

Land Development Code Advisory Group resolution with regard to: Updating Neighborhood Plans

Whereas, the Land Development Code Advisory Group has been made aware that Neighborhood Plans have not been updated every 5 years;

Whereas, as Austin continues to change and grow, neighborhoods should have the opportunity to update their Neighborhood Plans to accommodate and guide growth in their neighborhood;

Be it resolved that the Land Development Code Advisory Group recommends the following to the Austin City Staff:

- A. Create a database for each approved Neighborhood Plan, before a Neighborhood Plan is updated, that lists or maps the following:
 - a. existing sewer lines showing size, capacity, and current usage;
 - b. existing water lines showing size, capacity, and current usage;
 - c. roadway capacity showing size, capacity, and current usage;
 - d. affordability statistics;
 - i. median homes sales price
 - ii. median rental rates
 - iii. median unimproved land values
 - iv. existing and proposed affordable housing units
 - e. zoning changes since last Neighborhood Plan adoption;
 - f. development database since Neighborhood Plan adoption;
 - g. overlay of susceptibility of change map as identified in Imagine Austin;
 - h. Comparison of Imagine Austin Growth Centers to existing zoning within Neighborhood Plan; and
 - i. Connectivity statistics
- B. Formalize and clarify the Neighborhood Plan Update Process:
 - a. The City Staff should initiate the Neighborhood Plan Update Process, preferably within 5 years of each neighborhood plan being approved
 - i. Each neighborhood needs to be notified when their Neighborhood Plan has the opportunity to be updated;
 - ii. The update can cover the entire Neighborhood Plan, or just a portion of the Neighborhood Plan; and
 - iii. The neighborhoods will be required to go through the Neighborhood Plan Update Process, although at the end of the process, the neighborhoods may choose to update their plans or not.
 - b. The City staff should create a budget for following:
 - i. The cost to the City and increased City staff needed to initiate a neighborhood plan update on a case by case basis;
 - ii. The cost to the City and increased City staff needed to initiate a neighborhood plan update every 5 years for each neighborhood; and
 - iii. The cost to the City and increased City staff needed to initiate a new neighborhood plan
- C. During the Neighborhood Plan Update Process, the Neighborhood Plans (the text of the plans) should be updated to create a hierarchy of priorities, within each neighborhood.

- D. Work with the Neighborhood Planning Subcommittee of the Planning Commission to clarify future needs, resources, and criteria for new plans and plan updates for consistency with Imagine Austin stated policies and principles.

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Dave Sullivan, Chair Land Development Code Advisory Group