



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE DESIGN COMMISSION
MONDAY, MARCH, 23rd, 2026, 6:00 P.M.
PERMITTING AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER, ROOM 1405
6310 WILHELMINA DELCO DRIVE
AUSTIN, TEXAS**

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Public comment will be allowed in-person or remotely via telephone. Speakers may only register to speak on an item once, either in-person or remotely, and will be allowed up to three minutes to provide their comments. Registration no later than noon the day before the meeting is required for remote participation by telephone. To register to speak remotely, call or email Chad Sharrard at 512-974-8333 or chad.sharrard@austintexas.gov.

CURRENT COMMISSIONERS:

*Jon Salinas, Chair
Josue Meiners, Vice Chair
Ramachandra "Rao" Aradhyula
David Carroll
Nkiru Gelles
Kevin Howard*

*Saira Khan
Conners Ladner
Marissa McKinney
Evgenia "Jenny" Murkes
Brendan Wittstruck*

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first five speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Design Commission regular or special called meeting on February 23rd, 2026.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Staff briefing on Downtown Density Bonus Program gatekeeper requirements. Presented by Alan Pani, Austin Planning. Sponsors: Vice Chair Meiners and Commissioner Howard.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Discussion of the implications of expanding the boundaries of Downtown to match the Central City District Plan and how that affects Design Commission scope and rewrite of urban design guidelines. Sponsors: Commissioners Gelles and Howard.
4. Discussion on the future of the Downtown Density Bonus Program and integrating urban design guidelines, principles, and standards into that process. Sponsors: Commissioners Howard and Carroll.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

5. Discussion and action to recommend to City Council whether the project Nash Hernandez Building Renovation, located at 1621 Nash Hernandez Senior Road in Holly Shores/ Edward Rendon Sr. Metropolitan Park at Festival Beach, complies with the City Design and Sustainability Standards. Presented by Philip Reed, Levy Dykema Architects.
6. Discussion and action to appoint a member of the Design Commission to serve as the Commission's representative on the Downtown Commission. Sponsors: Chair Salinas and Vice Chair Meiners.
7. Discussion and action to recommend to City Council whether the project Fiesta Gardens, located at 2101 Jesse E. Segovia St., complies with the City Design and Sustainability Standards. Presented by Clayton Korte and Travis Greig of Clayton Korte.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

City Code requires at least two board members sponsor an item to be included on an agenda. This section of the agenda provides members an opportunity to request items for future agendas. Staff should assume that if there is no objection from other members expressed at the meeting, the members' silence indicates approval for staff to include on the next agenda.

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