

Partial minutes of the Design Commission meeting on Monday, February 23, 2021

Item 1.b. Discussion and possible action to evaluate and make recommendations regarding whether the Dougherty Arts Center Project, addressed at Butler Shores Park, 200 S. Lamar, complies with the Urban Design Guidelines, for the City of Austin.

Laura Gass Square One Consultants; Robert Byrnes Studio 8 Architects; Barbara Austin RVI Landscape Architects; Kevin Johnson City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department.

- Commissioner E. Taniguchi recused himself from Item 1b and then returned to participate in discussion after the project was presented.
- Robert Byrnes, Studio 8 Architects and Kevin Johnson COA/PARD presented and answered questions from the Commissioners.
- Commissioner A. Coleman made a motion for more consideration and emphasis is made toward option 1a, to create a denser building footprint, better relationship to the street scape, and keeping the beach front more accessible to all Austinites. Commissioner J. Rollason seconded.
- Commissioner B. Frail provided a friendly amendment that option 1a or 1b be recommended by the Design Commission with preference to Option 1a. Commissioner J. Rollason does not accept the friendly amendment.

The motion failed [4 ayes, 2 nays, 2 abstain]

- Commissioner J. Rollason made a motion to support the project, with the recommendation that it applies tactics to mitigate that it is a space for cars and not people. These elements can be displayed using surface treatment, better street design, and eliminating the roundabout in place of more creative solutions. Commissioner M. Gonzales seconded.
- Commissioner A. Coleman offered a friendly amendment for the project team to look at the vehicular bifurcation of the open space and other options to make it more contiguous and prioritize pedestrian and open park space. This amendment was accepted.

The motion was approved [6 ayes, 0 nays, 2 abstain]