



## **IMAGINE AUSTIN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

### **Citizens Advisory Task Force Meeting #15**

**November 9, 2010**

One Texas Center, 3rd Floor

505 Barton Springs Road, Austin, Texas 78704

## **MINUTES**

### **Task Force members in attendance:**

Perla Cavazos  
Kent Collins  
Margaret Cooper  
Rob D'Amico  
Patricia Dabbert  
Roland Hayes  
John Langmore  
Roberto Martinez  
Frances McIntyre  
Charles Miles

Karl-Thomas Musselman  
Jonathan Ogren  
Cookie Ruiz  
Fritz Steiner  
Evan Taniguchi  
Donna Tiemann  
Carol Torgrimson  
Allen Weeks  
Jerry Winetroub  
Ira Yates

### **Members of the public in attendance:**

Frank Harren  
Bill Young  
Joyce Basciano  
Gabriela Palavicini  
Jennifer Copeland  
Shelly Rowton  
Stephen Wright  
Cid Galindo

Lou O'Hanlon  
Viktor Auzenne  
Brian King  
Cory Walton  
Steve Aleman  
Robyn Emerson  
Charles Knickerbocker  
Jeb Boyt

### **Members of staff in attendance:**

Greg Guernsey (PDR)  
Garner Stoll (PDR)  
Mark Walters (PDR)  
Paul DiGiuseppe (PDR)  
Matt Dugan (PDR)

Greg Claxton (PDR)  
Jacob Browning (PDR)  
Diane Dohm (PDR)  
Sheila Balog (HRD)

### **Members of consultant team in attendance:**

David Rouse (WRT)

Christian Sax (Kimley-Horn)

Task Force Chair Margaret Cooper called the meeting to order at 5:47 p.m.

## 1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

- a. Joyce Basciano asked for these meetings to be video taped and to post the constituency of each Task Force member on the website so the public could reach the correct representative.
- b. Cid Galindo with the Central Texas Chapter of the Congress for New Urbanism (CNU) handed out a letter that was sent to the Mayor, Council Members and Task Force members supporting the comprehensive plan and thanking Task Force members for their work. The letter recommended combining Land Use and Transportation into one Building Block.
- c. Steve Aleman the new president of Austin Neighborhood Council (ANC) talked about their resolution to stop or start over the comprehensive planning process; he said they plan to stay engaged in the process, and hope to work closely with the Task Force on their concerns to reach a comprehensive plan.

## 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

N/A

## 3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. *Discussion and possible action – Analysis Committee update.* Kent Collins gave an update on the recent work of the Analysis Committee regarding tonight's workshop. The Analysis Committee set a regular meeting of the third Wednesday of each month, and will meet twice a month in the short term.
- b. *Presentation on Preferred Scenario and Plan Framework.* Garner Stoll (PDR) briefly talked about the process and timeline to develop the Preferred Scenario and Plan Framework. David Rouse (WRT) gave a presentation on the Preferred Scenario and Plan Framework including the planning process, results of Community Forum Series #3 public input to date, strong support for Scenario D (linear) and support for Scenario C (centers), and a recap of the indicators. He said the Preferred Scenario could be a combination of the alternative future growth scenarios; it will be used to guide the work of Phase 3 and evolve into a growth concept map. Greg Claxton (PDR) talked about the handouts, posters, and information available for the workshop. David Rouse (WRT) explained the process from development to City Council endorsement for the Preferred Scenario, and the instruction for the workshop. Task Force members worked in four small groups on the topics of land use, transportation, economy and environment to work with the public input to make recommendations to start developing a Preferred Scenario. The four groups reported out their comments:

### Land Use

1. South I-35: Shift east to avoid aquifer. See Scenario C.
2. Increase Riverside to Regional Center
3. Continue mixed use corridor along 71 past airport
4. More density at 290 and 130
5. More density along North Lamar
6. Add Regional Center to Robinson Ranch
7. Increase density along Lamar generally
8. More density on Airport Blvd

### General

- Look at recharge areas more carefully
- Preserve floodplains and stream/river corridors as open space
- East of 130: Important to preserve areas of conservation/preservation/agriculture to the east within our jurisdictional boundaries

### Transportation

- New transportation/transit options for the centers at 45/I35 and Robinson Ranch
- Increase bike/ped trips
- 183E: pedestrian access, jurisdiction and infrastructure issues
- East-West access-
- More growth emphasis at Oak Hill “Y”
- Extension of 45 SW on D should be eliminated as in C
- Increase multimodal aspects of all arterials/corridors

### Environment

- Parts of scenario D chips are in direct conflict with #1 indicators – Aquifer Protection.
- Mechanisms that increase density in some areas to protect water quality and aquifer in others (TDR)
- Use zoning-density to reduce water use/unit, particularly when the water is aquifer sourced
- Concerned about mechanism to make water consumption benefit for the environment
- Relate quantity of allowable development to water availability
- Create citywide incentives to reduce water usage
- Abide by TWDB Future Desired Conditions and Maximum Sustainable Yield
- Continued purchase of conservation easements and fee simple property for aquifer protection, stream/water quality protection, and sustainable agriculture (no chemical, water quality, organic)
- Minimum level of protection per watershed
- Decrease urbanization’s negative effects on aquifer and water quality
- Drinking water and aquifer (all) protection overarching consideration
- Annexation: tool to support better environmental practices
- Air quality: programs that support environment to reduce air pollution
- Restriction on open space properties by deed
- Existing open space and protection on west should be maintained and equivalent protections should be extended to east
- Concerted effort to create greenways out of floodplains in eastern watersheds

- Eastern water quality buffers should be equivalent in strength to western watersheds.

### **Economy**

- Need to consider mixed use along Burnet Rd
  - SE/NE – recognize existing poverty pockets/encourage new industry/jobs/improved housing in these areas (DON'T SKIP OVER THEM)
  - Work to assure a balance of residential retail/quality of life in lower income areas
  - Creating policies to promote live/work environments for creative/entrepreneurial industries
  - Include Neighborhood Center in Dove Springs area
  - Preservation of agricultural land in east
  - More roads and transit that support mobility of people and jobs
  - Nudge hospitals, medical centers, town center in currently impoverished areas, i.e., Dove Springs, St. Johns
  - Town Center as focus of jobs
- c. *Discussion and possible action on Plan Framework.* David Rouse (WRT) discussed the draft Plan Framework and how it will guide the work of Phase 3 of the project including the Building Blocks Workshop and Working Groups. Mark Walters (PDR) explained exercise to review the draft Plan Framework and make sure it captures the public input from the Common Ground Working Paper and the CFS #3 results to date. Task Force members worked in small groups on the topics of land use and urban design, housing and neighborhoods, economy, and conservation and environmental resources.
- d. *Discussion and possible action on creating a process for expressing minority opinions.* To be discussed at next meeting.

## **4. OLD BUSINESS**

## **5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 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.