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Land Development Code Advisory Group Meeting #30 Minutes

March 10, 2015 at 4:00 pm
Town Lake Center, Assembly Room 130
720 Barton Springs Road, Austin, Texas 78704

Members in attendance: Jim Duncan, Jeff Jack, Will Herring, Dave Sullivan, Melissa Neslund, Stephen Oliver, Mandy De Mayo, Nuria Zaragoza.

Members Absent: Stephen Delgado, Beverly Silas, Brian Reis.

Meeting Objective: Review working group end products, update on Green Infrastructure working group. The Advisory Group may vote on a resolution on any agenda item.

1. Approval of Minutes: adoption of minutes from December 15 and January 16 delayed to next meeting.
2. Review outputs from working groups: Kerry O'Conner provided an overview and recap of the working group adventure. She explained the spreadsheets that the advisory group had before them and how these results were formed. A representative from each working group provided a brief synopsis to attendants of the advisory group meeting. Matt Dugan explained how community engagement during Imagine Austin led to the approved Growth Concept Map. CAG members were asked to identify prior to the next meeting any recommended tasks and practices from the various working groups that were either complementary or conflicting.
3. Update on Green Infrastructure Working Group: Matt Hollon from the Watershed Protection Department presented a status report on the Green Infrastructure working group (formerly the Watershed Protection Ordinance phase 2). Topics included: goals and challenges with regard to land cover and natural function, integrating nature into the city, beneficial use of stormwater, and stormwater options for development and infill.
4. Standing Items:
 - a) Discuss structure and organization of Advisory Group: none
 - b) Discuss work product type and goals for Advisory Group:
 - Update from working group on neighborhood plans: discussion regarding proposed resolution regarding neighborhood plans. Action on resolution postponed, and Nuria Zaragoza will be added to the working group for neighborhood plans.
 - Accomplishments by sunset date of September 2015: none
 - c) Update from members on their outreach activities: none

- d) Report from Working Group on Envision Tomorrow: none
 - e) Agenda items to consider for next meeting: none
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- 5. Public Comment: Disappointment regarding postponing action on the neighborhood plan document; grave concerns about the proposed resolution and asked that it not be pursued in any way; concern that compact and connected will be watered down; hope that CodeNEXT will move forward in a more holistic way; the Charter requires neighborhood plans to be evaluated; encouragement for the advisory group to look at regulations that existed when Austin was more affordable and assess what current impediments are and how they can be improved; concern for how the green infrastructure working group will be informed with advisory group led working group recommendations; support for the resolution regarding neighborhood plans and for providing tools in the toolkit to have what we have today; encouragement to focus on other topics because code advisory group meetings tend to focus on one thing; compact and connected is the absolute foundation for all other priority programs.
 - 6. CodeNEXT Team response to public comment: Concern is shared over having a recurring conversation on one topic; the working group on neighborhood plans has an additional opportunity to meet and take community, staff and consultant feedback into account.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm