



**CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting
November 8, 2010**

City Hall, Executive Session Room (Room 1027)
301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX 78701

MINUTES

Committee Members in Attendance

Dave Anderson (Chair)
Dave Sullivan

Danette Chimenti
Kathryne Tovo

Members of the public in attendance:

Tom Davis
Joyce Basciano

Lucy Galbraith
Jean Mather

Members of staff in attendance:

Garner Stoll (PDR)

Greg Claxton (PDR)

Imagine Austin Consultant
David Rouse (WRT)

Citizens Advisory Task Force
Frances Ferguson

Commissioner Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:07pm.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None.

2. APPROVAL OF JULY 19, SEPTEMBER 13, and OCTOBER 11, 2010, MINUTES

Commissioner Tovo suggested changing a note in the September 13 minutes that she recommended the Imagine Austin process coordinate with several other organizations to reflect that several Commissioners suggested the organizations listed. Commissioner Sullivan moved to approve all three sets of minutes; Commissioner Tovo seconded. Commissioner Anderson abstained from voting on the October minutes; Commissioner Chimenti abstained from voting on the July and September minutes. The votes to approve each were unanimous.

3. OLD BUSINESS

None.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. *Relationship between AISD & Imagine Austin*

Commissioner Anderson stated that the purpose of this item was to find out how the Comprehensive Plan is coordinating with AISD's Facility Master Plan process. Garner Stoll said that there had been little direct coordination so far, because it was premature in the Imagine Austin process. Commissioners Sullivan and Tovo reported on their experiences as representatives to the AISD Task Force, which continues its work on the Facility Master Plan through March. A key point of coordination is what facilities that may need to be closed in the near-term are nonetheless in areas that Imagine Austin targets for long-term population growth.

The Commissioners requested that staff brief AISD's Task Force on Imagine Austin and prepare information on how the Facility Master Plan fits with Imagine Austin's working groups.

b. *Discussion on the Complete Community Concept*

Frances Ferguson of the Citizens Advisory Task Force talked about her idea to develop overarching key themes or metrics to be used during Phase 3 of Imagine Austin to ensure that the Working Groups remain coordinated and to ensure that no part of town is left out of planning for its future. She suggested that possible themes were education, health, employment, housing, tax base, and environment. Each theme would have one or two indicators to ensure that all of the Working Groups are working with the same understanding of the current state of Austin.

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS

a. *Presentation and discussion on results of the Imagine Austin Community Forum Series #3 and preliminary work on the Preferred Future Scenario*

Greg Claxton gave a presentation on the current status of Community Forum Series #3, with a brief summary of preliminary results and demographics. Commissioner Anderson said that he was frustrated that Hispanic participation was still low and pressed staff and the consultant to improve.

Commissioner Tovo asked whether staff had approached major public employers and asked them to grant their employees work release time to complete the survey.

Joyce Basciano and Jean Mather said that one impediment to involving the public was that the Task Force's meetings were not televised and that the Task Force was in general difficult to contact. Sullivan noted that the CP CATF members listen to individual speakers at their meetings, but have a policy that they resist having the comments from any one citizen or special interest group outweigh the opinions from the ensemble of many citizens who participated in the community forums, on-line surveys, mail-in surveys and other forms of mass-outreach.

David Rouse gave a presentation on the exercise that the Task Force would be undertaking at their next meeting, in which they would work with the preliminary

results from Community Forum Series #3 to begin developing the Preferred Future Scenario.

Commissioner Chimenti asked how the neighborhood plans would be used in developed the Preferred Future Scenario. David Rouse and Garner Stoll replied that the Future Land Use maps would be used to help shape the patterns emerging from Alternate Future Scenarios.

- b. Update on the Comprehensive Plan process and Citizens Advisory Task Force*
Greg Claxton gave a presentation on staff's progress on developing the roles and organization of the Working Groups for Phase 3. Commissioner Anderson said the Committee could be a resource in shaping how invitees are asked to participate. Staff and the Commission discussed the schedule for inviting participants. Commissioner Anderson requested to see a draft of materials explaining the Task Force at the Committee's December meeting.
- c. Directives to staff*
1. Exchange information between Imagine Austin and AISD Facility Master Plan staff and Task Forces
 2. Plan for integrated AISD's Master Plan into the Working Groups
 3. If feasible, coordinate any December Plan Framework open house with AISD's Community Meetings.
 4. Prepare a December briefing on the Working Groups, including an explanation of the roles, expectations, and organization of the Working Groups, along with the current list of stakeholders to invite.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:26.