

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 7, 2011

Subcommittee Members: Council Member Sheryl Cole, Chair  
Council Member Laura Morrison  
Council Member Chris Riley

Call Meeting to Order

1. **Citizen Communication (3 minutes to speak).**

N/A

2. **Approval of minutes from the October 3, 2011, regular subcommittee meeting.**

Minutes approved by a vote of 3-0.

3. **Staff Update on Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan**

Garner Stoll, Planning and Development Review Department, provided an update of the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan process. A public review draft was released at the end of September and today we are briefing you on the remaining scheduled and process for this year. Chapter 5 of the review draft had 8 priority survey programs in which the public weighed in on with a total of 678 respondents. Staff has presented 33 review process presentations with a combined audience of 870. A total of 19 Boards and Commissions have been briefed or scheduled to be briefed. The remaining schedule and process for the Task Force which met 5 times in October and November will meet November 15<sup>th</sup> with the full work session for Task Force.

Greg Claxton, Planning and Development Review Department, provided an update of the remaining schedule and process of the Imagine Austin Open House scheduled for November 14<sup>th</sup>. There are 3 main areas for discussion that the public may weigh in on during the general review process which are: the discussing of the plan, review and compare with existing plans (the results of the Corridor case study of South Congress) and suggestion of additional information.

The supporting actions items are the status of resolution items: (a). review action items from working groups, (b). review of existing plans, (c). opportunity to request additional information, (d). sustainability indicators for

Preferred Growth Scenario, (e). how action items relate to policies, (f). benchmarks/indicators and (g). schedule recommendations in December.

Council Member Cole questioned of the reviewing and comparison with existing plans. Garner stated, they are focusing on neighborhood plans and goals, not all are comparable but some are.

Council Member Morrison, thanked staff for doing a great job. What is the great sidewalk master plan line up with the priority of the comprehensive plan? Garner stated, they are both under the same umbrella and feel they both are a great tight fit.

Council Member Riley, questioned the timeline/report possibly going to Council in December? Garner stated, the timeline may need to be adjusted, it all depends after the Task Force has reviewed and if they have identified any issues or if the public have identified any issues will determine the December date and how much time that will take.

Council Member Morrison requested that Carol Torgrimson, a member of the Neighborhood Task Force share her thoughts regarding this plan. Carol stated it is moving along. Most of the work has been with the chairs and committee with the Task Force. At this point they are scheduled to meet with the Planning Commission and sub committee to work on the action between the two organizations. There are still a lot of things that need to be worked out regarding process as well as content. The Task Force committee will continue to work on an analysis of the plan, to work with them to figure out who should be handling what.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.**