



IMAGINE AUSTIN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Citizens Advisory Task Force Meeting #8

April 13, 2010

One Texas Center (Room 325)

505 Barton Springs Road, Austin, TX 78704

MINUTES

Task Force members in attendance:

Roger Cauvin
Perla Cavazos
Scooter Cheatham
Kent Collins
Margaret Cooper
Patricia Dabbert
Greg Esparza
Lawrence Gross
Jack Gullahorn
Roland Hayes
Ora Houston
Mark Lind
Frances McIntyre

Charles Miles
Jonathan Ogren
Lori Renteria
Jose "Danny" Rodriguez
Regina Rogoff
Cookie Ruiz
Frederick Steiner
Donna Tiemann
Carol Torgimson
Allen Weeks
Jerry Winetroub
Ira Yates
Mark Yznaga

Members of the public in attendance:

Susan Reed
Kirt Reed
Frank Harren
Katherine Gregor
Nelson Salinas

Adele Houghton
Dave Sullivan (PC)
Kathie Tovo (PC)
Glenn Gadbois

Members of staff in attendance:

Greg Guernsey (PDR)
Garner Stoll (PDR)
Matt Dugan (PDR)

Sheila Balog (HRD)
Larry Schooler (PIO)

Members of consultant team in attendance:

David Rouse (WRT)

Eliot Allen (Criterion Planners)

Task Force Chair Margaret Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

- a. Frank Harren reviewed his comments to the task force at the March meeting concerning the “growth- no growth” battle that took place 30 years ago during the comprehensive planning process. He drew attention to the book entitled *Environmental City: People, Place, Politics, and the Meaning of Modern Austin* by William Scott Swearingen, Jr. Mr. Harren said the “growth vs. no growth” battle is still going on. It was called growth management back then, but now it’s called sustainability. Mr. Harren doesn’t believe “growth vs. no-growth” is the true debate, citing Mayor Leffingwell stating last week that our population will double in the next 20 years. Mr. Harren recommended the task force change the conversation from “if” we grow to “how” we grow.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

N/A

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. *Update on outreach and process.* Matt Dugan (PDR) briefly discussed that the public participation numbers for the first phase included 5,637 participants.
- b. *Discussion and possible action on draft Vision Statement.* David Rouse (WRT) discussed the process and timeline for the draft Vision Statement and the overall project. General discussion was had on the draft Vision Statement. Mark Lind moved that the Analysis Committee, Communications Committee and other interested task force members work on refining the draft Vision Statement, including renaming it to “potential elements for a vision.” Kent Collins seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote.
- c. *Presentation on INDEX software, sustainability indicators and existing conditions, and discussion and possible action.* Eliot Allen (Criterion Planners) presented the sustainability indicators and the existing condition indicators for Austin as compiled by his group.
- d. *Discussion and possible action on Community Forum Series #2.* Matt Dugan (PDR) discussed Community Forum Series #2 activities, including the Speak Week booth, and the base map for the growth allocation exercise at the public meetings.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. *Steering Committee update – discussion and possible action.* Judge Cooper discussed the actions of the first Steering Committee meeting. The committee selected a fixed time and date for meetings as the Wednesday preceding the monthly task force meetings scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month. The committee will work with staff to set the agendas for monthly task force meetings. The committee will work to develop a master schedule for any necessary tasks to be addressed by the task force consistent with council timetables for development of the proposed comprehensive plan. The committee asked the chairs of the Engagement and Communications committees to address with their members whether or not the committees should be combined. The committee considered it advisable to recommend to the task force that requests for

interviews or media contacts come to the chair so that the task force speaks with one voice. The committee recommends that the City Council Comprehensive Planning and Transportation committee serve as the focal point for coordination of any interaction with or formal provision of information to or between council, the planning commission and task force; and the Steering Committee will endeavor to provide a representative to attend the monthly Comprehensive Planning and Transportation Committee meeting on the first Monday of the month at 2:00 pm in City Hall.

- b. *Engagement Committee update – discussion and possible action.* Perla Cavazos discussed the last Engagement Committee meeting. Committee discussed and provided direction on activities for Community Forum Series #2 including Speak Week exercise, public forum map exercise, and design of the second round of survey and Meeting in a Box.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURN

Chair Margaret Cooper adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

For more information on the Comprehensive Plan Citizens Advisory Task Force please visit the website (<http://www.imagineaustin.net/taskforce.htm>) or contact Matt Dugan, Planning and Development Review Department, at 974-7665 or matthew.dugan@ci.austin.tx.us.