



**PLANNING COMMISSION NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN
REGULAR MEETING
SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES**

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

The City Planning Commission Neighborhood Plan Subcommittee convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 16, 2010 at 301 W. 2nd Street, City Hall, Room #1029, in Austin, Texas.

Commissioner Chimenti called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Subcommittee Members in Attendance:

Danette Chimenti, Chair
Saundra Kirk
Dave Sullivan

Kathie Tovo

Committee Member(s) Absent:

David Sullivan left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

City Staff in attendance

Greg Guernsey, Director, Planning &
Development Review Department (PDRD)
Carol Haywood, Manager, PDRD
Paul DiGiuseppe, PDR
Maureen Meredith, Senior Planner, PDRD
Jody Zemel, Sr. Planner, PDRD
Clark Patterson, PDRD, Zoning Div.

Wendy Rhoades, PDRD, Zoning Div.

Others in Attendance:

(Please see sign-in sheet)

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

a. None.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. The minutes for the regular meeting of May 19, 2010 were approved on Commissioner Tovo's motion; Commissioner Sullivan's second on a 4 to 0 vote.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Educational Impact Statement (EIS) tool. Greg Guernsey (974-2387), Director, Planning and Development Review Department, will give a follow-up discussion from the May 19, 2010 subcommittee meeting. (Discussion and/or possible action)

Greg Guernsey presented the revised EIS form to be completed by Austin Independent School District and City of Austin employees when zoning cases are submitted.

After a period of discussion, Greg Guernsey agreed to come back to the subcommittee to present the items that will need rules postings. These items are:

- 1) Existing number of residential units;
- 2) Proposed number of residential units
 - a. square feet of the proposed units
 - b. estimated selling price of proposed units
 - c. number of bedrooms per house or per unit.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. St. John/Coronado Hills Neighborhood Planning process. Dee Dee Quinnelly (974-2976) and Minal Bhakta (974-6453), Planning and Development Review Department, will provide a mid-process update on the neighborhood planning process. (Discussion and possible action)

Dee Dee Quinnelly and Minal Bhakta, PDRD, provided an overview of the planning process, location of the planning area, demographics, and general issues such as transportation, crime.

Commissioner Tovo asked how the neighborhood plan could work with the neighborhood on their grant application for Promise Neighborhood, working with Family Resource Center for outreach. Yes, through backpack flyers

How the NP might address that question, if do get grant, will change shape of area deal with that in NP or timely with completion of plan. Has been in contact with Julie Weeks, but not a clear definition of how the plan will work with the grant. Will read the draft chapters to see what can pull from plan recommendation to make grant application stronger.

Two main issues are crime and public safety, but it appears that even given these concerns, the citizens in the neighborhood move about their community by public transportation and by foot freely.

Mid-Process meeting, top priorities and areas of concerns:

- Community life key themes:
 - Key themes: code compliance, crime and public safety, strengthening communication in the community, celebrating the history, building a positive image, i.e. image of neighborhood schools, be proactive in mitigating code violations and preventing crime.
- Transportation key themes:
 - Connectively, walkability, accessibility, and safety.

Challenges:

- Increase participation in meetings. Issues: higher number of renters and low literacy rate.
- Urban Trail Master Plan: Abutted private property in Old Towne section of the plan. Some residents are concerned that the trail might cross their private property.

Opportunities:

- Working with community liaison on APD to help with outreach.

Next steps:

June 22, 2010 – comment period for draft chapters ends

July 22, 2010 – Neighborhood Character and Housing Workshop. Working with NHCD, Meng Qi.

August 23, 2010 – first land use workshop.

Commissioner Tovo suggested they work with Elizabeth Mueller, from the CRP program at UT on the housing issues and to connect with Spanish-speakers at meetings.

Commissioner Sullivan said one of the main reason we want to link education to the comprehensive plan is because the student mobility issue, which is a precursor to student drop out rate. Housing stability helps keep students in schools.

b. Central West Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan. Paul DiGiuseppe (974-2865), Planning and Development Review Department, will discuss the proposed plan and associated zoning cases. (Discussion and possible action.)

Paul DiGiuseppe, PDRD, went over the motion sheet item number-by-number to discuss the contentious items. The City Planning Commission Subcommittee members will make a motion on each item to be forwarded to the full Planning Commission.

The following motions made by the subcommittee members will be forwarded to the full planning commission.

The following motions are taken from the motion-sheet Paul DiGiuseppe distributed at the meeting:

Motion # 3 – Austin State School. Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, Commissioner Kirk seconded to change the wording on recommendation L.6.2. to the neighborhood's wording. Motion passed 4 to 0.

Motion #4 – Brackenridge Tract. Commissioner Kirk made a motion to support the neighborhood stakeholder's recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Tovo, motion passed on vote 4 to 0.

Motion #5 – The subcommittee agreed there was no need to discuss this item.

Motion #6 – Commissioner Kirk made a motion to move the item to full planning commission with no action, seconded by Commissioner Tovo, motion passed on a vote of 3 to 0.

Motion #7 – Commissioner Kirk made a motion to move the item to full PC with Neighborhood commercial land use, seconded by Commissioner Tovo, motion passed on a vote of 3 to 0.

Motion #8 – Commissioner Kirk made a motion to maintain SF-3 and single family land use, Commissioner Tovo seconded, motion passed on a vote of 3 to 0.

Motion #9, #10, & #11 – Commissioner Kirk made a motion to move these items to full planning commission without a recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Tovo, motion passed on a vote of 3 to 0.

Motion #12 – Commissioner Tovo made a motion to support staff's recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Kirk, motion passed on a vote of 3 to 0.

Motion #13 – Commissioner Kirk made a motion to support garage placement option based on the neighborhoods' preference: Windsor Road Planning area – yes; West Austin Neighborhood Planning Area – no. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Tovo, motion passed on a vote of 3 to 0.

Motion #14 – Commissioner Kirk made a motion to move the item to full planning commission without a recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Tovo, motion passed on a vote 3 to 0.

Motion #15 – Commissioner Kirk made a motion to support the neighborhood's recommendation for Neighborhood Commercial, seconded by Commissioner Tovo (who noted that residential land use is also appropriate), motion passed on vote of 3 to 0.

Motion #16 – Commissioner Tovo made a motion to support staff's recommendation of NO-NP, seconded by Commissioner Kirk, motion passed on a vote of 3 to 0.

Motion #17 – Commissioner Tovo made a motion to send the item to full planning commission with no recommendation. Commissioner Tovo made a revised motion to recommended SF-3 to allow further discussion at full planning commission. This motion did not receive a second.

Commissioner Kirk made a motion send to full planning commission with no recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Tovo, motion passed on a vote of 3 to 0.

Motion #18 – no action was taken.

Motion #19 – Commissioner Tovo made a motion to recommended MF-2-CO-NP, with the CO condition limited to the current number of four dwelling units, seconded by Commissioner Kirk, motion passed 3 to 0.

Motion #20 – Commissioner Kirk made a motion to support SF-3-NP, seconded by Commissioner Tovo, motion passed on vote of 3 to 0.

Motion #21 – Commissioner Kirk made a motion to support NO-NP, seconded by Commissioner Tovo, motion passed on a vote of 3 to 0.

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. None

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. A member of the Urban Renewal Board is scheduled to speak to the subcommittee.
- b. Discussion on schools and education and how these issues fit into neighborhood plans.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Chimenti, adjourned the meeting without objection at approximately 9:15 p.m.

