



CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting
January 17, 2012
One Texas Center, Room 500
505 Barton Springs Road, Austin, Texas 78704

Current Committee Members:

Dave Anderson (Chair)	Richard Hatfield
Jean Stevens (not in attendance)	Dave Sullivan (arriving late)
Donna Tiemann	

MINUTES

Members of the public in attendance:

Michelle Murphy-Smith	Paula McDermott
Laura Pressley	Frank Harren

Members of staff in attendance:

Greg Claxton (PDR)

Committee Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:15.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Paula McDermott, representing the Austin/Travis County Sustainable Food Policy Board distributed comments on the draft Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan and bestpractices for city-sponsored sustainable food planning.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Hatfield moved to approve the December 12, 2011, minutes; Commissioner Tiemann seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous (Hatfield, Tiemann, Anderson).

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. *Discussion and possible action on Council Resolution relating to review of existing plans, sustainability indicators, and comprehensive plan metrics.*

Commissioners continued work reviewing the City's existing plans against the September 26 draft of the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan. City staff provided responses to most comments submitted previously by the Commissioners (comments and responses are available online at

http://www.imagineaustin.net/sites/default/files/files/iacp_draftplan_comments-on-draft_3-8-12.xls). A number of commenters elicited further discussion:

- Commissioner Sullivan suggested that the inequalities Austinites currently experience should be explicitly recognized.
- Commissioners discussed how the plan addresses Austin's water resources. Commissioner Anderson said that the plan should use strong, explicit language to identify the importance of preparing for future droughts. Frank Harren commented that the City needs to work with the Lower Colorado River Authority to ensure that it has a backup plan for future droughts and diversification of water resources. Commissioner Tiemann commented on the importance of working within the limits of available resources. Commissioner Sullivan said that available resources was, in part, a function of available technologies, which will continue changing in the future. Commissioners discussed the connection between available resources, environmental integrity, current technology, and affordability, and asked that that discussion be reflected in the comprehensive plan priority program related to water resources.
- Commissioner Sullivan requested that City Facilities & Services Action #26 (dealing with emergency travel routes) explicitly identify the Texas Department of Transportation as a partner.
- In response from a comment conveyed to Commissioner Tiemann from the Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Plan Contact Team regarding unclear guidance that the draft plan gives on the relation between Imagine Austin and neighborhood plans, staff recommended removing several action items that were the source of confusion in favor of text in the main body of the plan that addressed that relationship comprehensively. Commissioners concurred.

Commissioners completed their review of master plans, but only discussed one comment relating to neighborhood plans.

4. NEW BUSINESS

None.

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS

a. Update on Comprehensive Plan process and Citizens Advisory Task Force

None.

b. Requests to staff

None.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:17.