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## Land Development Code Advisory Group Meeting #6 Minutes

July 24, 2013 at 5:00 pm  
City Hall, first floor, room 1029 (Staff bullpen)  
301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701

**Imagine Austin Priority Program:** Revise Austin's land development regulations and processes to promote a compact and connected city (*Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan, p. 207-210*).

**Charge to Advisory Group:** Assist in public outreach and provide feedback on development and implementation of a revised land development code (*Resolution #20121206-074*).

**Meeting Objective:** Discuss Land Development Code revision with Opticos and consultant team.

1. Introductions of AG and Consultants. Members of the Advisory Group introduced themselves, followed by brief introductions of the Opticos team.
2. Opticos briefing. Dan Parolek of Opticos gave a brief presentation on the planned procedures of LDC revision, including dates and deliverables. He emphasized that different neighborhoods require different solutions and that the community character based approach is important for success.
3. Open discussion: Expectations. Each AG member explained their view of a successful LDC revision. Recurring themes included clarity of code and process, simplicity, flexibility, predictability, full community engagement from all stakeholders, progress toward affordability/sustainability, preserving current community character, and connecting physical development to economic impacts.
4. Open discussion: Impressions. The Consultants were asked to give their impressions of Austin, formed during the tour of the city earlier in the day. The group pointed to the individualistic and artistic natures of the city as well as its walkability, topography, tree canopy, and use of native materials responsive to the climate. They noted a range of existing housing types and plans for rapid bus service but felt that the public amenities along major corridors were still underdeveloped.

5. Public comments. A member of the community asked for clarification on the project's connection to Imagine Austin. Dan Parolek explained that the code is a means to implement Imagine Austin initiatives. Other citizens pointed to compatibility issues with Imagine Austin, requested that the team focus on traffic flow and the need for sidewalks, and emphasized that the consultants need to listen to the community.