

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
January 23, 2012

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 December 12, 2011, regular subcommittee meeting.**

Minutes approved by a vote of 2-0.(Council Member Cole-absent)

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. The public review draft is in process for review. At this time we are in the fourth round of the review process for the public input which totals 2,732 this number is not the total of participants. The Task Force requested to keep the survey open until December 15, 2011 for public input. Our goal was to reach 17,000 in which we have exceeded that goal of total participation to 18,285. A total of 19 Boards and Commissions are scheduled to be briefed and at this time we have 3 remaining for briefing. If boards wanted to be briefed again we are open to that suggestion once we have a revised draft.

Cookie Ruiz, Task Force Member, provided an update of the action items during the working group process for the Comp Plan elements and to make recommendations to ensure those ideas have been adequately incorporated into the draft Comp Plan.

During the months of October through November the Task Force held informal listening meetings 2-3 hours each by the 8 working group Chairs. Providing all 31 members of the CATF with an opportunity to respond to this direction and to the plan. All CATF members were given one of four meeting opportunities to provide oral feedback. All CATF members provided the opportunity to provide written feedback and if there were special needs, we

would/will go to the member in order obtain the input. The working Group Chairs and other interested CATF members then met in a series of meetings to categorize each of the 400 comments, giving each a designation of (1). Should be included in the draft, (2). Needs further discussion and (3). Not recommended for inclusion.

The CATF has worked with staff to raise visibility and awareness of the need for the community members to send their responses. To date we have over 800 responses and growing. This process has been most useful in helping to see how close the CATF is in its focused concerns to those of the community. The community responses are thoughtful and it is clear the interested individuals are investing time and concern regarding their input.

Dave Anderson, Comp Plan Sub Committee, stated the Task Force Committee is doing an outstanding job. In regards to the Existing Plan Review we have identified about 30 plans. Each planning commissioner has been given the task to review about 6 plans each. All the commissioners' have completed their review except me. My task is to compile all the methods which will be placed on a spreadsheet with the goals indicating the Comp plan goals and Imagine Austin's goals. In January we will review the documents which compare the general goals of the master plans as well as the neighborhood plans as they compare to the Imagine Austin plan.

Council Member Morrison, thanked both Dave and Cookie for an amazing job.

Council Member Riley thanked both as well and really appreciates the work.

Council Member Riley, asked, how does the Task Force or Planning Commission, plan to deal with the possible inconsistencies or what are the sequence of steps leading up to adoption?

Dave stated, we are faced with some logistical issues. We do have a schedule we would like to meet but understand there are some hurdles we must overcome. If we don't know all of the items we have to plan for now, it will be hard for us to tackle those items. That's why it is such a push now for us to review all these items during the holiday season so we may move forward, to gain the idea of what is the best way to handle this.

Council Member Morrison, questioned staff what is the schedule in working with the Planning Commission?

Garner Stoll stated they plan to present to the Planning Commission in early 2012 with it possibly going to Council by March or April 2012, which is part of the original schedule.

Council Member Morrison stated we might be challenge in that area and with that regard staff and PC might want to put their heads together to come up with another option.

Dave stated they are working with staff on how they can accomplish this but are open to any suggestions because it's a tough thing to do.

Council Member Riley stated so far he feels that the Comprehensive Plan Committee has a good road map going forward.

Council Member Morrison, requested for Dave to come back to brief them at the next CPTC meeting of the goal or painting the bigger picture.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.