

CITY PLAN COMMISSION URBAN DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Meeting	Virtual Conference	8:30 a.m.

Members Present:

Kristine Schwope (Chair), Ronald Stinson (Vice Chair), Noel Aveton, Rob Baldwin, Erich Dohrer, Sean Tate

Others Present:

Lily Weiss (Arts Districts), Kristina Kirkenaer-Hart (Arts District), Luke Franz (Arts District), Jill Magnuson (Arts District), Katie O'Brien (Arts District)

Carnell Brame (Planning & Urban Design), Arturo Del Castillo (Planning & Urban Design), Theresa Pham (City Attorney's Office), Luis Tamayo (Planning & Urban Design), Nathan Warren (Sustainable Development & Construction)

The meeting was called to order at 8:33am. Chair Schwope conducted a roll call of Urban Design Advisory Committee members. Lily Weiss introduced representatives of the Arts District. Luis Tamayo then gave a brief overview of the purpose of the meeting and other updates. This includes the in-progress formation of a Comprehensive Land Use Plan Committee of the City Plan Commission and the dissolution of the Urban Design Advisory Committee.

Luis Tamayo summarized the key points and goals of the Arts District Connect Plan, and how it fits with the zoning process. He also outlined recommended changes to the Draft Plan before UDAC acts at a future meeting:

- Remove recommendation to reduce lanes on Pearl Street to improve consistency with Downtown 360 Plan
- Remove reference to design peer review process because of existing citywide design peer review process or internal informal design review process

Nathan Warren clarified that Sustainable Development & Construction plans to put the Arts District Zoning on the City Plan Commission docket in November.

Chair Schwope asked Arts District representatives to share any changes since the previous meeting and the completion of the Draft Arts District Plan.

Arts Districts representative Lilly Weiss addressed Pearl Street and its importance to the Art District. She informed the committee that the Arts District is working with the Dallas Transportation Department to complete a Traffic Study at Pearl and Flora Streets and at Olive and Flora Streets. She emphasized that the Arts District has been in steering committee meetings to address zoning. The goal is to take the zoning and the plan at the same time to CPC and City Council. Part of the zoning proposal includes include incorporating Ross Avenue (one block south) into the Arts District.

Arts District representative Jill Magnuson added remarks on emphasis on being a 24/7 neighborhood that accommodates pedestrians and provides connectivity at key points, particularly at Pear and Flora Streets.

Chair Schwope asked Arts District representatives to share if there are any changes to traffic projections due to Covid-19.

Lily Weiss shared that traffic engineers project only moderate changes to vehicular traffic. Projections are considering as far into the future as 2045.

Regarding future meetings, members wished to meet in two weeks after a review of the Draft Arts District Connect Plan.

The meeting was closed to order at 9:29am.