



**DESIGN COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2023**

The Design Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, February 27, 2023, at the Permitting and Development Center, Room 1405 located at 6310 Wilhelmina Delco in Austin, Texas.

Chair Weaver called the Design Commission Regular Meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:

*Jen Weaver, Chair
David Carroll
Ben Luckens*

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Josue Meiners, Vice Chair
Vice Chair Meiners joined the meeting at 6:50 p.m. due to technical difficulties.
Bart Whatley
Commissioner Whatley left the meeting at 7:03 p.m.
*Jessica Rollason
Evan Taniguchi*

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Design Commission Regular Meeting on October 24, 2022
The minutes from the meeting of 10/24/2022 were approved on Commissioner Taniguchi's motion, Commissioner Luckens second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Franco, Commissioner Henao-Robledo, and Commissioner Salinas were absent. Vice Chair Meiners was not present at the time of the vote.
2. Approve the minutes of the Design Commission Regular Meeting on January 23, 2023.
The minutes from the meeting of 01/23/2023 were approved on Commissioner Luckens' motion, Commissioner Carroll second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioner Coleman,

Commissioner Franco, Commissioner Henao-Robledo, and Commissioner Salinas were absent. Vice Chair Meiners was not present at the time of the vote.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

3. Staff briefing regarding Congress Avenue Urban Design Initiative. Presented by Jana McCann, McCann Adams Studio, and Benedict Patrick, HDR Engineering, Inc.
The presentation was made by Laura Dierenfield, Austin Transportation Department, Jill Amezcua, Housing and Planning Department, Jana McCann, McCann Adams Studio, and Benedict Patrick, HDR Engineering, Inc.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

4. Discussion and possible action to determine whether the project Oertli Neighborhood Park, located at 1238 Pearl Retreat Lane, complies with City Design and Sustainability Standards and on a recommendation on requested Alternative Equivalent Compliance (AEC) in accordance with [Land Development Code Title 25 § 2.2.5 and 2.3.1](#). Presented by James Wheeler, Parks and Recreation Department.

The motion to recommend that the project Oertli Neighborhood Park, located at 1238 Pearl Retreat Lane, complies with the Alternative Equivalent Compliance (AEC) in accordance with Land Development Code Title 25 § 2.2.5 and 2.3.1 with the inclusion of more bike racks, gate and path access to adjacent apartments, and an added unisex restroom was approved on Chair Weaver's motion, Commissioner Carroll second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Franco, Commissioner Henao-Robledo, Commissioner Salinas, and Commissioner Whatley were absent.

The motion that the project Oertli Neighborhood Park, located at 1238 Pearl Retreat Lane, complies with the City Design and Sustainability Standards with the inclusion of more bike racks, gate and path access to adjacent apartments, and an added unisex restroom was approved on Chair Weaver's motion, Commissioner Luckens second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Franco, Commissioner Henao-Robledo, Commissioner Salinas, and Commissioner Whatley were absent.

5. Discussion and possible action on the Planning and Urban Design Working Group meeting structure.
The Planning and Urban Design Working Group will meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month at noon. The members of the Planning and Urban Design Working Group are Chair Weaver, Vice Chair Meiners, Commissioner Rollason, and Commissioner Salinas.

WORKING GROUP/COMMITTEE UPDATES

6. Update from the Urban Design Guidelines Working Group regarding updates to the guidelines.
Update was given by Commissioner Carroll.
7. Update from representative on the Downtown Commission regarding last meeting.

Update was given by Chair Weaver.

8. Update from representative on the Joint Sustainability Committee regarding last meeting.
Update was given by Commissioner Carroll.

9. Update from representative on the South-Central Waterfront Advisory Board regarding last meeting.
No update was given. Commissioner Franco was absent.

Chair Weaver adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved at the 03/27/2023 meeting on Commissioner Taniguchi's motion, Commissioner Carroll second on a 7-0 vote.

