

**STATE OF TEXAS** §  
**COUNTIES OF POTTER** §  
**AND RANDALL** §  
**CITY OF AMARILLO** §

On the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018, the Downtown Design Review Board met in a scheduled session at 5:30 p.m. in Room 275 located on the second floor of the Simms Building, 808 S. Buchanan, Amarillo, Texas, with the following members present:

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
Steve Gosselin	Y	36	32
Steve Pair, Chairman	Y	19	15
Cole Camp	N	14	13
Cindi Bulla	Y	14	12
Gary Jennings	Y	14	12
Verlinda Watson	N	14	1
Becky Heinen	N	14	8
Alan Cox (alternate)	Y	11	10

Staff in Attendance:

Sherry Bailey, Senior Planner  
 Courtney White, Assistant City Attorney I

Jeffrey English, Planner I  
 Hannah Green, Recording Secretary

ITEM 1: Public Comment: Citizens who desire to address the Downtown Amarillo Urban Design Review Board with regard to matters on the agenda or having to do with policies, programs, or services will be received at this time. The total time allotted for comments is three (3) minutes per speaker. The board may not discuss items not on this agenda, but may respond with factual, established policy information, or refer to staff. (*Texas Attorney General Opinion. JC-0169*) If you wish to speak regarding an item on the agenda, please hold your comments until that item is introduced.

No comments were made.

ITEM 2: Approval of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 Downtown Urban Design Review Board meeting minutes.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Board Member Cox, seconded by Board Member Jennings. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 3: COA-18-06: A request for variance from the requirement that pedestrian lighting be painted black to allow for pedestrian lighting to be painted maroon at the following locations: 720 S Tyler Street and 800 S Harrison Street, legally described as Lot 1, Block 89, Plemons Addition Unit No. 19; and most of Block 103, Plemons Addition Unit No. 1. [Section 4-10-122, pg. 11 & 13, Downtown Amarillo Urban Design Standards]

Jeffrey English, Planner I, advised the project consists of a brand new parking lot and street-scaping for use as a West Texas A&M University WT Center in Downtown Amarillo. Mr. English advised that the applicant is asking for a variance for all light poles on their frontages as the colors of the poles are desired to be painted maroon instead of the standard approved black. Mr. English ended his presentation with a staff recommendation of approval with variance 1.

Chairman Pair asked if there were any questions or comments. Board Members questioned city staff regarding the details of the case. John Jenkins, architect, also stood to answer questions from the Board. There was a discussion between the Board, Mr. Jenkins, and city staff regarding the setting of a precedent with this variance.

A motion to approve the variance for this project as submitted was made by Board Member Jennings, seconded by Board Member Gosselin. Board Member Bulla stated that she would like the rationale for the decision on this item to be known. The Board agreed that the variance be approved based on this item being a state level learning institute/campus. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 6: Consider future agenda items

Sherry Bailey, Senior Planner, gave a quick update to the board regarding warehouse districts and a previous DAUDS item.

No further comments were made; Chairman Pair adjourned the meeting at 5:53pm.

*Sherry L. Bailey for*  
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Cris Valverde, Assistant Director of Planning