



**CITY PLANNING COMMISSION  
Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting  
December 8, 2014, 5:00pm**

One Texas Center, Public Works Directors Conference Room  
505 Barton Springs Road, Austin, TX 78704

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

Richard Hatfield  
Stephen Oliver  
Alfonso Hernandez

**MINUTES**

**Members of the public in attendance:** Frank Harren, Glenn Coleman

**Members of staff in attendance:**

Robert Anderson (Planning & Development Review Department)  
Cassandra DeLeon (Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department)  
Paul DiGiuseppe (Planning & Development Review Department)  
Carol Haywood (Planning & Development Review Department)  
Erica Leak (Neighborhood Housing & Community Development Department)

Commissioner Hatfield called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

Mr. Harren stated his concern over the proposed plan amendment revising the title of the eighth priority program that is on the December 11 Council Agenda (item #189). He stated the amendment is a significant change to Imagine Austin and there will be a lot of opposition.

**2. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 10, 2014 MINUTES**

Commissioner Hernandez moved to approve the minutes; Commissioner Oliver seconded. The vote was unanimous (3-0).

**3. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

- a) Ms. DeLeon presented the update on the Healthy Austin Priority Program team. Her presentation covered the team structure as well as their accomplishments including tobacco-free environments, community gardens and farmland, and the creation of the Vision Zero Task Force. The team is also collaborating with other initiatives related to the

priority program including the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), Food Policy Board, and UT Dell Medical School. Their next steps include:

- seeking new funding opportunities, aligning Imagine Austin and CHIP priorities,
- assisting with updating the PARD Long Range Plan to align with IA,
- conducting Food System Planning Sessions for Neighborhoods,
- supporting current and future initiatives to improve walkable and bikeable environments, and
- promoting tobacco-free environments.

b) Ms. Leak presented the update of the Household Affordability Priority Program Team. Her presentation included data showing the affordability needs in Austin. She also discussed the number of affordable units built between 2006 and 2012 with bond funds. She also discussed accomplishments including the Housing Market Study, continuing to explore opportunities for the creation of affordable housing on publicly owned land, and the creation of the Housing + Transit + Jobs Action Team. Their next steps include:

- developing a Comprehensive TOD Strategy, dedicating funding for affordable housing near high frequency transit,
- developing dedicated funding mechanisms for station area improvements,
- creating a TOD Catalyst Fund,
- aligning Density Bonus Programs with FTA Guidelines,
- zoning to serve a diversity of households & incomes,
- designating high-capacity transit routes as Core Transit Corridors, and
- multi-agency collaboration to support transit.

#### **4. OLD BUSINESS**

a) Commissioner Oliver stated the Citizens Advisory Committee is forming subcommittees that are focused on policy issues.

b) NA

#### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

a) Commissioner Oliver inquired about the development of a circulation plan to address connectivity. Commissioner Hernandez made a motion to look into the development of this plan and Planning Commission's role in initiating the plan. Commissioner Oliver seconded. The vote was unanimous (3-0). Commissioner Oliver will coordinate with Howard Lazarus and Robert Spillar.

#### **6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

a) NA

**The meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm**