



CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting
January 23, 2012, 5:30pm
City Hall, Staff Bullpen, Room 1029
301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX 78701

Current Committee Members:

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

MINUTES

Other Commissioners in attendance

Jeff Jack (ex officio)

Citizens Advisory Task Force members in attendance:

Evan Taniguchi	Roberto Martinez
Ira Yates	Jonathan Ogren
Roger Cauvin	Greg Bourgeois

Members of the public in attendance:

Steve Aleman	Frank Harren
Steve Zettner	

Members of staff in attendance:

Greg Guernsey (PDR)	Garner Stoll (PDR)
Greg Claxton (PDR)	Matt Dugan (PDR)
Paul Frank (PDR)	

Committee Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:41.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Steve Zettner spoke, requesting consideration of comments he submitted on the draft plan to identify high capacity transit from Jollyville to Anderson then southeast along Airport.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from prior meetings were not available.

3. OLD BUSINESS

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

1. *Review and discussion of map issues, with follow-up January 30*
2. *Continued review of existing plans, benchmarks, and indicators*

Commissioners and Task Force members discussed whether they should review map comments or indicators first. Commissioner Jack suggested that they needed a handle on affordability indicators before proceeding, including discussion of how to show affordability on the growth concept map. Roger Cauvin agreed that affordability was a factor to consider in reviewing the map, but that it should be affordability in general, rather than housing affordability. Jonathan Ogren noted that he had recommended a number of features to compare the growth concept map against. Commissioner Anderson suggested that the Committee's affordability discussion was an ongoing one.

Commissioners began reviewing public comments related to the growth concept map:

- Multiple comments requested removing activity centers over the Barton Springs Zone of the Edwards Aquifer. Commissioner Sullivan suggested matching those activity centers with policy language requiring transfer of development rights, to ensure that additional population is offset with preserved land. Commissioners discussed, then decided to continue the discussion later.
- Chris Crawford requested shifting the Rio di Vida center south to the intersection of SH-71 and SH-130, where it would align with CAMPO, saying that that intersection was currently being re-engineered to remove it from the floodplain. Commissioner Anderson noted that the intersection had numerous difficult floodplain issues. The Commissioners unanimously agreed not to change the center.
- Multiple comments requested removing predominantly single-family areas from the Downtown regional activity center, including Judges Hill and the portions of the Heritage neighborhood. Commissioners unanimously agreed to redraw the Downtown regional activity center to exclude single-family areas outside the Downtown Austin Plan and to include an inset map showing all of the different planning initiatives implicated in the Downtown regional activity center.
- A member of the public requested that the growth concept map recognize the Urban Renewal Areas along East 11th and 12th Streets be recognized on the growth concept map. Greg Claxton recommended either incorporating into the Downtown regional activity center or leaving off the plan. Commissioners unanimously voted to include the urban renewal areas as activity corridors.
- Multiple comments requested removing the activity corridor designation from different portions of 35th and 38th Street. Commissioners and Task Force members discussed different objections to the designation. Commissioners voted unanimously to remove the designation from 38th Street between I-35 and Speedway, bringing it into alignment with the current Core Transit Corridor designation along that route.

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 8:00.