



CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting
February 8, 2010
City Hall, Executive Session Room 1027
301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX 78701

MINUTES

Committee Members in Attendance:

Danette Chimenti
Dave Sullivan

Ben De Leon
Kathryne Tovo

Members of the public in attendance:

Tom Davis
Patricia King
Tim Mahoney

Lucy Galbraith
Walter Payne
Patricia Wilson

Members of staff in attendance:

Mark Walters (PDR)
Carol Haywood (PDR)

Greg Claxton (PDR)

Commissioner Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None.

2. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 11, 2010, MINUTES

Commissioner Chimenti noted that she was listed on the Minutes as having attended the previous meeting, though she had not. Commissioner De Leon moved to approve the minutes, with that correction; Commissioner Tovo seconded. The vote was unanimous.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. *Discussion of how to address gaps in participation.*

Greg Claxton presented the approach to outreach for the first Community Forum Series and then a shift in approach for the second Community Forum Series (including a new outreach and participation tool called Traveling Teams), followed by an examination of participation demographics through mid-January, along with what specific strategies were planned for each gap.

Lucy Galbraith noted that demographic gaps were likely to be linked; for example, Austin's Hispanic population skews younger, meaning a gap in one is

likely to be reflected in a gap in the other. Commissioner De Leon suggested that Volunteer Legal Services at Webb and Dobie Middle Schools might offer access to the Hispanic community; Commissioner Tovo suggested Community Health Clinics.

To reach different household types, Commissioner Chimenti suggested working through churches. Claxton said that had been discussed, but that the numbers were an issue, given limited resources and so many churches, focusing on particular churches seemed awkward. Carol Haywood noted that Interfaith Ministries were being involved, with the hope that they would bring their individual churches into the process. Tovo suggested working through community volunteers to involve individual churches.

Tovo suggested encouraging participation of City, State, and University employees, and again suggested time off for participating in the Comprehensive Plan. Haywood noted that staff had submitted an email to go to UT's student government listserv, inviting participation. Galbraith suggested Foundation Communities' Tax Clinics.

Patricia Wilson noted that it was important to get all stakeholder groups involved from the start, and that the Task Force was important to that. Commissioner Sullivan agreed. Tom Davis suggested involving the Texas Green Chamber. Walter Payne noted that he was there on behalf of the Austin Board of Realtors, and that they had sent notices to their 7,000-member email list. Sullivan asked if the Austin Community college could send a system-wide message; Tim Mahoney said probably not.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. *Progress in developing partnerships for promoting and implementing Imagine Austin. Presentation by Mark Walters, Planning and Development Review Department.*

Mark Walters passed around a summary of cooperation with other organizations to date in Imagine Austin, looking at AISD, UT, Cap Metro, Travis County, Del Valle ISD, Round Rock ISD, Austin Community College, Concordia University, Lower Colorado River Authority, Huston-Tillotson University, CAPCOG, CAMPO, the Austin Chamber of Commerce, and Envision Central Texas. Many of these were currently limited to stakeholder interviews, but several, including the school districts, UT, and Cap Metro, provided meeting space and promoted the Comprehensive Plan.

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. *Update on the Comprehensive Plan process and Citizens Advisory Task Force.*
Greg Claxton distributed the February Imagine Austin update, as well as a memo from Assistant City Manager Sue Edwards to the Mayor and City Council, outlining the change in strategy for Community Forum Series #2 outlined in item 3a. Commissioners discussed their ability to attend Task Force meetings.

b. *Directives to staff*

PDR was asked to distribute the list of Traveling Team locations to Commissioners, for review and additions.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Sullivan noted that Commissioner Anderson anticipated having someone from CreateAustin attend the next meeting to discuss the proposed Arts & Culture element.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m. without objection.

For more information on the Comprehensive Plan Committee of the Planning Commission, please contact Greg Claxton, Planning and Development Review Department, 974-7630.