



DESIGN COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20231211-003

Date: December 29, 2023

Subject: The Graduate Austin

Motioned By: Commissioner McKinney Seconded By: Commissioner Wittstruck

Recommendation

The Design Commission recommends to City Council that the project The Graduate Austin, located at 408 West 18th Street, as presented on December 11, 2023, complies with the City Design and Sustainability Standards.

Description of Recommendation to Council

A substitute motion to recommend to City Council that the project the Graduate Austin, located at 408 West 18th Street, complies with the Urban Design Guidelines for the City of Austin in accordance with [Land Development Code § 25-2-586 \(C\)\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#) with the following modifications:

- Encourage the out of scale pedestrian gathering space along San Antonio Street be brought back into scale
- Encourage corner entrances to expand pedestrian access on San Antonio Street and Guadalupe Street
- Enhance the north façade to encourage an active northeast corner
- To use the City of Austin standard benches
- Expand food and beverage service along 18th Street to enhance the primary entrance to the food and beverage area

Vote 9-0

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

Against:

Abstain:

Absent: Commissioner Gelles

Attest: Jon Salinas, AIA-Chair of the Design Commission