



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE DESIGN COMMISSION
MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2025, 6:00 P.M.
PERMITTING AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER, ROOM 1405
6310 WILHELMINA DELCO DRIVE
AUSTIN, TEXAS**

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Public comment will be allowed in-person or remotely via telephone. Speakers may only register to speak on an item once, either in-person or remotely, and will be allowed up to three minutes to provide their comments. Registration no later than noon the day before the meeting is required for remote participation by telephone. To register to speak remotely, call or email Nicole Corona at 512-974-3146 or nicole.corona@austintexas.gov.

CURRENT COMMISSIONERS:

*Jon Salinas, Chair
Josue Meiners, Vice Chair
Ramachandra "Rao" Aradhyula
David Carroll
Nkiru Gelles
Kevin Howard*

*Saira Khan
Connors Ladner
Marissa McKinney
Evgenia "Jenny" Murkes
Brendan Wittstruck*

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first five speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Design Commission regular meeting on August 25, 2025.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Staff briefing regarding the Green Infrastructure in the Right of Way. Presented by Michelle Marx, Austin Transportation and Public Works.
3. Staff briefing on proposed amendments to City Code Title 25 (Land Development Code), Case C20-2025-010, related to establishing a maximum building height limit within the Central Business District (CBD) zoning district, and amending the Downtown Density Bonus Program (DDBP) and Rainey Street Subdistrict regulations to modify allowable maximum

building height when participating in the DDBP. Presented by Alan Pani, Austin Planning. Sponsors: Chair Salinas and Commissioner Carroll.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Presentation and discussion regarding Staff's response to Resolution 20241121-073 related to Bird-Friendly design. Presented by Leslie Lilly, Austin Watershed Protection.
5. Discussion of analysis on the Design Commission's recommendations and the final approved Downtown Density Bonus Program projects from the past ten years.
6. Discussion of the draft Urban Design Guidelines regarding the sections: Introduction, Core Principle A: Protect Pedestrians and Bicyclists from the Elements, and Core Principle B: Protect Sidewalk and Bikeway Users from Motor Vehicles.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

7. Discussion and action to select Downtown Density Bonus Program projects from the past ten years to conduct analysis on outcomes. Sponsors: Chair Salinas and Vice Chair Meiners.
8. Discussion and action to approve the Design Commission annual schedule for 2026.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

9. Update from the representative of the Downtown Commission regarding the meeting on September 17, 2025, and October 15, 2025.
10. Update from the representative of the Joint Sustainability Committee regarding the meeting on June 25, 2025, August 27, 2025, September 24, 2025, and October 22, 2025.
11. Update from the representative of the South-Central Waterfront Advisory Board regarding the meeting on September 15, 2025, and October 20, 2025.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

City Code requires at least two board members sponsor an item to be included on an agenda. This section of the agenda provides members an opportunity to request items for future agendas. Staff should assume that if there is no objection from other members expressed at the meeting, the members' silence indicates approval for staff to include on the next agenda.

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