



**DESIGN COMMISSION
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2008, 5:45PM-9:00PM
AUSTIN CITY HALL, ROOM 1029
301 W. SECOND ST
AUSTIN, TEXAS**

Current board members

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Juan E. Cotera (JC) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eleanor McKinney (EM) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Calvin Chen (CC) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phillip Reed (PR) – Vice-Chair |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joan Hyde (JH) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Weiss (RW) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Girard Kinney (GK) – Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeannie Wiginton (JW) – Secretary |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Perry Lorenz (PL) | |

MEETING NOTES

CALL TO ORDER AT 6:00PM

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. April 7 Special Called Meeting

Motion to approve minutes [J. Cotera, J. Wiginton, 2nd] (8-0) C. Chen not yet present

April 19 Special Called Meeting

Motion to approve minutes [J. Hyde, R. Weiss, 2nd] (7-0) P. Reed abstains; C. Chen not yet present

April 28 Regular Meeting

Motion to change minutes to reflect that April 7 and April 19 minutes were tabled at April 28 meeting [E. McKinney, J. Hyde, 2nd] (5-0) R. Weiss, J. Wiginton, P. Lorenz abstains; C. Chen not yet present - Motion to approve minutes [J. Cotera, E. McKinney, 2nd] (5-0) R. Weiss, J. Wiginton, P. Lorenz abstains; C. Chen not yet present

May 12 Special Called Meeting

Motion to approve minutes [R. Weiss, E. McKinney, 2nd] (3-0) P. Reed, J. Cotera, J. Hyde, P. Lorenz, J. Wiginton abstain; C. Chen not yet present

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. 5th & Congress Project, Richard Suttle, 422-8040

Presentation on Tom Stacy project between 5th & 6th Street, Congress Ave. to Brazos, and parking garage on 5th Street.

- **Project has changed since previously reviewed by Commission, due to fact that the Northeast quarter of block (Littlefield Parking Garage) acquired.**
- **Applicant is currently seeking removal of height restriction imposed by 6th Street Historic District (to Council this month).**
- **Applicant states that previous portion of site was granted 30:1 FAR. Proposal is to “blend” that density with 8:1 density on NE quadrant, yielding an approximately 16:1 FAR for the whole site.**
- **Applicant will build to Great Streets Standards on all block faces.**
- **Structured Parking is proposed to abut street frontage above 2nd floor of towers.**
- **Loading will occur off center of block on 6th street, and center of block on Brazos.**

Task force of P. Reed (chair), with Kinney and McKinney will meet with developers to discuss the project in further detail and bring recommendation to Commission. Policies and Procedures TF is to address the requirements for early, conceptual presentations such as this one, with respect to requirements at subsequent stages.

b. **Barton Springs Master Plan presentation, Laurie Limbacher & Al Godfrey, 450-1518**

- **This item will be presented at Council on June 18th.**
- **Applicant gave a brief History of Project and overview of recommendations.**
- **It was stated that a joint Committee of the Parks Board and Environmental Board has been formed to shepherd the project. Later in the meeting it was suggested that it be suggested that there be a Design Commission Member assigned to this Committee.**
- **Commission generally very supportive of entire master plan.**
- **Commissioners made several suggestions, including better accommodation for sun bathers on north shore, a robust use of photovoltaics, consideration of a “gateway” to Zilker park adjacent the Sunken Garden and accommodation of fishing below the dam.**

Commissioner Lorenz will finalize letter and send to staff to distribute on Tuesday, June 3rd.

c. **Planned Unit Development ordinance amendment presentation, Jerry Rusthoven, NPZD**

- **This item will be presented at Council on June 18th.**
- **Commissioners, while generally supportive of the need to update the PUD ordinance and better design “superior” expressed**

concerns, some of which included: regarding the process at several levels; the need for planning goals in the areas in which PUDs occur to which the PUD would then respond; and the need to be more aligned with “Smart Code” (form-based) zoning rather than prescriptive use zoning.

- **Design Commission needs to be represented on any ongoing committee or TF that monitors this effort**

Commissioner Weiss will bring recommendations to a Special Called meeting will be held on Monday, June 9th at noon to finalize a letter re: PUD ordinance amendments.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Austin Museum of Art review letter - **Postponed**
- b. Stubb’s Re-design letter or motion - **Postponed**

5. COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS

- a. Standing Committees – **No reports**
- b. Policy Task Force Reports – **No reports**
- c. Project Task Force Reports – **No reports**
- d. Liaison Reports – **No reports**

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Holly Power Plant decommissioning - **Postponed**

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. CapMetro Transit Routes, Station & Station Area Planning update; Westin Project on Colorado St.; Blocks 51 & 52, Hicks & Company - 3rd St, (Congress to Colorado); **I-35 Makeover Project (added)**

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Chair Announcements – **Sign Ordinance at Council on Thursday, June 5 (GK)**
- b. Items from Commission Members – **Request to have approximate times added back to agendas (RW)**
- c. Items from City Staff – **Included in packet are a summary of Roberts’ Rules of Order and procedures for meeting postings and backup submittal (EL)**

ADJOURNMENT AT 9:05PM