



CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting

April 8, 2013, 5:00pm

City Hall, Staff Bullpen Room 1029
301 Willie Nelson Boulevard, Austin, TX 78701

Current Committee Members:

Richard Hatfield
Alfonso Hernandez
Stephen Oliver
Jeff Jack, Ex Officio

MINUTES

Members of the public in attendance:

Frank Harren
Steven Aleman
Mary Engle

Members of staff in attendance:

Paul DiGiuseppe (PDR)
Paul Frank (PDR)

Commissioner Hatfield called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

No comments were made.

2. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 11, 2013 MINUTES

Commissioner Hernandez moved to approve the minutes; Commissioner Oliver seconded.
The vote was unanimous.

3. STAFF BRIEFINGS

a. Imagine Austin and CIP Update

There was a discussion regarding what Imagine Austin would look like from an investment perspective and what would it take to maximize infrastructure. Part of this study should include the capacity of infrastructure. This could help determine the best areas for growth, find the best growth scenario, and refine the Growth Concept Map.

- b. Review dateline for Annual Report to be presented to City Council

Staff stated that this committee will see the first draft of the Annual Report in July 2013. A public event should take place later in the process.

- c. Comprehensive Plan Goals

The second to last sentence on page 185 of Imagine Austin states that Planning Commission and staff should develop a work plan and recommend how it will be implemented. Planning Commission needs to be more proactive and use the implementation structure and annual report. Representatives from all priority program teams will attend the next committee meeting and provide an update.

- d. Status of Regional Center, Town Center, Neighborhood Center, Activity Center Planning with respect to the Growth Map

There was a discussion about the need to provide more clarity about what these areas look like, the potential impacts, and other relevant information to help show if goals are being achieved and help with the evolution of Imagine Austin. This also relates to the assessment described in 3a. This study would show what Imagine Austin means to different parts of the city and with more detail than Imagine Austin but less detail than small area plans. This study would look at factors such as redevelopment, land value, environmental constraints, demographic data and infrastructure. This study would help Planning Commission when reviewing zoning cases. This study could be part of the land development code revision priority program to help determine the outcome. The committee members will provide their proposals to staff.

- e. Relationship between Performance Indicators and Future Planning Area Case Studies

This discussion revolved around how to use the tool developed by Fregonese Associates and used for the Sustainable Places Project. The committee asked for a presentation by staff to the full Planning Commission.

- f. Review of Priority Program Team Structure, Members

An update of the implementation structure and team members was provided.

4. OLD BUSINESS

NA

5. NEW BUSINESS

NA.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A number of items were discussed during the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm