



**DESIGN COMMISSION
MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2011, 5:45PM
AUSTIN CITY HALL, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ROOM 1101
301 W. SECOND STREET AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701**

Current Commission Members

<input type="checkbox"/> P___ Bart Whatley (BW) – Chair	<input type="checkbox"/> P___ Eleanor McKinney (EM)
<input type="checkbox"/> P___ Jeannie Wiginton (JW) – Vice Chair	<input type="checkbox"/> P___ Juan E. Cotera (JC)
<input type="checkbox"/> A___ James Shieh (JS) – Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/> A___ David Knoll (DK)
<input type="checkbox"/> P___ Richard Weiss (RW)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> P___ Jorge Rousselin (COA - PDRD) Staff Liaison

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR WHATLEY AT 5:53 PM

[J. Shieh; D. Knoll not present - excused absences]

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Discussion and action on the December 13, 2010 Design Commission regular meeting minutes.

The motion to approve the minutes as drafted made by: J. Cotera; Second by R. Weiss was approved on a vote of [4-0] [J. Shieh; D. Knoll not present].

B. July 26, 2010 Nomination Committee meeting minutes –

The motion to approve the minutes as drafted made by: J. Cotera; Second by R. Weiss was approved on a vote of [4-0] [J. Shieh; D. Knoll not present].

C. Discussion and action on the October 29, 2010 Urban Open Space Committee minutes:

The motion to approve the minutes drafted made by J. Cotera; Second by R. Weiss was approved on a vote of [4-0]. [J. Shieh; D. Knoll not present].

D. Discussion and action on the January 18, 2011 Urban Open Space Committee minutes.

The motion to approve the minutes as drafted made by J. Cotera; Second by R. Weiss was approved on a vote of [4-0] [J. Shieh; D. Knoll not present]

E. Discussion and action on January 19, 2011 Special Called Combined meeting minutes.

The motion to approve the minutes as drafted made by J. Cotera; Seconded by: R.

Weiss was approved on a vote of [4-0] [J. Shieh; D. Knoll not present]

3. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and action on the Schematic submittal of the Starr building Parking Garage located at the Northeast corner of Colorado Street and 5th Street seeking a variance to extend the upper levels of parking over the public sidewalk with a 9-10' overhang on both Colorado Street and 5th Street. (Heather McKinney, McKinney York Architects):**

Mr. Al York and Ms. Heather McKinney of McKinney York Architects gave a presentation on the Starr Building parking garage. Mr. Bill Ball addressed the Commission. The motion to send project to project review working group and bring back to DC in February for approval of letter made by: R. Weiss; Seconded by: B. Whatley was approved on a vote of [4-0] [J. Shieh; D. Knoll not present]

- B. Discussion and action on the 416 Congress Avenue Conceptual submittal seeking Historic zoning for the existing building. CURE zoning to allow for an F.A.R. of 13.1 and a curb modification to allow for a valet drop off in front of the building (John Hallock, Dick Clark Architecture):**

Mr. Mike McHone gave a presentation on the 416 Congress project. Mr. Jerry Rusthoven presented staff concerns. By not meeting Sec. 25-2-643. The motion to have Design Commission support as requested and ask that if building design changes then request that the project come back to the Commission. With friendly amendment to support hotel use only. Maker and 2nd of motion agreed made by R. Weiss; Second by: J. Wiginton was approved on a vote of [4-0] [J. Shieh; D. Knoll not present].

Design commission went on to a short recess.

- C. Discussion and action on the Park PUD, Case No. C814-2008-0145 seeking to rezone the property locally known as 801 Barton Springs Road from general commercial services-commercial-liquor sales-vertical mixed use building-neighborhood plan (CS-1-V-NP) combining district zoning to planned unit development neighborhood plan PUD-NP) combining district zoning. Applicant: Texas American Resources (David Honeycutt) Agent: Drenner & Golden Stuart Wolff, LLP. (Steve Drenner);**

Mr. Steve Drenner gave a presentation on the Park PUD. Mr. Jerry Rusthoven gave a presentation on the staff and Planning Commission recommendation. Mr. Steve Aleman of ANC gave a presentation on ANC Resolution in opposition to the request. Mr. Cory Walton of Bouldin Creek Neighborhood gave a presentation in opposition to the request. questions on parking and ground uses discussed. Mr. Jeff Jack gave a presentation in opposition to the request addressing the Waterfront Overlay district provisions.

The motion to approve the request as presented failed due to a lack of majority vote. Substitute motion: Take no position on appropriate PUD request as specified by chair failed due to a lack of majority vote.

A new motion to send to project review working group and schedule a special called meeting prior to City Council Action made by R. Weiss; Second by J. Cotera was approved on a vote of [4-0] , [J. Shieh; D. Knoll not present]

4. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and action on a draft letter for the Draft Downtown Austin Plan.
The motion to postpone to February 28, 2011 made by J. Cotera; Second by B. Whatley was approved on a vote of [4-0] [J. Shieh; D. Knoll not present].
- B. Discussion and action on modifications to the Project Review Submittals and Project Consideration Sheet as recommended by the Bylaws/Policies & Procedures Committee; Jerry Rusthoven presented changes.
The motion to approve as presented made by R. Weiss; Second by J. Wiginton was approved on a vote of [4-0] [J. Shieh; D. Knoll not present].
- C. Discussion and action on Design Commission Schedule of Regular Meetings.
The motion to approve with striking May 16th made by B. Whatley; Second by J. Wiginton was approved on a vote of [4-0]; [J. Shieh; D. Knoll not present].
- D. Discussion and action on changes made by City Council that were effective December 20, 2010 addressing Chapter 2-1 addressing Boards and Commissions;
The motion to keep the following Design Commission Committees: Bylaws/Policies and Procedures and Executive Committee and amend all taskforces to working Groups by creating a Project Review Working Group and to delete Density Bonus Taskforce and take no action on the adoption of the Bylaws until February meeting made by R. Weiss; Second by: J. Cotera was approved on a vote of [4-0]; [J. Shieh; D. Knoll not present].

5. COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS

- a. Standing Committees Reports - **None**
- b. Special Committees Reports– **None**
- c. Policy Task Force Reports: - **None**
- d. Liaison Reports: - **None**
- e. Appointment of Committee/Taskforce members by Chair: - **None**

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Project updates – Downtown Austin Plan Update - Staff Liaison Jorge E. Rousselin provided a briefing to the Commission on the Downtown Austin Plan including upcoming dates for continued review by Boards and Commissions.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Asian American Cultural Center;

- b. Non-urban Project Taskforce recommendations on Design Guidelines for infrastructure projects.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Chair Announcements - **None**
- b. Items for Commission Members- **None**
- c. Items from City Staff- **None**

ADJOURNMENT 9:48 PM by consensus