David Carroll, Chair of the Design Commission

David Carroll, Chair

Jessica Rollason, Vice Chair

Aan Coleman

Samuel Franco

Ben Luckens

Josue Meiners

Melissa Henao-Robledo,

Jon Salinas

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Jen Weaver

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