

# PLANNING COMMISSION

SEPTEMBER 10, 2013

Handouts

# AGENDA ITEM #C-1

## Proposed Language Changes to the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan's 2013 Annual Report

Based on information recently brought to Comprehensive Planning staffs' attention, the flowing language changes to the 2013 Imagine Austin Annual Report are being offered.

### Change #1

| Proposed Change                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| Current Text                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | P. 29                                                                                                                                                                             |
| In Austin, this analytic tool is being used to assist the City's urban rail economic development analysis This past year, the South Shore Central water- front district, which includes the planned location of the first station south of Downtown on the proposed urban rail system, was used as a demonstration site to develop the analytic tool. | This past year, the South Shore Central District of the Waterfront Overlay, immediately south of Austin's Downtown was used as a demonstration site to develop the analytic tool. |

### Change #2

| Proposed Change                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| Current Text                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | P. 45                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Urban Rail.</b> The City of Austin continues to work closely with Capital Metro and other partners to bring forward a rail transit system connecting Downtown, the Capitol Complex, the University of Texas, and the Mueller neighborhood. An analytic tool is being used to evaluate the economic return on investment on urban rail scenario locations, including potential future links to Riverside and the airport (see p 29) | <b>Project Connect/Central Corridor.</b> The City of Austin continues to work closely with Capital Metro and the Lone Star Rail District to propose the first segment of a high-capacity transit system that will connect major activity centers in the Central Corridor. The public process to discuss improved transit, connectivity, and mobility in the Central Corridor began in early fall 2013. |

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## Change #3

| Proposed Change                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| Current Text                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | P. 53                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Through an effective water conservation program, Austinites are using fewer gallons of water per person per day, allowing the City to serve more people with the same amount of water. While these unit savings continue, over time Austin's growing population and economy are projected to increase total water consumption per year. | The City's goal is to reduce water use to 140 gallons per capita per day by 2020. Through an effective water conservation program, Austinites are on track to meet that goal. While these unit savings continue, over time Austin's growing population and economy are projected to increase total water consumption per year. |

## Change #4

| Proposed Change                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                           |
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| Current Text                                                                                                                                                                               | P. 59                                                                                                                                                     |
| Austin Water coordinates efforts with Austin Energy and other local energy utilities to assess risks and propose risk mitigation strategies related to water demands for power generation. | Austin Water coordinates efforts with Austin Energy to assess risks and propose risk mitigation strategies related to water demands for power generation. |

## Change #5

| Proposed Change                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| Current Text                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | P. 67                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Austin Water manages and protects over 40,000 acres of source-water watersheds to protect Barton Springs and maintain Austin's public water supplies. Austin Water also manages and protects 13,500 acres of endangered species habitat that serves as Austin's mitigation to sustain economic development and public services in a manner compliant with the Endangered Species Act. The utility also restores native habitats and natural systems on 5,000 acres annually | Austin Water manages and protects over 40,000 acres of wildlands. Of the 40,000 acres, over 26,600 acres are managed under the Water Quality Protection Lands Program to optimize the quantity and quality of water recharging the Barton Springs segment of the Edwards Aquifer. The remaining 13,500 acres are managed under the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve Program as endangered species habitat that serves as Austin's mitigation to sustain |

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through land management and ecosystem restoration projects.

(Between 2001 and 2012, the City purchased 11,530 acres of Water Quality Protection Lands to protect the quality and quantity of water that flows into Barton Springs. Austin is actively working to use \$30 million from the 2012 bond to purchase additional land towards this aim.)

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### Change #6

#### Current Graphic and Caption

P. 67



#### Proposed Change

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Planning Commission

**FROM:** Michael Simmons-Smith, Planning & Development Review Dept.

**DATE:** September 9, 2013

**SUBJECT:** 1211 Holly Street – Case Number GF-2013-0001(LUR)

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Please note that on this date, the Waterfront Planning Advisory Board voted 5-0 to recommend approval of a variance to allow the above-referenced site to be developed with 47.49% impervious cover.

## PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

Although applicants and/or their agent(s) are expected to attend a public hearing, you are not required to attend. However, if you do attend, you have the opportunity to speak FOR or AGAINST the proposed development or change. You may also contact a neighborhood or environmental organization that has expressed an interest in an application affecting your neighborhood.

During a public hearing, the board or commission may postpone or continue an application's hearing to a later date, or recommend approval or denial of the application. If the board or commission announces a specific date and time for a postponement or continuation that is not later than 60 days from the announcement, no further notice is required.

A board or commission's decision may be appealed by a person with standing to appeal, or an interested party that is identified as a person who can appeal the decision. The body holding a public hearing on an appeal will determine whether a person has standing to appeal the decision.

A zoning ordinance amendment may include a conditional overlay which would include conditions approved by the Land Use Commission or the City Council. If final approval is by a City Council's action, there is no appeal of the Land Use Commission's action.

An interested party is defined as a person who is the applicant or record owner of the subject property, or who communicates an interest to a board or commission by:

- delivering a written statement to the board or commission before or during the public hearing that generally identifies the issues of concern (*it may be delivered to the contact listed on a notice*); or
- appearing and speaking for the record at the public hearing; and:

- occupies a primary residence that is within 500 feet of the subject property or proposed development;
- is the record owner of property within 500 feet of the subject property or proposed development; or
- is an officer of an environmental or neighborhood organization that has an interest in or whose declared boundaries are within 500 feet of the subject property or proposed development.

A notice of appeal must be filed with the director of the responsible department no later than 14 days after the decision. An appeal form may be available from the responsible department.

For additional information on the City of Austin's land development process, visit our web site: [www.ci.austin.tx.us/development](http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/development).

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Case Number: GF-2013-0001(LUR)

Contact: Michael Simmons-Smith at (512) 974-1225

Elsa Garza at (512) 974-2308

Public Hearing: Planning Commission, September 10, 2013

Mr. Marcos de la Cruz

Your Name (please print)

1702 Canterbury St. Austin TX 78702

Your address(es) affected by this application

9/01/2013

Signature

Date

Daytime Telephone: 512-576-7805

Comments: Just build to requirements of impervious area as before.

Theresa M. de la Cruz  
President of East Austin Latino Center  
Neighborhood Association

If you use this form to comment, it may be returned to:

City of Austin

Planning and Development Review - 4<sup>th</sup> floor

Michael Simmons-Smith

P. O. Box 1088

Austin, TX 78767-8810

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Lorelei Brown

Your Name (please print)

1014 Spence, 1208, 1210 Taylor

Your address(es) affected by this application

LB Brown

9-2-13

Signature

Date

Daytime Telephone: 512 507 1947

Comments: This depends on how much?

he wants to exceed the 40% max

cover, of course. And the design

of the project? It looks like other

owners on the block have exceeded

40% cover, and I've seen their

names on HGTV, physical at once

\$400,000, which is a little bit shocking.

but maybe that is what "City" wants, to

expand tax base -?? Where are the rules?

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