Land Development Code Advisory Group
Meeting #17 Minutes

April 21, 2014 at 4:00 pm
City Hall, 2nd floor, Room 1027 (Executive Session room)
301 W. 2nd St., Austin, Texas 78701

Members in attendance: Chris Bradford, Will Herring, Brian Reis, Beverly Silas, Dave Sullivan, Jeff Jack, Stephen Delgado
Members absent: Mandy De Mayo, Jim Duncan, Stephen Oliver, Melissa Neslund

Agenda

1. Approval of the minutes. By consensus the Advisory Group approved the minutes of the meetings of April 7, 2014.

2. Discussion on Listening to the Community Report. The Advisory Group discussed the draft report and the distribution of the draft report. It was explained that any comments received by May 31 will be incorporated into an appendix.

3. Standing items.
   a. Discuss structure and organization of Advisory Group. There was no discussion on this item.
   b. Discuss work product type and goals for Advisory Group. This item was deferred to the next meeting.
   c. Update from members on their outreach activities. Members discussed their meetings with the Austin Contractors and Engineers Association, Homebuilders Association, various neighborhood associations, and Preservation Austin.
   d. Report from working group on Envision Tomorrow. Chris Bradford discussed the meetings of the working group to get a better understanding of the Envision Tomorrow tool. The group is currently discussing what constraints should be included in the model so that it matches what is allowed by the City Code. The working group will be making a report to the full Advisory Group and asked for a list of the indicators that will be measured by model.
   e. Agenda items to consider for next meeting. Advisory Group members identified these possible topics for future meetings:

- Presentation on the Code Diagnosis report
- Report from on the Envision Tomorrow working group and possible action
- Milestone report from the Advisory Group

4. <u>Update on schedule and process.</u> The team is looking at scheduling the first of several Code Talks on June 12-14 to address key issues for the community to discuss.   Topics will be selected from among those identified in the Listening to the Community report, and the Advisory Group can suggest which topics should be scheduled first. Staff will be sending out an e-mail so that Advisory Group members can identify which events they plan to attend. If a quorum may be present, the meetings will be posted as Advisory Group meetings. Jeff Jack asked if the flowchart had been modified to show that the City Council will reaffirm the Approach Alternative in the spring of 2015 and was told that the modification was in process. He also suggested that the chart show input from the Community Character Manual into the Approach Alternatives report. Will Herring suggested that the process include testing Envision Tomorrow on at least one neighborhood in addition to activity corridors.

5. <u>Public comment</u>. Dave Sullivan said he would like to start having a signup for public comments at the next meeting. Public comments included: inclusion of infrastructure information in Envision Tomorrow; the need to accommodate more of the city's projected growth in established neighborhoods; a suggestion that the Envision Tomorrow working group include other expertise such as the development community; and the desirability of testing new zoning districts and Envision Tomorrow on the neighborhoods recommended by the Austin Neighborhoods Council.

6. <u>Code NEXT team response to public comments.</u> Dave Sullivan asked that the participants e-mail him with suggestions for additional persons to participate in the Envision Tomorrow working group.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.