



**CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting
January 10, 2011**

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

MINUTES

Committee Members in Attendance

Dave Anderson (Chair)
Richard Hatfield
Kathryne Tovo

Danette Chimenti
Dave Sullivan

Members of the public in attendance:

Frank Harren
Pat King

Lucy Galbraith

Members of staff in attendance:

Garner Stoll (PDR)
Mark Walters (PDR)

Greg Claxton (PDR)

Commissioner Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Frank Harren discussed comments he made to the Comprehensive Planning and Transportation Committee earlier that day. He wants to be realistic about the plan we're putting together and say whether it really does incorporate the growth we're expecting. How much population can VMU corridors handle? Are the assumptions in the chip exercise realistic? According to the Downtown Austin Plan, we can only take 18,000 people downtown. Commissioner Hatfield said that we should be cautious with numbers. Once a number gets out, that's what we stay with. Greg Claxton noted that staff has been talking about how Mixed Use Corridors perform. Commissioner Anderson said that we're hearing that neither side is happy with the numbers in the Preferred Scenario. Garner Stoll said that this was a symptom of trying to do everything at once. Phase 3 is where we test for realism. Preferred Scenario states the preference. We won't see 100% of that. Anderson said that at the end of the day, we need to see that it's reasonable.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Postponed for lack of minutes from December, 2010 meeting.

3. OLD BUSINESS

None.

4. NEW BUSINESS

None.

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS

a. *Briefing on the Imagine Austin Plan Framework*

Mark Walters gave a presentation on the Plan Framework. The Committee discussed providing it to the Working Group invitees in advance of moving the Framework through the endorsement process.

b. *Briefing on the Preferred Scenario & coordination with Neighborhood Plans*

Greg Claxton gave a presentation on the current draft of the Imagine Austin Preferred Scenario and an update on the January 6 public meeting coordinating the combined Future Land Use Map with the Preferred Scenario.

Commissioner Anderson asked whether the zoning capacity analysis was available and current. Garner Stoll said that there were some forthcoming changes, mostly in nomenclature. Anderson noted that it was written in terms of units and square footage and asked how to connect it to the 750,000 people we're anticipating. Stoll said that the goal of the Preferred Scenario is to describe the future we want. Anderson said that if the neighborhood plans are presumed valid, then this capacity analysis makes sense. Stoll said that he had never seen a comprehensive plan do this.

Frank Harren said realism in the scenario was important, and he was having trouble kicking it down to later in the process. Commissioner Hatfield said the map is getting more realistic – it'll continue to change over time. Lucy Galbraith said that she had lived here 25 years – some of what we're seeing wouldn't have been considered realistic 5 years before it happened. Does realism mean giving up on something new? Hatfield said it was tough to foresee that far down the road. Stoll said that plans are always a balance between realism and aspiration.

Commissioner Sullivan said to remember that the 1979 ATCP didn't have the requirement for yearly review/5-yearly updates.

c. *Update on the Comprehensive Plan process and Citizens Advisory Task Force*
None.

d. *Directives to staff*
None.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Bring the Plan Framework and Preferred Scenario for action
- b. Briefing on the Working Groups invite list and workplan.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:42.