



CITY OF DALLAS

CITY PLAN COMMISSION  
URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE  
Thursday, June 2, 2016  
Meeting Minutes

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Meeting	Dallas City Hall, 5BN	8:30 a.m.
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**Members Present:**

Jaynie Schultz (Chair), Noel Aveton, Mike Johnson, Evan Beattie

**Others Present:**

Allison Baker (Studio Outside), Erich Dohrer (CallisonRTKL), Evan Sheets (Planning and Urban Design, CityDesign Studio), Peer Chacko (Planning and Urban Design), Luis Tamayo (Planning and Urban Design, Strategic Planning), Asma Shaikh (Planning and Urban Design, Strategic Planning), Amy Albright (Planning and Urban Design, Strategic Planning), Grant Patterson (Planning and Urban Design)

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The meeting was called to order by Jaynie Schultz (Chair) at 8:35am. Evan Sheets presented to the Committee an overview of the City's Urban Design Program. Mr. Sheets indicated that the Design Studio has been gathering input to produce a set of principles for Urban Design in the City of Dallas. Further, he indicated that Urban Design often means different things to different people and the Studio's efforts have focused on gathering these different ideas to ultimately reach consensus and a broad vision. Finally he indicated the Urban Design Program includes four focus areas:

- Building Understanding
- Developing Policy
- Confirming Requirements
- Coordination

Committee members expressed their appreciation for the Design Studio's endeavor and made several comments:

- It may be beneficial for the Zoning Ordinance Advisory Committee to be updated regarding the Urban Design Program. Briefings to different groups could be tailored to how the Program is relevant to each particular group.
- A suggestion was made to map out the process of development in Dallas (from idea conception to permits to construction), and to identify opportunities for key "moments of intervention" to gather input from stakeholders and designers.

- It could be beneficial to label design elements in the photos (street trees, bike lanes, street furniture, etc.) as an education/outreach tool so that citizens can begin to identify basic features of good urban design.
- Members liked the idea of urban design “ambassadors”; they expressed that these community liaisons should be prepared and trained well in advance of any outreach efforts.

Following the Urban Design Presentation, Luis Tamayo provided a status update on two area planning efforts. With regard to the Preston Center Area planning process, public open house would be held later that evening (June 2). For the Greater Casa View Area Plan, he indicated, Amanda Buckley would brief the City Plan Commission that afternoon.

The next meeting date was set for June 16. Future briefings will include planning updates for Dolphin Heights and Buckner Terrace, as well as a plan draft for Preston Center. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved unanimously after a motion by member Aveton and second by member Johnson. The meeting was closed to order at 9:30 am.