



**PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
April 11, 2012**

**The Planning Commission convened in a regular meeting on April 11, 2012 @ 505 Barton Springs Road in Austin, Texas.**

**Chair Dave Sullivan called the Board Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

**Dave Sullivan – Chair**

**Danette Chimenti**

**Mandy Dealey**

**Richard Hatfield**

**Saundra Kirk**

**Jean Stevens**

**Donna Tiemann**

**Jeff Jack – Ex-Officio member**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (No public discussion)**

The Planning Commission will announce it will go into Executive Session, if necessary, pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, to receive advice from Legal Counsel on matters specifically listed on this agenda. The commission may not conduct a closed meeting without the approval of the city attorney.

**Private Consultation with Attorney – Section 551.071**

## **A. PUBLIC HEARING**

### **1. Plan Adoption: Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan**

#### **ACTION ONLY**

**Owner/Applicant:** City of Austin, Planning and Development Review Department  
**Request:** Public hearing and action on the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan. This plan was authorized by the City Council in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 city budget. The comprehensive plan contains the Council's policies for growth, development and beautification of the land within the corporate limits and the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the city. The plan addresses the following elements: future land use; traffic circulation and mass transit; wastewater, solid waste, drainage and potable water; conservation and environmental resources; recreation and open space; housing; public services and facilities, which shall include but not be limited to a capital improvement program; public buildings and related facilities; economic for commercial and industrial development and redevelopment; health and human services; creativity; historic and cultural preservation; children, families, and education; arts, culture, and creativity; and urban design. The Comprehensive Planning Committee of the Planning Commission has been involved in the development of the plan throughout the two-year process of developing the plan.

**Staff Rec.:**

**Recommended**

**Staff:**

Mark Walters, 974-7695, [mark.walters@austintexas.gov](mailto:mark.walters@austintexas.gov);  
Planning and Development Review Department

Amendments to the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan were made and voted on in separate motions.

The motion to approve the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan as amended and forward to City Council, was approved by Commissioner Richard Hatfield's motion, Commissioner Mandy Dealey seconded the motion on a vote of 7-0; Commissioners Dave Anderson and Alfonso Hernandez were absent. (See attached PC recommendations on the IACP)

## **B. ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Dave Sullivan adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:30 p.m.**

## **Planning Commission Resolution**

**To:** Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmembers, City Manager  
**From:** City of Austin Planning Commission  
**Subject:** **Recommendations for first year work to implement the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan**  
**Date:** Approved by Planning Commission vote April 11, 2012

The Planning Commission offers the following additional recommendations for early (first year, if possible) implementation of the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan (IACP). This list is deliberately concise, and additional explanation will be provided upon request.

1. Contract for an economic analysis of the effect of IACP based on full implementation of the plan and an economic analysis of the current trend scenario from which we hope to diverge. This analysis should be conducted to assess the likelihood that IACP will deliver on the goals and objectives of the plan.
2. Estimate the geographic distribution of housing by size and cost throughout the planning area for some future years (e.g., 5, 10, 30 years out)
3. Estimate the statistical distribution of household incomes and of housing costs in 2019, 2029, and 2039 to predict the gap in housing needs (number of households spending more than 30% on rent/mortgage + utilities or number of households spending more than 45% on rent/mortgage + utilities + transportation). Use the findings to set affordability targets by neighborhood and geographic area.
4. Develop a set of tools to direct land development consistent with IACP and discourage land development inconsistent with IACP.
5. Consider additional future high capacity or high capacity/rapid transit corridors.
6. Study the effect of density increases on drainage.
7. Study the effect of density increases on parking.
8. Assess means to deal with rapid increases in the senior population in terms of their needs and quality of life.
9. Continue to develop a robust GIS mapping tool to visualize and track performance of IACP indicators.

