Land Development Code Advisory Group
Meeting #25 Minutes

October 6, 2014 at 6:00 pm
Milwood Branch Library
12500 Amherst Dr., Austin, Texas 78741

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

Members Absent: Dave Sullivan

Meeting Objective: Public comment. The Advisory Group may vote on a resolution on any agenda item.

1. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from August 18, 2014 approved by consensus with a comment that the report on Jeff Jack's presentation was staff's interpretation of comments. Minutes from September 22, 2014 approved by consensus with correction that Eleanor McKinney is to present on October 20, 2014.

2. Public comment: American Society of Landscape Architects supports the revision of the code with performance-based codes in addition to form-based codes; support for a continued focus on the importance of green infrastructure and strengthening of interdepartmental teams working with CodeNEXT; an opt-in approach is problematic; occupancy limits should be reconsidered to allow for more people to live within a single family lot size; the code rewrite should be a dramatic shift and a chance to embrace change; codify the policies that our comprehensive plans have designated; approach 3 is more representative of the community and inclusive; approach 2 excludes majority of residents through neighborhood voices that are non-representative; the neighborhood plan process is not inclusive and the intersection of neighborhood plans with CodeNEXT is very important; young architects and the Real Estate Council of Austin support approach three; missing middle housing can accommodate young families and help the issue of affordability; the needs of the city have changed and the status quo is no longer sufficient; Austin Board of Realtors support approach three; many policy decisions have been put on hold for CodeNEXT and time will have been lost if big changes are not made through this rewrite; current code content is getting in the way of achieving the goals described in Imagine Austin; opt-in and opt-out is not a good decision; approach three will help transit users; large surface parking lots at storefronts need to be discouraged and parking needs to be put in a different place.

3. CodeNEXT Team response to public comment: Many thanks to everyone that shared their time with staff and the code advisory group members; implementation can only come after the code is adopted; all approaches include form-based codes, with a difference in how they are applied

around the city; implementation needs to reflect intent, and approach 2 does this; approach 3 will require more time and a longer visioning process before the code can be adopted. A gradual rollout process will allow for residents to become comfortable with form-based codes and encourage more areas to adopt those regulations.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:57pm.