



**DESIGN COMMISSION
DOWNTOWN COMMISSION
SPECIAL-CALLED COMBINED MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2011, 5:30 PM
AUSTIN CITY HALL, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ROOM 1101
301 W. SECOND STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701**

Meeting Minutes

Current Design Commission Members

__P__ Bart Whatley (BW) – Chair	__P__ Richard Weiss (RW)
__P__ James Shieh (JS) – Vice Chair	__P__ Juan E. Cotera (JC)
__P__ David Knoll (DK)– Secretary	__P__ Jeannie Wiginton (JW)
__P__ Jorge E. Rousselin (COA - PDRD) Staff Liaison	

Current Downtown Commission Members

__P__ Mandy Dealey, <i>Chair</i>	__P__ Daniel Leary
__P__ Linda Guerrero, <i>Vice Chair</i>	__P__ Michael McGill
__A__ Beth Atherton	__P__ Paul Oveisi
__R__ Stan Haas	__P__ Bryan Ruiz Cady
__P__ Robert Knight	__P__ Chris Schorre
__P__ Susan Daniels	__P__ Joel Sher
__P__ Dustin Lanier	__P__ Richard Weiss
	__P__ Bruce Willenzik
__P__ Michael Knox (COA - EGRSO) Staff Liaison	

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CALL TO ORDER by: Chair Dealey at: 5:45 PM

[R. Weiss arrived at 5:50 PM] Quorum of Design Commission achieved.

[D. Knoll arrived at 6:05 PM]

[J. Cotera arrived at 6:07 PM]

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: None

NEW BUSINESS – Discussion and possible action:

1. Briefing on the Downtown Austin Plan
Mr. Michael Knox gave a brief introduction of the plan. Ms. Jana McCann and Mr. Jim Adams of McCann/Adams Studio (MAS) and lead City consultants on the project, presented a briefing of the Plan and recommendations.

No action by either Commission was executed.

2. Discussion and Action on the Downtown Austin Plan recommendations to Planning Commission and City Council.
 - **After briefing by MAS discussion on the following issues**
 - **Recommendation of Cocktail Lounges as Conditional uses under CBD zoning;**
 - **Status of Density Bonus and TDRs;**
 - **Current depiction of proposed district boundaries and their relationship to abutting districts;**
 - **Densification of the Downtown Core without the use CURE tool as recommended by the Plan;**

Public comments were taken addressing the following Plan recommendations:

- **DAA's opposition to 45' height limitation in the Warehouse District;**
- **DAA's opposition to the Density Bonus provisions of the Plan in leaving out CURE as an option;**
- **DAA's opposition to Form-based Code recommendations addressing setbacks for structures above 90';**
- **Discussion on future of lost square and recommendations in the Plan to consider long-term plans for potential reclamation;**
- **Discussion on by Judge John Dietz and Judge Gisela Triana-Doyal on the New Travis County Civil Courthouse and its relationship to the Downtown activities and open space.**

Both Commissions will generate comments and recommendations to the Planning Commission and Council at their upcoming regular meetings: Downtown Commission will consider the Plan, and act, at their February 16, 2011 meeting and the Design Commission will do so at their January 24, 2011 meeting.

No further action by either Commission was executed.

Adjournment at 7:26 PM by consensus