



**DESIGN COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023**

The Design Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, October 23, 2023, at the Permitting and Development Center, Room 1405, 6310 Wilhelmina Delco, in Austin, Texas.

Chair Salinas called the Design Commission Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:

*Jon Salinas, Chair
Nkiru Gelles
Kevin Howard
Marissa McKinney
Brita Wallace
Brendan Wittstruck*

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

*Josue Meiners, Vice Chair
Conners Ladner
Commissioner Ladner joined the meeting at 7:25 p.m.
Ben Luckens*

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Design Commission regular meeting on August 28, 2023.
The minutes from the meeting of 08/28/2023 were approved on Commissioner McKinney's motion, Commissioner Howard's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioner Ladner was off the dais. Commissioner Carroll was absent.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Staff briefing regarding the Transportation Electrification Plan. Presented by Cameron Freberg, Austin Energy.
The presentation was made by Cameron Freberg, Austin Energy.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Presentation by Peter Mullan, Austin Transit Partnership, regarding an update on the Light Rail program of Project Connect.
The presentation was made by Peter Mullan, Austin Transit Partnership.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

4. Discussion and possible action to recommend to City Council whether the project Beverly S. Sheffield Northwest District Park - Pool Renovation, located at 7000 Ardath Street, complies with the City Design and Sustainability Standards. Presented by Zach Munoz, MarmonMok Architecture, and Patrick Beyer, Parks and Recreation Department.
The motion to recommend to City Council that the project Beverly S. Sheffield Northwest District Park - Pool Renovation, located at 7000 Ardath Street, complies with the City Design and Sustainability Standards was approved on Commissioner Wittstruck's motion, Chair Salinas' second on an 8-0-1 vote. Commissioner McKinney recused from this item due to a conflict of interest and left the dais. Commissioner Carroll was absent.
5. Discussion and possible action to recommend to City Council whether the project Montopolis Neighborhood Park - Pool Renovation, located at 1200 Montopolis Drive, complies with the City Design and Sustainability Standards. Presented by Zach Munoz, MarmonMok Architecture, and Patrick Beyer, Parks and Recreation Department.
The motion to recommend to City Council that the project Montopolis Neighborhood Park - Pool Renovation, located at 1200 Montopolis Drive, complies with the City Design and Sustainability Standards was approved with the following friendly amendment on motion by Chair Salinas, seconded by Commissioner Wittstruck on an 8-0-1 vote. The friendly amendment from Commissioner Wittstruck was to include bike parking. This was accepted by the maker of the motion and Commissioner Wittstruck, who seconded the motion. Commissioner McKinney recused from this item due to a conflict of interest and left the dais. Commissioner Carroll was absent.
6. Conduct officer elections for the Chair and Vice Chair.
The motion to nominate Jon Salinas as the Chair of the Design Commission was approved on Commissioner Wittstruck's motion, Vice Chair Meiners' second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioner Carroll was absent.
7. Discussion and possible action on the membership of Working Groups.

The motion to assign Commissioner Howard, Commissioner McKinney, and Commissioner Wittstruck to the Planning and Urban Design Working Group was approved on Chair Salinas' motion, Commissioner Howard's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioner Carroll was absent.

8. Discussion and possible action on the 2024 Design Commission meeting schedule.
The motion to approve the 2024 Design Commission schedule with the December 16th meeting date was approved on Commissioner McKinney's motion, Chair Salinas' second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioner Carroll was absent.

WORKING GROUP/COMMITTEE UPDATES

9. Update from the Urban Design Guidelines Working Group regarding updates to the guidelines.
No update was given. Commissioner Carroll was absent.
10. Update from representative of the Downtown Commission regarding last meeting.
Update was given by Commissioner McKinney.
11. Update from representative of the Joint Sustainability Committee regarding last meeting.
Update was given by Chair Salinas.
12. Update from representative of the South-Central Waterfront Advisory Board regarding last meeting.
Update was given by Commissioner Ladner.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Staff briefing on the Downtown Density Bonus Program

Sponsors: Chair Salinas, Vice Chair Meiners

Staff briefing on the Urban Design Guidelines Update

Sponsors: Chair Salinas, Commissioner McKinney

Discussion and possible action on the creation and membership of working groups.

Sponsors: Chair Salinas, Commissioner McKinney

Chair Salinas adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m. without objection.