



DESIGN COMMISSION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2018 6:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

Call to order by: **D. Carroll at 6:09 PM.**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Carroll – Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melissa Henao-Robledo |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Martha Gonzalez – Vice-Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ben Luckens |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aan Coleman | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Evan Taniguchi |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beau Frail | <input type="checkbox"/> Bart Whatley |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Samuel Franco | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Katie Halloran | |

B. Frail, S. Franco, K. Halloran and B. Whatley not present.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: **None**

2. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action):

- a. Courtesy briefing on **City of Austin tree mitigation fund** (Emily King, COA Development Services Dept.);

Emily King, COA's Urban Forester, presented information on Urban Forestry Funding Portal, which provides funding to COA projects on public property for public benefit and was available to answer questions.

No action taken by the Commission.

- b. Courtesy briefing on the Capital Metro Transportation Authority Downtown Station (Marcus Guerrero, CapMetro);

Marcus Guerrero, Jana McCann (McCann Adams Studio), and Summer Lawton (HNTB Corporation) presented and were available to answer questions.

No action taken.

3. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action):

- a. Discussion and possible action on **CodeNEXT's** draft codes, maps, and processes (Chair D. Carroll);

This item was postponed until the March Design Commission meeting, to allow for the working group to review the new release of CodeNEXT's draft 3.

No action taken.

4. COMMISSION-SPECIFIC BUSINESS (Discussion and possible action):

- a. Discussion and possible action on **upgrading and incorporating infrastructure into the Urban Design Guidelines** as directed by City Council Resolution No. 20120816-060 (Chair D. Carroll);

The Working Group met and will schedule another meeting in a few weeks. Chair Carroll mentioned the Working Group needed additional members. B. Luckens was interested in joining.

No action taken.

- b. Discussion and possible action on the **January 22, 2018** meeting minutes;

The motion to approve the minutes, as drafted, was made by Vice-Chair M. Gonzalez; second by B. Luckens; approved on a unanimous vote of [6-0]; B. Frail, S. Franco, K. Halloran and B. Whatley not present.

- c. Liaison Reports;

M. Henao-Robledo mentioned Carla Taylor (COA Transportation Dept). presented the Smart Mobility Road Map to the Downtown Commission. The Commission also saw a presentation of the Pedestrian Vision Plan.

- d. Appointment of Committee/Working Group members by Chair;

Chair Carroll announced there was an opening on the Joint Sustainability Committee. He also appointed B. Luckens to the Infrastructure Working Group.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (Discussion and Possible Action): **None**

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Chair Announcements: **None**

- b. Items from Commission Members:

E. Taniguchi mentioned he'd ask Staff about the director meetings with Downtown Density Bonus applicants. Katie Mulholland (COA Planning and Zoning) relayed that the director does not meet with applicants.

Chair Carroll mentioned he'd also followed up with Staff on the director's determination of substantial compliance. Katie Mulholland (COA Planning and Zoning) mentioned she would respond by the end of the week.

c. Items from City Staff:

Katie Mulholland (COA Planning and Zoning) mentioned she would be leaving her position with the City to hike the Appalachian Trail and that there was a density Bonus Working Group meeting on Thursday.

ADJOURNMENT by consensus at: 7:47 PM.