

## DESIGN COMMISSION SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017 6:00 PM ONE TEXAS CENTER, ROOM 500 505 BARTON SPRINGS ROAD, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78704

## **Meeting Minutes**

Call to order by: Chair Carroll at 6:11 PM.

Roll Call: B. Frail arrived at 6:15 pm, E. Taniguchi arrived at 6:23 pm, B. Whatley arrived at 6:26 pm., and B. Luckens and C. Kenny not present.

- 1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: None.
- 2. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action):
  - a. Discussion and possible action on the Marriott at Cesar Chavez design development submittal, located at 304 East Cesar Chavez Street, seeking review for substantial compliance with the <u>Urban Design Guidelines for Austin</u> in accordance with the Gatekeeper requirements of <u>LDC 25-2-586</u> for the Downtown Density Bonus Program (<u>Richard T. Suttle, Jr.</u>, Armbrust & Brown, PLLC)

Richard Suttle of Armbrust & Brown presented the project.

Several residents and the General Manager of the Four Seasons Hotel, located across the street from the proposed project site, signed up to speak.

Steve Drenner (Drenner Group, representing the residents of the Four Seasons) was neutral on the project, but voiced concerns over mobility and access during and after construction.

Steve Hunt (resident at the Four Seasons) signed up as both neutral and against the project and was concerned about construction traffic and mobility.

Rob Hagelberg (General Manager at the Four Seasons) spoke as a neutral party but also expressed concern about shutting down a lane of traffic on Cesar Chavez for construction.

Frank Krasovec (resident at the Four Seasons), who stated no position on the project, spoke about his concern that each individual project is being looked at in isolation and not how it fits into the bigger picture.

Lorley Musiol (resident at the Four Seasons) signed up as both neutral and against the project but opted not to speak.

The motion to support the Working Groups' recommendation of finding the project in substantial compliance with the Urban Design Guidelines with the recommendation to study the preservation of the trees on Trinity Street, to look at smoothing the driveway on Cesar Chavez to make it easier to enter, and to clarify the function and safety of the alley was made by M. Henao-Robledo; second by A. Coleman; passed on a vote of [6-3]; Chair Carroll, A. Coleman, E. Taniguchi, B. Whatley, M. Henao-Robledo, and B. Frail voted for; Vice Chair M. Gonzalez, S. Franco, and K. Halloran voted against. C. Kenny and B. Luckens not present.

ADJOURNMENT by consensus at: 7:41 pm