



**DESIGN COMMISSION  
MONDAY, March 22, 2021 5:30 PM  
VIA REMOTE WebEx  
MEETING MINUTES**

Call to order by: **Chair D. Carroll at 5:34 p.m.**

**Member List**

<u>X</u>	David Carroll – Chair (District 1)		Beau Frail (District 6)
<u>X</u>	Melissa Hanao-Robledo – Vice-Chair (District 5)		Jessica Rollason (District 7)
	Martha Gonzalez – (District 2)	<u>X</u>	Aan Coleman (District 8)
<u>X</u>	Samuel Franco (District 3)	<u>X</u>	Bart Whatley (District 9)
<u>X</u>	Josue Meiners (District 4)	<u>X</u>	Ben Luckens (District 10)
<u>X</u>	Evan Taniguchi (Mayor)		

**“X”** Denote Commission Members who were in attendance

**CITY OF AUSTIN HOUSING AND PLANNING STAFF**

X Jorge E. Rousselin, Executive Liaison  
X Aaron D. Jenkins, Staff Liaison  
X Art Zamorano, Staff Liaison

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: **None.**

**1. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action):**

- a. Discussion and possible action to evaluate and make recommendations regarding whether City of Austin EMS Station 7, addressed at 8989 Research Blvd, complies with the City Design and Sustainability Standards, for the City of Austin: Owen Harrod MWM Design Group.
  - Owen Harrod MWM Design Group presented and answered questions from Commissioners.
  - **Commissioner A. Coleman** made a motion that the City of Austin consider the Design Commission’s recommendation for alternative fencing (*Ameristar, Design Master, or equivalent product*) to eliminate the razor wire and where possible, add a shrub line or some sort of green landscaping onsite. **Commissioner J. Meiners** seconded.

- ***The motion was approved [8 ayes, 0 nays]***
- b. Discussion and possible action to evaluate and make recommendations regarding whether City of Austin EMS Station 10, addressed at 5228 Duval Road, complies with the City Design and Sustainability Standards, for the City of Austin; Owen Harrod MWM Design Group.
- Owen Harrod MWM Design Group presented and answered questions from Commissioners.
  - **Commissioner E. Taniguchi** made a motion that the City of Austin consider the Design Commission's recommendations to install a Monument Sign closer to the street for increased visibility and for additional landscape elements near the parking spaces both at the North and South ends of the property. **Commissioner J. Meiners** seconded.
- ***The motion was approved [8 ayes, 0 nays]***
2. **COMMISSION-SPECIFIC BUSINESS (Discussion and possible action):**
- a. Approval of February 22nd Meeting Minutes.
- **Commissioner A. Coleman** requested that the February 22<sup>nd</sup> minutes reflect that although Commissioner E. Taniguchi recused himself from Item 1.b, Commissioner E. Taniguchi engaged in a brief dialogue during that item.
  - **Commissioner A. Coleman** made a motion to approve the February 22nd meeting minutes with the addition. **Commissioner B Whatley** seconded.
  - ***The motion was approved [8 ayes, 0 nays]***
- b. Nomination for the South-Central Waterfront Advisory Board (SCWAB) Seat
- **Commissioner A. Coleman** made a motion to reappoint Commissioner S. Franco to the South-Central Waterfront Advisory board. **Commissioner E. Taniguchi** seconded.
  - ***The motion was approved [8 ayes, 0 nays]***
- c. Update from representation on the Downtown Commission regarding last meeting.
- **Vice-Chair M. Haneo-Robledo** briefly informed the committee that the Downtown Commission reviewed presentations for the following projects: the Daugherty Arts Center project, Austin Police Department HQ, Austin Community Court relocation, and the Downtown Wayfinding project.
- d. Update from representative on the Joint Sustainability committee regarding last meeting.

- **Chair D. Carroll** stated the committee has not met yet, therefore an update was given.
- e. Update from representative on the South-Central Waterfront Advisory Board.
- **Commissioner S. Franco** informed the committee that many things were occurring at a rapid pace. The most important item mentioned, was the creation of a tourist district for the South-Central Waterfront. As more information becomes available Commissioner S. Franco will shared with the Commission.
3. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
- a. Chair Announcements:
- The progress on the proposed updates to the Urban Design Guidelines will be presented to Design commission at the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - Design Commission elections will take place next month at the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- b. Items from Commission Members:
- **Commissioner E. Taniguchi** requested that staff provide guidelines/best practices regarding recusal and what it means.
- c. Items from City Staff:
- Staff announced that the Urban Design Division is looking to hire a Program Manager for Great Streets and asked that Commission members share this opportunity with their respective networks.

**ADJOURNMENT by consensus at: 6:42 PM.**