



CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting
June 7, 2010
Meeting Room #1, Palmer Events Center
900 Barton Springs Road, Austin, TX 78704

Current Committee Members:

Dave Anderson (Chair)
Dave Sullivan

Danette Chimenti
Kathryne Tovo

Members of the public in attendance:

Frank Harren
Tom Davis
Patricia Wilson

Curt Shaw (AISD)
Jeff Jack

Members of staff in attendance:

Greg Claxton (PDR)

Imagine Austin consultant team in attendance:

John Fernsler (WRT)

Andrew Dobshinsky (WRT)

MINUTES

Commissioner Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Tom Davis spoke about the need for a vision statement that addressed the multiple upcoming crises Austin should be anticipating, and passed out information on Energy Descent plans that should be used as a model. (See attached.)

Jeff Jack spoke about several issues relating to the Imagine Austin Community Forum Series #2 chip exercise. (See attached.)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the April 2010 minutes were tabled because they were not yet ready for review.

3. OLD BUSINESS

None.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. *Discussion relating to the proposed Education/Children/Families element for the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan.*

Commissioner Tovo introduced Curt Shaw, Director of Construction Management with AISD, to discuss the possibilities for a children, families, and education element in Imagine Austin. She noted that coordination with AISD policies and practices on shared uses and location of facilities to bring more parks and amenities to neighborhoods and to yield more revenue for the school districts.

Shaw spoke about quarterly meetings between AISD, the City of Austin, and Travis County, to discuss issues of common interest. He also mentioned existing department-level links between AISD and the City's Parks and Recreation Department.

Commissioner Tovo asked about obstacles to replicating the success of Pickle. Shaw responded that the theory of attaining economic advantages from shared facilities was strong, but that in practice it faltered because each partner had to attend to different constituencies and clientele. He said the case for shared use was strong, but not exclusively economic.

- b. *Briefing on Community Forum Series #2*

Greg Claxton presented an update on Imagine Austin Community Forum Series #2, including participation counts from Speak Week, the public meetings, and follow-on chip exercises. He also briefed the committee on continuing demographic gaps in participation.

Commissioner Anderson noted that Hispanic participation was still lagging, and asked if the process had done enough outreach to that community. Commissioner Sullivan suggested directing that question to the Comprehensive Plan Citizens Advisory Task Force.

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Update on the Comprehensive Plan process and Citizens Advisory Task Force
<http://www.imagineaustin.net>
- b. Directives to staff

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Commissioners set their next meeting date to July 19, instead of its regular date of July 12, to allow time to review the Vision statement. The Commissioners also agreed to review the Families with Children report at that meeting and to bring drafts of their white papers supporting additional elements.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Anderson adjourned the meeting at 7:56.

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