



**DESIGN COMMISSION
RECOMMENDATION 20180625-02A**

Date: July 31, 2018

Subject: 300 Colorado Street Project compliance with the Urban Design Guidelines

Motioned By: Bart Whatley

Seconded By: Samuel Franco

Amendment By: Katie Halloran

Recommendation

The Austin Design Commission recommends that the 300 Colorado Street project substantially complies with the Urban Design Guidelines as presented on June 25, 2018.

Description of Recommendation to the Director of Planning and Zoning

The Austin Design Commission recommends the 300 Colorado Street Project substantially complies with the Urban Design Guidelines and further recommends that the applicant explore the possibility of shared or public parking on some levels.

Rationale:

Mr. Guernsey,

This letter is to confirm the Design Commission's review of the 300 Colorado Street Project on June 25, 2018. Specific findings can be found in the recommendation letter from the Planning and Urban Design Working Group.

Along with this recommendation are three concerns with this project:

1. This project includes demolition of an historic structure. Austin has few remaining historic structures and it is a shame to lose another one.
2. Nearly half the building (14 levels) are dedicated to parking that is not available for public use. This is clearly not a benefit to the ongoing transportation issues that the city is facing.
3. Project is removing an existing Great Streets design. There should be some additional requirements for projects where Great Streets already exists.

Respectfully,

City of Austin Design Commission

Vote: 8-0-0

For: David Carroll, Bart Whatley, Aan Coleman, Samuel Franco, Katie Halloran, Evan Taniguchi, Ben Lukens, Beau Frail

Against: n/a

Abstain: n/a

Absent: Martha Gonzales, Melissa Henao-Robledo

Attest: David Carroll, Chair of the Design Commission

