



PLANNING COMMISSION CODES & ORDINANCES COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, March 15, 2011

The Codes and Ordinances Committee of the Planning Commission convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2011, at 301 West 2nd Street, City Hall Conference Room 1029 in Austin, Texas.

Chair Dealey called the Committee Meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

Board Members in Attendance:

- Mandy Dealey, Chair
- Danette Chimenti
- Alfonso Hernandez
- Sandra Kirk
- Dave Sullivan

Staff in Attendance:

- Kathleen Buchanan, Code Compliance Department.
- Carol Gibbs, Planning and Development Review Department
- Greg Guernsey, Director, Planning and Development Review Department
- Robert Heil, Planning and Development Review Department
- George Zapalac, Planning and Development Review Department

A. Call to Order

- Citizen Communication: Mr. Scott Johnson spoke on cell towers and required setback from the multi-family use.

B. Approval of Minutes

1. The minutes from the meeting of December 7, 2010 were approved on Commissioner Sullivan's motion, Commissioner Kirk's second on a 4-0-1 vote, with Commissioner Hernandez abstaining .

C. Potential Code Amendments Proposed for Initiation and Other Presentations

1. **Special Exemptions and Fee Waivers** – A motion to send this amendment to Planning Commission for consideration with a recommendation for approval was approved on Commissioner Kirk's motion, Commissioner Chimenti's second on a 5-0 vote.

2. **Food Preparation Use** – A motion to send this amendment to Planning Commission for consideration with a recommendation for initiation was approved on Commissioner Sullivan’s motion, Commissioner Hernandez’s second on a 5-0 vote.
3. **Zoning and Pedi-Cabs** – A motion to send this amendment to Planning Commission for consideration with a recommendation for initiation was approved on Commissioner Hernandez’s motion, Commissioner Sullivan’s second on a 5-0 vote. Additionally the Committee recommended this amendment create a new use for the storage and maintenance of pedi-cabs possibly to be allowed in SF-6 and less restrictive districts.

D. Regular Agenda (Discussion and Possible Action on the following items)

1. **Open Space** – A motion to send this amendment to Planning Commission for consideration with a recommendation for approval was approved on Commissioner Sullivan’s motion, Commissioner Kirk’s second on a 5-0 vote.
2. **C20-2010-015 Group Residential** – A motion to send this amendment to Planning Commission for consideration with a recommendation for approval was approved on Commissioner Chimenti’s motion, Commissioner Hernandez’s second on a 5-0 vote.
3. **C20-2010-016 Telecommunication Towers** – A motion to send this amendment to the Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission for consideration was approved on Commissioner Sullivan’s motion, Commissioner Chimenti’s second on a 5-0 vote. Additionally, the Committee specifically would like the ACTTC’s input on safety issues, the impact of the related Board of Adjustment ruling, and consideration of if telecommunication towers can be handled similarly to other utility infrastructure.

E. Other Business

- The 2011 regular meeting schedule was adopted. The Committee will meet at 6:00 PM on the third Tuesday of every month in 2011, with the exception of the month of December. There will be no regular meeting in December, 2011.