



IMAGINE AUSTIN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Citizens Advisory Task Force Meeting #16

December 14, 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
Greg Esparza
Frances Ferguson
Ceci Gratias
Jack Gullahorn
Ora Houston
John Langmore
Mark Lind

Frances McIntyre
Rebecca Melancon
Charles Miles
Jonathan Ogren
Lori Renteria
Fritz Steiner
Donna Tiemann
Carol Torgimson
Allen Weeks
Jerry Winetroub
Ira Yates
Mark Yznaga

Members of the public in attendance:

Jeb Boyt
Josh Kelly
Jeff Jack
Joyce Basciano
Frank Harren

Steve Aleman
Charles Chambers
Robyn Emerson
Cory Walton

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)

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

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

- a. Jeff Jack asked how many Task Force member had worked on a neighborhood plan, then he asked how many had read a neighborhood plan. He said neighborhood plans have a vision and goals and a future land use map, plus a list of people that participated in creating each plan. He read a resolution passed by the Travis County Commissioners Court to coordinate and collaborate with the city on the Imagine Austin comprehensive plan.
- b. Joyce Basciano asked that future neighborhood plans be allowed to come up with a vision for their neighborhood. She said she learned the Imagine Austin comprehensive plan will be updated every five years after it's adopted. She requested more information on the Working Group process.
- c. Frank Harren said the results from Community Forum Series #3 on the state the public clearly rejects sprawl. The most popular scenario is the most compact and dense scenario, the second most popular scenario is the second most compact and dense scenario. He asked the Task Force to move forward a plan that reflects the public input.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

N/A

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. *Update on outreach and process.* Matt Dugan (PDR) gave an update on outreach efforts for Community Forum Series #3. Over 4,000 people completed the Which Way, Austin? survey.
- b. *Discussion and possible action on draft Preferred Scenario.* Greg Claxton (PDR) presented the draft Preferred Scenario. He said since November 2, more than 2,500 additional surveys have been completed, bringing the total participation through this afternoon to 4,000. Key differences between the November 2 results and the results through December 9:
 1. Modest improvement in demographic diversity.
 2. Overall pattern of preferences for scenarios is the same (with D and C still the top two choices), though support has dropped for D and risen for A, B, and C.
 3. Section D (indicators by scenario preference): For Scenario C, Aquifer Protection has overtaken Bike/Pedestrian Trips; for Scenario D, Transit Access (homes) has overtaken Mixed Use.
 4. Change in Top 5 indicators: Cost of New Infrastructure and Congestion Delays (total) have overtaken Water Consumption and Mixed Use.Greg Claxton discussed the general approach to creating the draft Preferred Scenario, using Scenario D as the starting point, noting that it performed strongest in overall land use patterns; incorporate the strongest aspects of Scenario C, which performed well on pedestrian and bicycle trips and transit use, due to its emphasis on activity centers. He discussed coordinating the draft Preferred Scenario with the adopted neighborhood future land use maps, the CAMPO 2035 centers concept, incorporating likely/approved developments, identifying unlikely development, and Improving the connection between planned transportation changes and land use patterns. Garner Stoll discussed the timeline of the Preferred

Scenario getting endorsed by City Council. General discussion was had on the draft Preferred Scenario.

- c. *Discussion and possible action on draft Plan Framework, including sustainability and implementation.* David Rouse (WRT) presented the Plan Framework and talked about the values driven process to create the comprehensive plan. He said the Plan Framework is a bridge between the broad vision and the action plan that will be created in Phase 3. He discussed community engagement, and sustainability and complete communities. General discussion was had on the Plan Framework. Scooter Cheatham made the motion to delay forwarding the Preferred Scenario from January to February. Carol Torgimson seconded the motion. Judge Cooper called for a vote and the motion passed 24 to 0. The exercise to review and revise the other four building blocks of the Plan Framework was delayed to January meeting.
- d. *Discussion and possible action on Working Groups, including membership, process and workshop.* Delayed to January meeting.
- e. *Discussion and possible action on creating a process for expressing minority opinions.* Delayed to January meeting.
- f. *Discussion and possible action on changing meeting dates for 2011.* Matt Dugan (PDR) talked about requests to move the day of regular Task Force meetings from the second Tuesday of the month to another day so that interested members of the Planning Commission could attend. General discussion was had on moving meeting days for 2011. Matt said he would set up an online poll to for Task Force members to vote on meeting days for discussion at the January meeting.
- g. *Announcements and updates.* None.

4. OLD BUSINESS

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 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.