



CITY OF DALLAS

CITY PLAN COMMISSION  
URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE  
Thursday, February 16, 2017  
Meeting Minutes

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Meeting	Dallas City Hall, 1FN	8:30 a.m.
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**Members Present:**

Jaynie Schultz (Chair), Tipton Housewright (Vice Chair), Evan Beattie, Noel Aveton, Allison Baker, Carlyn Ray

**Others Present:**

Laura M. Keyes (University of North Texas), Ryan Behring (GrowSouth/Americorps), Erich Dohrer (CallisonRTKL), Sean Tate (Landmark Commission), Arturo del Castillo (Planning and Urban Design), Luis Tamayo (Planning and Urban Design), Asma Shaikh (Planning and Urban Design), Amy Albright (Planning and Urban Design)

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The meeting was called to order by Jaynie Schultz (Chair) at 8:30 a.m. Carlyn Ray (Cultural/Arts Representative) was recognized as the newest member of UDAC.

Arturo del Castillo gave a brief update on The Bottom area planning effort. The process has largely been taken up by the Housing department and Mobility and Street Services department. Community desires include better walkability as well as attainably-priced housing; gentrification is a concern due to proximity to downtown. Designs are currently underway to connect a number of dead-end streets that terminate at the levee.

Luis Tamayo gave an overview of an "Area Plans Template" produced previously by Long-Range Planning, as well as an update on the Guide to Neighborhood Planning currently being developed by Staff. Committee appreciated the Template's strong focus on implementation, and expressed a desire to see the two documents more streamlined with each other. Some members felt the level of detail found in the Guide may intimidate a layperson, and emphasis could be placed on the value of neighborhood planning. Suggestions included neighborhood plan success stories, value of neighborhood self-determination, potential bond funds and City support, and a mechanism to inform zoning decisions. The Planning Guide should also include more contacts for short-term resources.

Committee members were asked to provide contacts/organizations which may be able to provide further guidance or comments on the Guide before it is distributed to the City Plan Commission. Members also recommended seeking input from neighborhood leaders who have already engaged in a neighborhood planning process.

Future briefings will include Buckner Terrace, the updated Arts District Plan, and the Downtown Dallas 360 update. Committee also desired to hear updates and/or speakers on affordable housing policy, Neighborhood Plus, and Downtown Dallas Inc., along with Staff's interactive area plan viewer.

The Urban Design Advisory Committee still has a vacancy for a representative of residential neighborhoods. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved unanimously after a motion by member Aveton and second by member Beattie. The meeting was closed to order at 9:30 a.m.