



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

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

Vice Chair Meiners called the Design Commission meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:

*Josue Meiners, Vice Chair
Nkiru Gelles
Kevin Howard
Conners Ladner
Chi Lee
Marissa McKinney
Brita Wallace
Brendan Wittstruck*

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

None

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Design Commission regular meeting on June 24, 2024.
The minutes from the meeting of 6/24/2024 were approved on Commissioner Wallace's motion, Commissioner Howard's second on an 8-0 vote. Chair Salinas and Commissioners Carroll and Luckens were absent.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Staff briefing regarding the status of the affordable housing component to the Downtown Density Bonus Program. Presented by Rachel Tepper and Brendan Kennedy, Housing Department.
The presentation was made by Rachel Tepper and Brendan Kennedy, Housing Department.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

3. Discussion and possible action to recommend to City Council whether the Umlauf Sculpture Garden + Museum Historic Preservation, Expansion, and Unification Plan reflects the Shared Values for Urban Areas in the Urban Design Guidelines. Presented by Alyssa Tharrett, Parks and Recreation Department, Katie Robinson Edwards and Amanda Valbracht, Umlauf Sculpture Garden + Museum, and Leland Ulmer, Melissa Gutierrez Soto, and Ginny Chilton, Page.
A motion to recommend to City Council that the Umlauf Sculpture Garden + Museum Historic Preservation, Expansion, and Unification Plan located at 605 Azie Morton Road meets the City Design and Sustainability Standards in addition to consideration for mobility, parking, and circulation was approved on Commissioner Wittstruck's motion, Commissioner Lee's second on an 8-0 vote. Chair Salinas and Commissioners Carroll and Luckens were absent.
4. Discussion and possible action to recommend to City Council whether the project 400 W 14th Steet located at 400 West 14th 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). Presented by Leah Bojo and Drew Rafael, Drenner Group PC, Jonathan Schwartz, Page, and Cameron Campbell, Campbell Landscape Architecture.
A motion to recommend to City Council that the project 400 W 14th Steet located at 400 West 14th 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) was approved on Commissioner Howard's motion, Commissioner Wittstruck's second on a 7-0-1 vote. Commissioner Wallace recused due to a conflict of interest. Chair Salinas and Commissioners Carroll and Luckens were absent.
5. Select a representative to serve on the Downtown Commission in accordance with [City Code § 2-1-140](#).
No action was taken.
6. Discussion and possible action on the November 2024 Design Commission meeting date.
A motion to schedule the November regular meeting date on Monday, November 18, 2024, was approved on Commissioner McKinney's motion, Commissioner Lee's second on an 8-0 vote. Chair Salinas and Commissioners Carroll and Luckens were absent.

WORKING GROUP/COMMITTEE UPDATES

7. Update from the Urban Design Guidelines Working Group regarding the meeting on July 26, 2024.
Update was given by Commissioner Howard.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Meiners adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved at the 09/23/2024 meeting on Commissioner McKinney's motion, Vice Chair Meiners' second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioner Luckens was off the dais. Commissioners Carroll, Lee, and Ladner were absent.