



## Land Development Code Advisory Group Meeting #29 Minutes

January 16, 2015 at 1:00 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, Mandy De Mayo, Brian Reis, Stephen Delgado.

**Members Absent:** Katherine Nicely.

**Meeting Objective:** Orientation for working groups.

1. Approval of Minutes: adopted of minutes from December 15 delayed to next meeting.
2. Orientation for working groups: George Adams made a presentation on working groups. He put the next three months in context regarding what to expect, working group topics, scheduling, membership, how recommendations will be used moving forward in drafting the code, and opportunities for public participation. Chief Innovation Officer Kerry O'Connor gave an introduction to the working group adventure, and explained how identifying values can lead to renewal and innovation. She facilitated an exercise for working group members to identify values most important to them, for everyone to commit to honor moving forward in the process. Discussion included questions about public participation opportunities; staff support; the need for data; and how many CAG members can serve on each working group.
3. Standing Items:
  - Discuss structure and organization of Advisory Group: Newest CAG member Katherine Nicely has been selected as a City Council aide. Discussion included replacing her position with the previous runner-up for her position, or waiting until the new City Council addresses the structure of the advisory group membership. Motion by Duncan to invite Nuria Zaragoza to take Katherine Nicely's spot on the CAG, seconded by Silas. Motion passed by a unanimous vote. Staff was directed to contact Zaragoza and inquire if she is still interested.
  - Discuss work product type and goals for Advisory Group:
    - Update from working group on neighborhood plans: The resolution concerning the relationship of CodeNEXT to adopted neighborhood plans (presented at a previous meeting) was discussed. Discussion included the intent of the writers of Imagine Austin and how neighborhood plans were meant to be addressed; wanting to be careful of unintended consequences; suggestion for Opticos to look at the resolution or have a larger community conversation on

the topic; what Imagine Austin means when it says the new code must respect neighborhood plans. Motion to postpone the resolution for one month, ask working group to reword the resolution, send it to staff and receive feedback from Opticos. Motion made by Silas, seconded by Neslund. Motion passed with a 9-1 vote, Jack voting against.

- Update from members on their outreach activities: Austin Interfaith Ministries, and six neighborhood associations within the next thirty days.
  - Report from Working Group on Envision Tomorrow: none
  - Agenda items to consider for next meeting: the request for an update on the report being conducted by Zucker Systems.
4. Public Comment: how do working groups fit into overall process; why was the Residential Design and Compatibility Commission not included in working group membership; request for an update on the Zucker Systems report; how will the new City Council be informed about the code advisory group; when will actions of these meetings be posted; the resolution on neighborhood plans is going to create more confusion and problems; Austin is the number one major city with the worst control of sprawl and existing plans have contributed to that; the green infrastructure working group is meeting throughout this time as well; suggestion that Imagine Austin task force members be more included regarding resolutions about Imagine Austin and reference to what the intent is in particular sections.
5. CodeNEXT Team response to public comment: none

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm