



CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting
February 13, 2012, 5:30pm

Town Lake Center, Assembly Room (Room 130)
721 Barton Springs Road, Austin, TX 78704

Current Committee Members:

Richard Hatfield
Donna Tiemann

Dave Sullivan

MINUTES

Members of the public in attendance:

Bill Bunch
Frank Harren

Amanda Swor

Members of staff in attendance:

Greg Claxton (PDR)

Garner Stoll (PDR)

Members of Imagine Austin consultant team in attendance:

Amelia Sondgerath

Commissioner Sullivan called the meeting to order at 5:32.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Bill Bunch, speaking on behalf of Save Our Springs and the Austin chapter of the Sierra Club, expressed concern over the scale of the Town Center at Oak Hill on the growth concept map, suggesting that it should be reclassified as a Neighborhood Center.

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 discussed the growth concept map's activity centers located over the Barton Springs segment of the Edwards Aquifer, including the potential use of transfer of development rights to offset population growth in that area. Commissioner Hatfield

moved to change all of the centers over the Barton Springs segment to neighborhood centers. Commissioner Tiemann seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioners reviewed indicators included in the draft plan and submitted by public comment and made the following changes:

- Including total and residential water consumption in gallons per capita per day.
- Tracking increases in living-unit-equivalents as a measure of development within the Edwards Aquifer Recharge and Contributing Zones.
- Measuring air quality by tracking volatile organic compounds and nitrogen oxides and monitoring greenhouse gas emissions by sector
- Monitoring employment density, jobs-housing balance, housing gaps, percentage of households that include children, housing accessibility to transit, high school graduation rates, and standardized test scores geographically
- Requesting that staff investigate dba's filed per capita as a measure of local business/entrepreneurship
- Investigating possible measures of green technology development with EGRSO or Austin Energy
- Counting local farms along with community gardens and plots
- Developing a total affordability measure that incorporates housing, transportation, and utilities
- Tracking percentage of street frontages that have sidewalks
- Tracking both access to transit service and high capacity transit service
- Developing a measure of enrollment in continuing education, licensing, and certification programs
- Tracking percentage of units within ¼ mile of libraries
- Counting number of live music venues, or another live music indicator
- Developing a measure of social capital

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 8:40.