



**Planning Commission  
Codes and Ordinances Subcommittee  
October 15, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.  
City Hall – Room # 1027  
301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Austin, TX 78701**

**CURRENT SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Dave Anderson  
Danette Chimenti  
Stephen Oliver

Jean Stevens  
Myron Smith  
James Nortey  
Jeff Jack – Ex-Officio

**CALL TO ORDER**

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

1. Introduce members of the Committee and Staff.
2. Inform audience of procedure.
3. The first three speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approval of the September 17, 2013 minutes.

**3. POTENTIAL CODE AMENDMENTS: Proposed for Discussion and/or Initiation**

*Potential amendments to the code are offered for discussion and/or possible recommendation for initiation. If initiated, Staff will research the proposal and report back to the subcommittee.*

- a. **Special Event Signs** – Initiate an amendment to Title 25 of the City Code to allow temporary special event signs. City Staff: Greg Guernsey, Planning and Development Review Department, 974-2387, [Greg.Guernsey@austintexas.gov](mailto:Greg.Guernsey@austintexas.gov) (Discussion and/or Possible Action)
- b. **Digital Images** – Initiate an amendment to Title 25 of the City Code related to digital signs and images. City Staff: Greg Guernsey, Planning and Development Review Department, 974-2387, [Greg.Guernsey@austintexas.gov](mailto:Greg.Guernsey@austintexas.gov) (Discussion and/or Possible Action)

- c. **Mobile Food Courts** – Initiate an amendment to Title 25 of the City Code to establish standards and regulations for mobile food vendor courts. City Staff: Greg Guernsey, Planning and Development Review Department, 974-2387, [Greg.Guernsey@austintexas.gov](mailto:Greg.Guernsey@austintexas.gov) (Discussion and/or Possible Action)
- d. **Educational Facility Site Plan Exemptions** – Initiate an amendment to Title 25 of the City Code, to delete section 25-5-2(G), related to educational facility site plan exemptions. City Staff: Andy Linseisen, Planning and Development Review Department, 974-2239, [Andy.Linseisen@austintexas.gov](mailto:Andy.Linseisen@austintexas.gov) (Discussion and/or Possible Action)

#### 4. **REGULAR AGENDA: Previously Initiated**

*Previously initiated amendments to the code are offered for discussion and possible recommendation to the full Planning Commission.*

- a. **Temporary Staging** – Consider an ordinance amending Title 25 of the City Code to allow temporary staging of equipment, for City of Austin and utility projects, on non-City-owned property. City Staff: Andy Linseisen, Planning and Development Review Department, 974-2239, [Andy.Linseisen@austintexas.gov](mailto:Andy.Linseisen@austintexas.gov) (Discussion and/or Possible Action)
- b. **Accessible Ramps** – Consider an ordinance amending Title 25 of the City Code to allow placement of accessible ramps in required yard setbacks. City Staff: John McDonald, Planning and Development Review Department, 974-2728, [John.McDonald@austintexas.gov](mailto:John.McDonald@austintexas.gov) (Discussion and/or Possible Action)
- c. **Enhanced Penalties** – Consider an ordinance repealing and replacing City Code Section 25-1-462 relating to municipal court criminal enforcement. City Staff: Steve Ramirez, Code Compliance Department, 974-2320, [Steve.Ramirez@austintexas.gov](mailto:Steve.Ramirez@austintexas.gov) (Discussion and/or Possible Action)

#### 5. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. **Stealth Dorms** – Discuss ongoing working group activity and findings related to stealth dorms. Commissioner Stevens. (Discussion and/or Possible Action)
- b. **Policy Issues and Priorities Standing Item: Affordability** – Discuss issues around affordability in the City of Austin. (Sponsor: Commissioner Anderson; Co-Sponsor: Commissioner Oliver) (Discussion and/or Possible Action)
- c. **Update on potential upcoming and current code amendments, and the amendment process** – City Staff: Greg Dutton, Planning and Development Review Department, 974-3509, [Greg.Dutton@austintexas.gov](mailto:Greg.Dutton@austintexas.gov) (Discussion and/or Possible Action)

#### 6. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

*Future agenda items will NOT be discussed at the current meeting, but will be offered for initiation, discussion, and/or possible recommendation to the full Planning Commission at a FUTURE meeting.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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For more information on the Planning Commission Codes and Ordinances Subcommittee, please contact Greg Dutton at (512) 974-3509 or at [greg.dutton@austintexas.gov](mailto:greg.dutton@austintexas.gov)