



**ZONING AMENDMENT
STAFF REPORT**

City Council Meeting Date:
March 1, 2016

Council District All

Zoning Commission Recommendation:
Approval by a vote of 9-0

Opposition: None submitted
Support: None submitted

Continued Yes ___ No X
Case Manager Jocelyn Murphy
Surplus Yes ___ No X
Council Initiated Yes ___ No X

Owner / Applicant: City of Fort Worth Planning and Development Department

Site Location: Citywide Mapsco: N/A

Proposed Use: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Fort Worth, being Ordinance No. 21653, as amended, codified as Appendix "A" of the Code of The City of Fort Worth, amending Chapter 2, "Review Bodies" to amend Section 2.102 "Urban Design Commission" to add experience in the field of history, architectural history, or other discipline related to historic preservation to the qualifications of members

To review the proposed amendments: <http://fortworthtexas.gov/planninganddevelopment/zoningcommission.aspx>

Request: TEXT AMENDMENT: AMEND URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION MEMBERS TO ADD HISTORICAL EXPERIENCE QUALIFICATION

Background:

One of the recommendations of the Historic Stockyards Design District Task Force was to amend the Urban Design Commission membership to require that a member be a practicing or retired professional in the field of history, architectural history or other discipline related to historic preservation.

The proposed amendment will require that a member of the Urban Design Commission be a practicing or retired professional in the field of history, architectural history, or other discipline related to historic preservation.

Attachments:

- Proposed Ordinance Amendment
- Minutes from the Zoning Commission meeting

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, BEING ORDINANCE NO. 21653, AS AMENDED, CODIFIED AS APPENDIX "A" OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 2, "REVIEW BODIES," 2.102 "URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION" TO ADD EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD OF HISTORY, ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY, OR OTHER DISCIPLINE RELATED TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION TO THE QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2014 the City Council adopted Resolution 4373-10-2014 appointing the Historic Stockyards Design District Task Force ("Task Force") to advise them on the creation of a design district and standards and guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force convened in December 2014 and concluded their work on September 23, 2015; and

WHEREAS, one of the recommendations of the Task Force was to amend the Urban Design Commission membership to require that a member be a practicing or retired professional in the field of history, architectural history or other discipline related to historic preservation; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2015, the City Council approved M&C PZ-3091 authorizing the City Manager to initiate a Zoning Ordinance text amendment to require said change in the membership of the Urban Design Commission; and

WHEREAS, it is advisable to amend Chapter 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to implement the change recommended by the Historic Stockyards Design District Task Force to require that a member of the Urban Design Commission be a practicing or retired professional in the field of history, architectural history, or other discipline related to historic preservation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

Section 2.102.B. "Members" is hereby amended to read as follows:

B. Members. The Urban Design Commission shall consist of nine (9) qualified electors of the city. The City Council will consider for appointment to the commission as members only those persons who have demonstrated their civic interest, general knowledge of the community, independent judgment, and availability to prepare for and attend meetings. At least six (6) of the nine (9) appointees shall be practicing professionals from the fields of architecture, landscape architecture, urban design or planning, real estate, or law. At least one (1) of the nine (9) appointees shall be a practicing or retired professional in the field of history, architectural history, or other discipline related to historic preservation. Appointees should be knowledgeable about fundamental principles of urban design and at least one member should possess or have knowledge of urban forestry principles. The members of the commission shall regularly attend meetings and public hearings of the commission and shall serve without compensation, except for reimbursement for authorized expenses attendant to the performance of their duties.

SECTION 2.

That this ordinance shall be cumulative of all other ordinances of the City of Fort Worth affecting zoning and shall not repeal any of the provisions of such ordinances, except in those instances where provisions of such ordinances are in direct conflict with the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 3

That all rights or remedies of the City of Fort Worth, Texas, are expressly saved as to any and all violations of Ordinance Nos. 3011, 13896, 21653 or any amendments thereto that have accrued at the time of the effective date of this ordinance; and as to such accrued violations, and all pending litigation, both civil or criminal, same shall not be affected by this ordinance but may be prosecuted until final disposition by the courts.

SECTION 4.

That it is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this ordinance are severable, and if any

phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be declared void, ineffective or unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such voidness, ineffectiveness or unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of this ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation herein of any such void, ineffective or unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

SECTION 5.

That this ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Melinda Ramos, Assistant City Attorney

Mary Kayser, City Secretary

ADOPTED: _____

EFFECTIVE: _____

<i>Document received for written correspondence</i>				<i>ZC-16-032</i>	
Name	Address	In/Out 300 ft notification area	Position on case		Summary
Shannon Pritchard	3424 Brady	In		Support with concern	Spoke at hearing

17. ZC-16-033 City of Fort Worth Planning & Development Text Amendment: Urban Design Commission Member Qualifications (CD All) An Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Fort Worth, being Ordinance No. 21653, as amended, codified as Appendix “A” of the Code of The City of Fort Worth, amending Chapter 2, “Review Bodies” to amend Section 2.102 ‘Urban Design Commission’ to add experience in the field of history, architectural history, or other discipline related to historic preservation to the qualifications of members

Jocelyn Murphy, Planning Manager explained to the Commissioners the text amendment.

Motion: Following brief discussion, Ms. Dunn recommended Approval of the request, seconded by Mr. Flores. The motion carried unanimously 9-0.

**Meeting adjourned: 4:12 p.m.
2/10/16**

Dana Burghdoff, Executive Secretary and Assistant Director, Planning and Development Department

Nick Genua, Chair