

CITY PLAN COMMISSION URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE Thursday, September 15, 2016 Meeting Minutes

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

Members Present:

Jaynie Schultz (Chair), Noel Aveton, Mike Johnson, Cookie Peadon (City Plan Commissioner)

Others Present:

Cristine Baril (Resident), Anna Volchkov (Intern with City Plan Commissioner Schultz), Tanya Brooks (Planning and Urban Design), Mark Brown (Planning and Urban Design), Luis Tamayo (Planning and Urban Design), Asma Shaikh (Planning and Urban Design), Amy Albright (Planning and Urban Design)

The meeting was called to order by Jaynie Schultz (Chair) at 8:50 a.m.

Mark Brown (Planning and Urban Design, Mobility Division) presented a training on the Dallas Complete Streets Design Manual and the City's Complete Streets projects to date. Discussion points included:

- Complete Streets are safer streets; currently in Dallas there are approximately 500 accidents per year involving pedestrians and cyclists.
- Thoroughfare planning in Dallas has traditionally been auto-centric and has produced oversized streets; however, this provides a tremendous opportunity for retrofitting these roadways as Complete Streets.
- An extensive public engagement process shaped and informed the Design Manual, which applies to all street improvement and construction projects after its adoption in January 2016.
- Resident Cristine Baril commented that neighborhood engagement such as "adopt a bus stop" or "adopt a bike lane" could be an effective way to address maintenance concerns.

Regarding the second draft of the Guide to Neighborhood Planning, Committee members commented that consulting neighborhood activists could be a valuable way to pass along knowledge (i.e. seek insight from leaders of exemplary plans like the Greater Casa View

Area Plan). Insight could also be sought from community prosecutors and neighborhood leaders of strong, close-knit communities.

Minutes from the August 18th meeting were approved unanimously after a motion by member Aveton and second by member Johnson. With regard to future meetings, Committee will convene in October for a briefing on Preston Center as well as on Dallas Resiliency. The meeting was closed to order at 9:40 a.m.