



**DESIGN COMMISSION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 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___ Juan E. Cotera (JC)
<input type="checkbox"/> P___ Jeannie Wiginton (JW) – Vice Chair	<input type="checkbox"/> P___ David Knoll (DK)
<input type="checkbox"/> P___ James Shieh (JS) – Secretary	
<input type="checkbox"/> P___ Richard Weiss (RW)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> P___ Jorge Rousselin (COA - PDRD) Staff Liaison
	<input type="checkbox"/> P___ Christine Freundl (COA - PDRD)

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR WHATLEY AT 6:00 PM

[J. Cotera; R. Weiss not present]

[J. Cotera and R. Weiss arrive at 6:10 PM]

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Discussion and action on the January 24, 2011 Design Commission regular meeting minutes.

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

B. Discussion and action on the December 14, 2010 Executive Committee meeting minutes.

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

C. Discussion and action on the October 19, 2010 Executive Committee minutes:

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

3. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and action on the Kingsbery Substation Wall Replacement located at 5001 Alf Ave. seeking to perform enclosure improvements and security upgrades at the existing substation.

Mr. Jim Randing and Ms. Kathy Strittmatter gave a presentation on the Kingsbery substation wall replacement.

The motion to support project as presented made by J. Shieh; Second by J. Wiginton was approved on a vote of [6-0].

- B. Discussion and action on the YMCA North Austin Community Recreation Center Conceptual submittal located at 1000 W. Rundberg Ln. seeking approval of the conceptual submittal of a recreation center approximately 37,400 s.f. on two floors and will include indoor pools, half court gymnasium, community meeting rooms, exercise areas and other supporting functions.

Mark Schruben, Project Manager of Austin Parks and Recreation Department, Robert Burns Studio 8 Architectures, made a presentation on YMCA Recreation Center.

The motion to approve project as presented made by: R. Weiss; Second by D. Knoll was approved on a vote of [6-0].

- C. Discussion and action on the Morris Williams Pro Shop located at 4305 Manor Road seeking approval for on-site improvements.

David Taylor gave a presentation with Eric Ulland on the Morris Williams Pro Shop.

The motion to not make a recommendation on building and express concern on parking layout and edge to existing residential neighborhood and not to support Alternative Equivalent Compliance as requested made by R. Weiss; Second by: J. Wiginton was approved on a vote of [4-2]; [D. Knoll and B. Whatley against]

- D. Discussion and action on Design Commission recommendations addressing Council resolution No. 20100919-035 regarding the formulation of recommendations for design guidelines for infrastructure projects commissioned by the City of Austin, including Austin Energy, the Austin Water Utility, and other city-owned enterprises and departments.

Mr. Sonny Doole addressed the commission on Austin Energy's current public process and types of projects before Design Commission.

- How are neighborhoods defined?
- Discussion from several sponsor departments on the application of resolution.

The motion to direct non-urban project review working group was approved on consensus.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and action on a draft letter for 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 represented by Heather McKinney, McKinney York Architects;

Commissioner Weiss read draft letter into the record: Concern on establishment of precedence for other projects downtown.

The motion to approve letter as amended on Dias with friendly amendment by J. Cotera; Second by: R. Weiss was approved on a vote of [6-0].

- B. *[This item was taken out of order as the first item by consensus of the Commission]*
Discussion and action on a draft letter and recommendations for 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. Represented by Drenner & Golden Stuart, LLP., Steve Drenner, (Chair Whatley)

Chair Whatley read draft letter into record.

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

- C. Discussion and action on a draft letter and recommendations for the Draft downtown Austin Plan.

Commissioner Weiss read draft letter into record.

Substitute motion to approve as amended on Dias made by R. Weiss; Second by D. Knoll was approved on a vote of [5-0]; [J. Cotera off Dias.]

Discussion and action on a draft letter and recommendations for the City Code Open Space Amendments.

Commissioner Knoll read draft letter into record. George Zapalac presented on behalf of the Open Space Committee.

The motion to approve letter as amended on Dias made by: B. Whatley; Second by D. Knoll was approved on a vote of [6-0].

- D. Discussion and adoption of the Design Commission Bylaws as modified by Ordinance No. 20101209-003. J. Rousselin presented by-law amendments.

The motion to adopt Bylaws as presented made by R. Weiss; Second by J. Wiginton was approved on a vote of [6-0].

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: -
- **J. Shieh provided an update on E. Riverside Corridor Project.**
- **R. Weiss provided a report on the Downtown Commission's report on parking Downtown and Open Space.**
- e. Appointment of Committee/Working Groups 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. Library Project
- c. AIA Liaisons by Design Commission.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Chair Announcements - **None**
- b. Items for Commission Members-
 - **Park PUD issues presented by Commissioner Weiss addressing the posting time of the item on the agenda;**
 - **Design Commission vacancy and appointment.**
- c. Items from City Staff- **None**

ADJOURNMENT 9:20 PM by consensus