



**DESIGN COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024**

The Design Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, February 26, 2024, at the Permitting and Development Center located at 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Drive, Room 1405, in Austin, Texas.

Chair Salinas called the Design Commission meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:

*Jon Salinas, Chair
David Carroll
Nkiru Gelles
Kevin Howard
Ben Luckens
Marissa McKinney
Brita Wallace
Brendan Wittstruck*

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

*Josue Meiners, Vice Chair
Conners Ladner*

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Design Commission regular meeting on December 11, 2023.
The minutes from the meeting of 12/11/2023 were approved on Commissioner McKinney's motion, Commissioner Wittstruck's second on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Lee was absent.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Staff briefing regarding the Equity-Based Preservation Plan. Presented by Cara Bertron, Planning Department.

The presentation was made by Cara Bertron, Planning Department.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

3. Discussion and possible action to consider a recommendation to support the Green Streets Initiative. Presented by Jana McCann, McCann Adams Studio.

Sponsors: Chair Salinas, Commissioner Wittstruck

The motion to recommend the Green Streets Initiative (Green Infrastructure Resolution) to City Council was approved on Commissioner Lucken’s motion, Commissioner Wittstruck’s second on a 9-0-1 vote. Commissioner Howard recused himself from this item due to a conflict of interest and left the dais. Commissioner Lee was absent.

WORKING GROUP/COMMITTEE UPDATES

4. Update from the Urban Design Guidelines Working Group regarding updates to the guidelines.

Update was given by Commissioner Carroll.

5. Update from representative of the Downtown Commission regarding last meeting.

Update was given by Commissioner McKinney.

6. Update from representative of the Joint Sustainability Committee regarding last meeting.

Update was given by Chair Salinas.

7. Update from representative of the South-Central Waterfront Advisory Board regarding last meeting.

Update was given by Commissioner Ladner.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. Discussion of the Urban Design Guidelines related to the review of Downtown Density Bonus Projects. Presented by Sophia Benner, Planning Department.

The presentation was made by Sophia Benner, Planning Department.

Chair Salinas adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved at the 3/25/2024 meeting on Vice Chair Meiners’ motion, Commissioner McKinney’s second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioner Howard, Commissioner Lee, and Commissioner Wittstruck were absent.