



PLANNING COMMISSION **REGULAR MEETING**
NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES **Wednesday, January 18, 2012**

The Planning Commission Neighborhood Plan Subcommittee convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2012, at 301 W. 2nd Street, City Hall, Room #2017, in Austin, Texas.

Commissioner Chimenti called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Subcommittee Members in Attendance:

Dannette Chimenti - Chair
Saundra Kirk
Dave Sullivan
Jeff Jack – Ex-Officio

City Staff in Attendance:

Greg Dutton, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Review
Jody Zemel, Neighborhood Advisor, Planning and Development Review
Gary Schatz, Assistant Director, Austin Transportation Department
Carol Haywood, Manager, Comprehensive Planning Division, Planning and Development Review

Others in Attendance:

None

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

a. None.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. The minutes for the regular meeting of November 16, 2011, were approved on Commissioner Sullivan’s motion; Commissioner Kirk’s second on a 2 to 0 vote (Chimenti abstained).

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Parking Issues. Gary Schatz, Assistant Director, Austin Transportation Department, will provide a review of the City of Austin’s existing tools to deal with parking/overparking issues, as well as possible suggestions for new solutions where existing tools are not sufficient. This is a continuation from the November 16th meeting. (Discussion and/or Possible Action)

Gary Schatz gave a presentation on different parking tools that Austin currently has at its disposal, as well as an overview of where parking is allowed and not allowed on City streets, relative to driveways, curbs, sidewalks, intersections, and such. The City of Austin currently uses Residential Permit Parking, Residential Parking Deficiency Relief, Neighborhood Street

Parking Management, and Parking Benefit Districts to manage street parking. Mr. Schatz also explained that a parking awareness campaign was being developed to better educate the public about parking issues and available solutions. Mr. Schatz emphasized that enforcement of existing parking regulations was very important to make parking regulations effective, and that in the future individual neighborhoods with unique needs would have to work with the City of Austin to find solutions – for instance, Neighborhood Street Parking Management in one neighborhood might be applied differently than in another neighborhood. Neighborhoods should also view their parking as a commodity around which a parking program might be crafted to best suit it. The subcommittee members encouraged Mr. Schatz to return in the spring to further discuss event parking in neighborhoods, and how neighborhoods might be able to take advantage of it.

No action was taken.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion of Dove Springs Neighborhood Issues. Dave Sullivan, Planning Commission – Chair and Planning Commission Neighborhood Plan Subcommittee member, will report on a recent meeting on various Dove Springs neighborhood issues. (Discussion)

Commissioner Sullivan explained that concern had been expressed from Dove Springs neighborhood residents that there has not been enough involvement by Dove Springs in the Imagine Austin comprehensive plan, and that there are also some infrastructure and other neighborhood issues that need to be addressed. This item will be continued at the February 15th subcommittee meeting, where Dove Springs residents are expected to be in attendance and the discussion can continue.

No action was taken.

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS

a. None.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

a. Staff briefing – Kathleen Fox, Senior Planner, (512) 974-7877, will present information about an ordinance amending Chapter 25-1, Article 16 of the City Code to amend the requirements for neighborhood plan amendment and neighborhood plan contact team procedures.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Chimenti adjourned the meeting without objection at approximately 7:05 pm.