



**PLANNING COMMISSION
NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES**

**SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING
Wednesday, March 30, 2011**

The Planning Commission Neighborhood Plan Subcommittee convened in a special-called meeting on Wednesday, March 30, 2010, at 301 W. 2nd Street, City Hall, Room #1101, in Austin, Texas.

Commissioner Chimenti called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Subcommittee Members in Attendance:

Danette Chimenti, Chair
Saundra Kirk
Dave Sullivan

City Staff in Attendance:

George Adams, Assistant Director, PDRD
Michael Knox, Downtown Officer, EGRSO
Jim Robertson, Manager, Urban Design Division, PDRD
Jorge Rousselin, Development Services Process Coordinator, PDRD
Jody Zemel, Neighborhood Advisor, PDRD

Others in Attendance:

Steven Aleman, Austin Neighborhood Council
Charles Betts, Downtown Austin Alliance

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

a. None.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. The minutes for the regular meeting of January 19, 2011, were approved on Commissioner Kirk's motion; Commissioner Sullivan's second on a 3 to 0 vote.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. None.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. ***Downtown Austin Plan Briefing*** - Staff will provide an update on the planning process in preparation for the plan to move forward to a full Planning Commission hearing. (Discussion and/or possible Action)

Jim Robertson, Michael Knox, and Jorge Rousselin provided an update on the four-year-long planning process for the Downtown Austin Plan. Mr.

Robertson introduced the Downtown Austin Plan's vision and seven transformative steps that need to be taken in the next ten years to implement the plan.

Mr. Robertson addressed concerns regarding several code amendments and zoning changes the Downtown Austin Plan proposes, including building setbacks, compatibility standards, and density bonuses. Potential flooding along Shoal Creek was another concern that was addressed by staff in their presentation.

At the conclusion of their presentation, staff fielded questions and concerns regarding the Downtown Austin Plan. Commissioner Sullivan will type up his questions and send them to staff to address before the April 20, 2011, regular meeting of the Neighborhood Plan Subcommittee.

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS

a. None.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

a. None.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Chimenti adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:22 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:22 p.m. on Commissioner Kirk's motion; Commissioner Sullivan's second on a 3-0 vote in order to hear public comments.

Commissioner Chimenti adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m. on Commissioner Sullivan's motion; Commissioner Kirk's second on a 3-0 vote.