

Draft Resolution for Consideration by the Land Develop Code Advisory Group WRT Code Next

Whereas the Austin City Charter states that the City will have a Comprehensive Plan and the Land Development Code shall be consistent with the adopted City of Austin Comprehensive Plan, and

Whereas the City Council has adopted the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan as per the requirement of our City Charter, and

Whereas the existing adopted Neighborhood Plans are a part of the City's comprehensive plan, and

Whereas the Code Next process is therefore required by our city charter to be consistent with the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan, and

Whereas the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan states on page 207 the following,
"The existing neighborhood and area plans were crafted within context of this code (existing) and decisions we reached based upon the assumptions of the continued utilization of its provisions. This includes elements of the Land Development Code that are not specifically addressed in the neighborhood and area plans but on which decisions we based (e.g., compatibility standards). The vision of the comprehensive plan can be achieved by retaining these protections and the approaches taken in the neighborhood and area plans.", and

Whereas the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan further states on page 207 the following:
"Any suggested rewrite of the City Code, while striving to achieve the broad goals of the comprehensive plan, much recognize, respect and reflect these carefully crafted compromises, balances and the assumptions upon which the existing neighborhood and area plans were based and depend.", and

Whereas there is an established process to update and amend adopted neighborhood plans as required by changing conditions in our city and our neighborhoods, and

Whereas the Code Next process will develop a new land development code but the mapping of where the new code will be applied will not be initiated until after the Code Next re-writing process is completed, and

Whereas whether or not the possible format of the new code is determined to be either a Euclidean, Performance, Form Based or Hybrid Code, and regardless of which Code Approach Alternatives (Option 1, The Brisk Sweep, Option 2, the Deep Clean or Option 3, The Complete Makeover) is adopted by the current City Council and re-assessed by the new 10-1 Council, the new code is required by the Charter and the adopted Imagine Austin Comprehensive plan to respect our neighborhood plans, now therefore,

Be it resolved that the Land Development Code Advisory Group recommends to the Code Next Consultants (Opticos) and City Staff that they ensure that the product of the Code Next process provide a sufficient assortment zoning standards/districts such that the existing neighborhood plans can be replicated with the new Land development code when the new code is applied in the code mapping process.

Passed by the Land Development Code Advisory Group on November 17, 2014