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Land Development Code Advisory Group Meeting #28 Minutes

December 15, 2014 at 4:30 pm
One Texas Center, Room 325
505 Barton Springs Road, Austin, Texas 78702

Members in attendance: Jim Duncan, Jeff Jack, Will Herring, Dave Sullivan, Beverly Silas, Melissa Neslund, Stephen Oliver, Katherine Nicely.

Members Absent: Mandy De Mayo, Brian Reis, Stephen Delgado.

Meeting Objective: Review working groups, Envision Tomorrow model, and the Comprehensive Housing Market Analysis. The Advisory Group may vote on a resolution on any agenda item.

1. Approval of Minutes: minutes from November 17 meeting adopted by consensus.
2. Review working group topics and membership: George Zapalac presented an updated plan for working groups. Discussion included tentative schedule and composition, purpose and function, and recommended topics. Advisory group members provided suggestions for additional topics to be considered and made editing suggestions for language used in proposed topics. Proposed topics are:
 - Code-related issues for affordability
 - Infill and compatibility
 - Obstacles for small businesses

In addition, CAG members are invited to participate in other ongoing initiatives that will continue concurrently with the working groups, including:

- Green infrastructure
- Subdivision regulations
- Neighborhood planning process

Members will be asked to list their preferences for working group participation in an e-mail poll.

3. Results of Envision Tomorrow scenario: Alex Joyce of Fregonese Associates Inc presented the result of the Envision Tomorrow tool based on current zoning capacity. Discussion included questions regarding methodology and specific layers created to enhance accuracy for Austin. [list major findings?]

4. Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Market Study Analysis: Jonathan Tomko of Neighborhood Housing and Community Development made a brief presentation on the Comprehensive Housing Market Study and analysis completed by BBC Consulting in summer 2014. The presentation included facts and trends of Austin's current housing market and were also shown in relation to the findings of the Comprehensive Analysis done in 2009. The full report can be downloaded [here](#).
5. Standing Items:
 - Discuss structure and organization of Advisory Group: none
 - Discuss work product type and goals for Advisory Group: Neighborhood plan resolution to be discussed at January CAG meeting.
 - Update from members on their outreach activities: none
 - Report from Working Group on Envision Tomorrow: see item 3
 - Agenda items to consider for next meeting: none
6. Public Comment: compact and connected is the overarching principle that is important in all values of Imagine Austin, it is not just one principle; compact and connected is the vehicle to achieve other objectives of Imagine Austin; cost of housing is only part of the cost that is accounted for in household affordability, transportation is an integral component of this cost; concern for the timeline of the green infrastructure working group with the Watershed Protection Department and its integration into the code; concern for infrastructure analysis as it is relevant to any and all future development and increased density; the McMansion Ordinance is working and has been effective.
7. CodeNEXT Team response to public comment: Watershed Protection staff is aware of the CodeNEXT timeline and working group submission deadlines; CodeNEXT staff continues to work very closely with Watershed Protection staff to integrate elements of green infrastructure into the future code.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm