



DESIGN COMMISSION
Monday, April 25, 2022 6:00 PM
PERMITTING AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER, ROOM 1406
6310 WILHEMINA DELCO, AUSTIN, TX 78752

Meeting Minutes

Call to order by: **Vice Chair Jessica Rollason at 6:04 p.m.**

Member List

<u>A</u>	David Carroll – Chair (District 1)	<u>A</u>	Melissa Hanao-Robledo (District 5)
<u>P</u>	Jessica Rollason – Vice-Chair (District 7)	<u>P</u>	Jen Weaver (District 6)
<u>P</u>	Jon Salinas (District 2)	<u>A</u>	Aan Coleman (District 8)
<u>P</u>	Samuel Franco (District 3)	<u>P</u>	Bart Whatley (District 9)
<u>P</u>	Josue Meiners (District 4)	<u>P</u>	Ben Luckens (District 10)
<u>P</u>	Evan Taniguchi (Mayor)		

“P” Denote Commission Members who were in present

“A” Denote Commission Members who were absent

CITY OF AUSTIN HOUSING AND PLANNING STAFF

P Jorge E. Rousselin, Executive Liaison

P Gunnar Garnos, Staff Liaison

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

1. **NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action):**
 - a. Discussion and possible action to evaluate and make recommendations regarding whether the Goodnight Ranch Fire/EMS, located 9400 Capitol View Dr., complies with the City Design and Sustainability Standards, for the City of Austin.
Applicant(s): Burton Jones, Westley Burger
 - **Cris Ruebush, Westley Burger** – PGAL, **Burton Jones** – City of Austin Project Manager presented and answered questions.
 - **Commissioner Weaver** made a motion to approve that the project complies with the City Design and Sustainability Standards for the city of Austin. **Commissioner Salinas** seconded.
 - **The motion was approved [7 ayes, 0 nays].**

- b. Discussion and possible action to evaluate and make recommendations regarding whether the Dougherty Arts Center, located 200 S Lamar Blvd., complies with the City Design and Sustainability Standards, for the City of Austin.
Applicant(s): Kevin Johnson
- **Kevin Johnson** – City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department, presented and answered questions.
 - **Commissioner Meiners joined the meeting by video.**
 - **Commissioner Rollason** suggested potential pedestrian/cyclist enhancements.
 - **Commissioner Franco** made a motion that the project does not comply with the City Design and Sustainability Standards for the city of Austin and made a recommendation that staff prepare a review of financing sources for the parking garage.
 - **Commissioner Weaver** made a friendly amendment to potentially reduce the parking requirement to match the size of the building.
 - **Vice Chair Rollason** made a substitute motion for a one-month postponement so that staff can gather information to answer financial questions relating to construction of the parking garage. Commissioner Weaver seconded.
 - **The motion was approved [7 ayes, 1 nays].**
- c. Discussion and possible action to evaluate and make recommendations regarding whether the Canyon Creek APD Sub-Station, located 9804 N. FM 620, complies with the City Design and Sustainability Standards, for the City of Austin.
Applicant(s): Burton Jones, Scott Smith
- **Cris Ruebush, Scott Smith** – PGAL, **Burton Jones** – City of Austin Project Manager presented and answered questions.
 - **Commissioner Franco** requested clarification on the use of solar panels for the building.
 - **Commissioner Taniguchi** made a motion to approve that the project complies with the City Design and Sustainability Standards for the city of Austin. **Commissioner Whatley** seconded.
 - **Commissioner Franco** made a friendly amendment that staff look into water requirements.
 - **The motion was approved [8 ayes, 0 nays].**
- d. Briefing and discussion relating to the Palm District Planning Initiative, to be presented by Mark Walters – City of Austin, Housing and Planning Department
- **Mark Walters** – Housing and Planning Department, briefed the commission on the Palm District Planning Initiative and answered questions.
 - **Commissioner Weaver** asked for clarification on parking strategy. **Commissioner Franco** inquired about eastern crescent transit access.

2. COMMISSION-SPECIFIC BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action):

a. Approval of the March 28th meeting minutes

- **Commissioner Weaver** issued a correction to item 2.d. on the March 28th minutes, which incorrectly lists **Commissioner Meiners** issuing a motion that was made by **Commissioner Weaver**.
- **Commissioner Franco** made a motion to approve the March 28th meeting minutes. **Commissioner Rollason seconded.**
- **The motion was approved [8 ayes, 0 nays].**

b. Officer Elections: Chair & Vice Chair

- **Commissioner Rollason** made a motion to nominate **Commissioner Weaver** for Chair, which she accepted.
- **Commissioner Taniguchi** made a motion to nominate **Vice Chair Rollason**, which she declined.
- **The motion to elect Commissioner Weaver as Chair was approved [8 ayes, 0 nays].**
- **Commissioner Franco** made a motion to nominate **Commissioner Meiners** for Vice Chair, which he accepted.
- **The motion to elect Commissioner Meiners as Vice Chair was approved [8 ayes, 0 nays].**

c. Discussion and Possible Action on recent Council approval to update the Urban Design Guidelines

- No discussion until former Chair Carroll returns.

d. Update from representative on the Downtown Commission regarding last meeting

- No updates.

e. Update from representative on the Joint Sustainability committee regarding last meeting

- No updates as former Chair Carrol is absent.

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

- No meeting was held due to lack of quorum. A special called meeting is occurring May 6.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. Chair Announcements:

- No Announcements.

b. Items from Commission Members:

- **Commissioner Weaver** requested updates on Density Bonus fee calibration as well as the Safer 6th St Initiative. **Executive Liaison Jorge Rousselin** stated that updates will be given in May or June.
- **Commissioner Rollason** announced that she will be out on maternity leave.

c. Items from City Staff:

- No announcements.

ADJOURNMENT by consensus at: 9:04 PM.