



## DESIGN COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20241028-005

Date: October 28, 2024

Subject: 305 W MLK

Motioned By: Commissioner Howard

Seconded By: Vice Chair Meiners

### **Recommendation**

*The project located at 305 W Martin Luther King Jr Blvd does not comply with the Urban Design Guidelines*

### **Rationale:**

The motion was approved with the following friendly amendments on motion by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Vice Chair Meiners on a 9-0-1 vote. Commissioner Carroll abstained.

The friendly amendment from Vice Chair Meiners was that the project 305 W MLK, located at 305 West Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, does not comply with the Urban Design Guidelines for the City of Austin in accordance with [Land Development Code § 25-2-586 \(C\)\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#) and that the project is not in compliance with the following Guidelines:

AW.5 – Incorporate Civic Art in Both Public and Private Development

PS.1 – Protect the Pedestrian Where the Building Meets the Street

PS.2 – Minimize Curb Cuts

PS.4 – Reinforce Pedestrian Activity

PS.6 – Enhance the Streetscape

PS.7 – Avoid Conflicts between Pedestrians and Utility Equipment

PS.9 – Provide Pedestrian-Scaled Lighting

PS.10 – Provide Protection from Cars/Promote Curbside Parking

PS.12 – Provide Generous Street-Level/Windows

PS.13 – Install Pedestrian-Friendly Materials at Street Level

B.2 – Provide Multi-Tenant, Pedestrian-Oriented Development at the Street Level

B.3 – Accentuate Primary Entrances

B.4 – Encourage the Inclusion of Local Character

B.5 – Control On-Site Parking

B.7 – Create Buildings with Human Scale

The friendly amendment by Commissioner Wittstruck was to encourage the removal of the driveway or provide access via alley; and if not feasible, align the driveway to the edge of the site to maximize public space and pedestrian entry.

**Vote 9-0-1**


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

Against:

Abstain: Commissioner Carroll

Absent:

Attest:

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Jon Salinas, AIA  
Chair, Design Commission