



**DESIGN COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES**

***Monday, September 26, 2022***

The Design Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, September 26, 2022, at the Permitting and Development Center, Room 1405 at 6310 Wilhelmina Delco in Austin, Texas, 78752.

Chair Weaver called the Design Commission Regular Meeting to order at 5:59 p.m.

**Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:**

**Jen Weaver, Chair  
Josue Meiners, Vice Chair  
Aan Coleman  
David Carroll  
Samuel Franco**

**Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:**

**Bart Whatley  
Commissioner Whatley joined at 6:13 p.m.  
Evan Taniguchi  
Jon Salinas  
Melissa Henao-Robledo**

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the Design Commission Regular Meeting on August 22, 2022.  
**No vote was taken.**

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

2. Discussion and possible action regarding membership of working groups to craft recommendations on the Urban Design Guidelines.  
**By consensus of the Commission, the following working groups were created to collaborate with the Urban Design Guidelines Working Group:**

**Buildings Working Group: Commissioner Carroll, Commissioner Salinas**  
**Streetscapes Working Group: Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Henao-Robledo**  
**Open Spaces Working Group: Vice Chair Meiners**  
**Urban Structures Working Group: Chair Weaver**  
**Infrastructure Working Group: Commissioner Taniguchi, Commissioner Franco,**  
**Commissioner Whatley**

**WORKING GROUP/COMMITTEE UPDATES**

3. Update from the Urban Design Guidelines Working Group regarding updates to the guidelines.  
**Update was given by Commissioner Carroll.**
4. Update from representative on the Downtown Commission regarding last meeting.  
**Update was given by Chair Weaver.**
5. Update from representative on the Joint Sustainability Committee regarding last meeting.  
**Commissioner Carroll stated the last meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum.**
6. Update from representative on the South-Central Waterfront Advisory Board regarding last meeting.  
**Update was given by Commissioner Franco.**

**WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS**

7. Discussion and possible action on recommendations by the Landscape and Infrastructure Working Group regarding Functional Green’s implementation, message, cost, and timeline, and the impact on affordable housing and other factors.  
**The motion to approve the recommendation on the postponement of the adoption of Functional Green until stakeholder feedback is assessed, redundancies and cost are evaluated, submittals with costs are reviewed, a strategy for staff training and deployment has been reported, benefits of the program are proven, and feasibility of planting requirements are verified, was approved with the following friendly amendment on motion by Commissioner Coleman, seconded by Commissioner Carroll on a 9-0 vote. The friendly amendment from Commissioner Carroll was to include an affordability impact statement in the recommendation. This was accepted by the maker of the motion and Commissioner Carroll, who seconded the motion.**

**Chair Weaver adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m. without objection.**