



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

Wednesday, October 20, 2010

These are draft minutes and will be considered for approval at the January 19, 2011 meeting.

The City Planning Commission Neighborhood Plan Subcommittee convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 20, 2010 at 301 W. 2nd Street, City Hall, Room #2016, in Austin, Texas.

Commissioner Chimenti called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Subcommittee Members in Attendance:

Danette Chimenti, Chair
Saundra Kirk

Kathie Tovo
Dave Sullivan

City Staff in attendance

Carol Haywood, Manager Comprehensive Planning, PDRD
Erica Leak, PDRD, Urban Design Division
Molly Scarborough, PDRD, Urban Design
Alan Holt, PDRD, Urban Design
Kathleen Fox, PDRD

Paul DiGiuseppe, PDRD
Gina Copic, Neighborhood Housing
Betsy Spencer, Neighborhood Housing
Maureen Meredith, PDRD
Greg Dutton, PDRD

Others in Attendance:

Sean Garretson, Urban Renewal Board Member
(Please see sign-in sheet for others in attendance.)

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

a. None.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. The minutes for the special meeting of August 31, 2010, were approved on Commissioner Tovos's motion; Commissioner Sullivan's second on a 4 to 0 vote.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Educational Impact Statement (EIS) form. Subcommittee members will review the revised form in preparation for the Rules Posting. Any comments and proposed changes made by the Subcommittee members will be communicated to the appropriate City of Austin staff who will address the issues at the November 17, 2010 meeting, if necessary. **(Discussion)**

Since George Zapalac and Julie Lipton could not make the meeting, the subcommittee members decided to review the EIS form on their own time after the meeting for discussion at the November 17, 2010 meeting.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Heritage Hills/Windsor Hill Neighborhood Plan. Kathleen Fox, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Review Department, will provide an update on the neighborhood planning process and to request that the plan move forward to full Planning Commission. (**Discussion and/or possible action**)

Kathleen Fox and Greg Dutton, PDRD, provided an overview of the planning process and proposed zoning changes.

The two big issues in the plan are the Pedestrian Bridge and the plan's recommendations for sidewalks in certain areas. The proposed Applegate Drive sidewalks are opposed by some people because they are concerned that crime will increase and strangers will come into the neighborhood.

The big theme of the neighborhood plan is the stakeholders' desire for more neighborhood-serving commercial uses, such as ice cream and coffee shops.

Kathie Tovo recommended staff add school capacity and school ranking information to the plan document. David Sullivan recommended that improvements that are planned for schools also be added to this plan and to neighborhood plan documents in the future because these improvement tend to attract people to schools.

The plan is scheduled for the November 9, 2010 Planning Commission hearing date and the December 9, 2010 City Council hearing date.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion to move the neighborhood plan to full planning commission, seconded by Commissioner Kirk. The motion passed on a vote of 4 to 0.

b. East Riverside Corridor Plan – Regulating Plan Update. Molly Scarbrough, Principal Planner and Erica Leak, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Review Department, Urban Design Division, will provide an update on the regulating planning process. (**Discussion**)

Erica Leak, Senior Planner, Urban Design Division, said on August 5, 2010, City Council passed a resolution expediting the process to development new regulations for the East Riverside Corridor Plan.

Staff met with working group to get outreach strategies in preparation for the December workshop meetings.

Alan Holt, Urban Design Division, provided a timeline of the process tentatively scheduled December 4, 2010 and December 13, 2010. Staff plans to have a draft regulating plan later this

Fall, with regulations adopted Spring 2011, with affected neighborhood plans amended in this process and a collector street plan also adopted.

Commissioner Chimenti said the workgroup is concerned whether the consultants will have anything put together for the working group that meets in November. The working group would not meet again until after the December 4, 2010 meeting. One potential would be to meet on Wednesday, November 17, 2010 to give the consultants more time to incorporate the workgroup's comments.

Staff responded that they will look into this concern.

Two citizens in attendance said that density bonuses are a difficult concept for people to grasp and how these density bonuses will affect property values and the down stream affects, such as aging sewage lines that overflow.

Commissioner Sullivan mentioned capital improvement project money might be available for these kinds of improvements.

He also mentioned with regard to the workshops, that the notices should be in Spanish and that the City should provide childcare and food, if the meetings are in the evenings.

Staff confirmed that Capital Metro and AISD are involved in the process through the Technical Working Groups and that they will provide reach out to Del Valle ISD.

c. Urban Renewal Issues. Rebecca Giello, Assist. Director, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development and possibly two members from the Urban Renewal Board, will discuss urban renewal issues. **(Discussion and/or possible action)**

David Sullivan said Ben Sifuentes contacted him earlier this year about the Tri-Party Agreement and issue regarding the Urban Renewal Plans for East 12th Street.

Becky Spencer, Acting Director of Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD), and Gina Copic, NHCD attended in place of Rebecca Giello.

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS

a. None.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

a. a. November 17, 2010 meeting – City of Austin Staff will respond to any questions regarding the Educational Impact Statement Form (EIS), if questions arise during the October 20, 2010 meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Chimenti, adjourned the meeting without objection at approximately 8:10 p.m.