



IMAGINE AUSTIN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Citizens Advisory Task Force Meeting #12

August 10, 2010

One Texas Center, 3rd Floor

505 Barton Springs Road, Austin, Texas 78704

MINUTES

Task Force members in attendance:

Roger Cauvin
Perla Cavazos
Scooter Cheatham
Kent Collins
Margaret Cooper
Rob D'Amico
Patricia Dabbert
Greg Esparza
Frances Ferguson
Jack Gullahorn
Roland Hayes
Mari Hernandez
Ora Houston
Mark Lind

Roberto Martinez
Frances McIntyre
Jennifer McPhail
Rebecca Melancon
Charles Miles
Karl-Thomas Musselman
Jonathan Ogren
Lori Renteria
Frederick Steiner
Evan Taniguchi
Donna Tiemann
Carol Torgrimson
Allen Weeks
Ira Yates

Members of the public in attendance:

Frank Harren
Richard Morgan
Steve Swanson
Charles Chambers
Stuart Hersh

Robyn Emerson
Marty Toohey
Jeb Boyt
Susan Reed
Charles Knickerbocker

Members of staff in attendance:

Matt Dugan (PDR)
Greg Claxton (PDR)
Mark Walters (PDR)

Diane Dohm (PDR)
Angelica Williamson (PDR)
Sheila Balog (HRD)

Members of consultant team in attendance:

Amelia Sondgeroth (Canales-Sondgeroth)

Task Force Chair Margaret Cooper called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

- a. Frank Harren talked about the negative effects of urban sprawl. He asked the Task Force to have a serious discussion on the pros and cons of density, the impact of density, and choice for density in different parts of Austin.
- b. Steve Swanson thanked the Task Force for helping plan the future. He said to plan the future it helps to know about the past and talked about the 1928 comprehensive plan and how it racially segregated Austin; the effects busing did to education starting in the 1960s; and in the 1990s Austin did land planning to protect water. He stated we need to see ourselves as one Austin, and that our destiny depends on a highly collaborative process and the need to get people from different parts of town together to talk.
- c. Stuart Hersh said he wants to push for affordable housing. He said that there is a failure of affordable housing in downtown, and Rainy Street. He said only one of the city's 50 plus boards and commissions meets east of I-35, which makes it tough to engage people.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the May 11, June 8, and July 13 meetings were approved.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. *Engagement and Analysis Committees update on CFS #3 – discussion and possible action.* Perla Cavazos gave an update on the work of the Engagement Committee and provided a report. She asked for more volunteers to do outreach work. Kent Collins gave an update on the work of the Analysis Committee and finalizing the vision statement; the Analysis Committee held eight meetings over three months working on the vision statement and making sure it captured the public input. Greg Claxton (PDR) talked about materials for Community Forum Series #3 including an example of the draft newsletter/survey and the indicators. He also discussed the Engagement Committee's work on Community Conversation and provided a draft example. General discussion was had on the materials and CFS #3.
- b. *Discussion and possible action on future agendas.* Matt Dugan (PDR) presented a framework for upcoming Task Force meetings from September to December.
- c. *Discussion and possible action on committees roles.* Judge Cooper talked about the role of the four Task Force committees. Members discussed the need for the Communications Committee, and the workload of the Engagement Committee.
- d. *Presentation on Alternative Futures Working Paper.* Mark Walters (PDR) presented the draft Alternative Futures Working Paper including a snapshot of existing conditions, how the four scenarios were developed, the trend scenario, descriptions and maps of each scenario, and the indicators. General discussion was had on the alternative future scenarios.
- e. *Announcements and updates.* Greg Claxton showed the results of the latest photo shoot done by the City's Public Information Office for outreach materials.

4. OLD BUSINESS

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

For more information on the Comprehensive Plan Citizens Advisory Task Force please visit the website (<http://www.imagineaustin.net/taskforce.htm>) or contact Matt Dugan, Planning and Development Review Department, at 974-7665 or matthew.dugan@ci.austin.tx.us.