



## DESIGN COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20230626-004

Date: June 30, 2023

Subject: 5<sup>th</sup> and Trinity Hotel

Motioned By: Chair Weaver

Seconded By: Vice Chair Meiners

Friendly Amendments By: Commissioner Carroll, Commissioner Wittstruck

Whereas Richard Suttle, Armbrust and Brown, PLLC, and Gene Montezinos, PFVS Architects and Interiors, LLC, presented to Design Commission on June 26, 2023, to the Design Commission, the project 5th and Trinity Hotel, located at 307 and 311 East 5th Street,

Whereas, Design Commission utilizes the Urban Design Guidelines, created in 2000 and revised in 2008 to review projects seeking benefits from the Density Bonus Program,

Now, therefore, Design Commission finds that the proposed project does not comply with the Urban Design Guidelines for the City of Austin in accordance with Land Development Code § 25-2-586 (C)(1)(a)(ii). The proposed project could better address the following Urban Design Guidelines:

- PZ.1 Treat the Four Squares with Special Consideration.
- B.2 Provide Multi-tenant, Pedestrian-Oriented Development at the Street level. Employ higher occupancy uses for the first and second floor.
- PS.10 Provide protection from cars; promote curbside drop off.
- B.4 Encourage the Inclusion of local Character. Consider including civic art in support of the Mexican American Heritage Corridor to support AW.5 – Civic Art in Both Public and Private Spaces.
- AW.7 Avoid Historical Misrepresentations. Consider partial reuse of existing façade.
- PS6 Enhance the streetscape. The tenant space could connect outdoor space to the square and the building interior. Consider the accessibility and usability of the drop off lane on 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Vote 8-0-0**

For: Chair Weaver, Vice Chair Meiners, Commissioner Carroll, Commissioner Howard, Commissioner Ladner, Commissioner Luckens, Commissioner Salinas, Commissioner Wittstruck

Against: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Commissioner Anstead, Commissioner McKinney, Commissioner Rollason

Attest:  
Jen Weaver, Chair  
City of Austin Design Commission