



**Planning and Neighborhoods Committee
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
April 7, 2015**

The Planning and Neighborhoods Committee convened in a regular meeting on April 7, 2015 at 301 W. Second Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Gregorio Casar called the Board Meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Chair, Gregorio Casar

Vice Chair, Sabino "Pio" Renteria

Council Member Sheri Gallo

Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved on this the 30th day of April, 2015 on Council Member Gallo's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo second on a 4-0 vote.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Susana Almanza: Suggested that the Committee consider the demolition permit and temporary use permit policy at the next Committee meeting.

Jeff Jack, Chair of the Board of Adjustment: Recommended that when the Board of Adjustment transitions to 11 members to represent the new Council, that Council consider expanding the number of alternates to four or five fill vacancies of the standard board. Mr. Jack also, recommended that the City Council consider requiring potential appointees to boards and commissions to attend a meeting of that board or commission.

David King, Zilker resident: Recommended that the Committee consider discussing short term rentals, how they affect the availability and the affordability of housing, Code inspection, and development review process at a future Committee meeting.

Peter Torgrimson, 2222 Coalition Neighborhood Association Representative: Urged the Committee to appoint a representative to the Code Advisory Group who is familiar with different sections of town.

David King: Stated that the Council Advisory Group does not need to be rebalanced and expanded and indicated that two new members will not address all the rebalancing concerns expressed at the Committee meeting. Mr. King recommended Mary Ingle and Bill Bunch, but urged the Committee to think outside of just two additional members.

Bobby Levinski: Attended representing the Save Our Springs Alliance. Mr. Levinski advocated for the appointment of a water expert and a representative of the Austin Neighborhoods Council.

Frank Herron: Concerned if the committee does expand and adds additional neighborhood voices to the Council Advisory Group, and urged the Committee to consider the Hyde Park experience this year. Mr. Herron suggested that the Committee not appoint another Austin Neighborhood Council leader to the Code Advisory Group.

Joyce Basicano: Attended as Vice President of Austin Neighborhood Association. Ms. Basicano advocated for more neighborhood representation on the Code Advisory Group.

Roger Cauvin: On the board of the downtown Austin Neighborhood Association, the true purpose of CodeNEXT according to the resolution is to promote the overarching compact and connected theme of Imagine Austin. This is very important as you consider the possibility of adding new folks to the group.

David Whitworth: Agreed that the Code Advisory Group needs more disciplines, expertise and practice experience.

Jeff Jack: Agreed that we do need to change the Code Advisory Group to have better representation for areas.

Eleanor McKinney, Chair of CodeNEXT Committee for the American Society of Landscape Architects: Hopes that the goal of the whole city is to integrate nature into the city, to have a livable place, to have a place we all want to be and want to live. The American Society of Landscape Architects feels that they have a lot to contribute and would bring great representation to the Code Advisory Group.

Mary Inlde, President of Austin Neighborhood Association: Advocated for the expansion of the Code Advisory Group for balance and fairness.

Daniel Llanes: Left a note to read into the record by Council Member Casar indicating his support for the appointment of Mr. Rockwell and Mr. Wendler, or someone from Austin Neighborhoods Council or Austin Tenants Council.

Patricia King, Del Valle resident: Expressed concern about the lack of representation on the Code Advisory Group from Districts 2, 3, 4, and 7, and noted there are two representatives from District 8, three representatives from District 9 and two representatives from District 10. Ms. King stated the need for diversity on this group.

Chris Von Dolen, Scott Airport Parking: Excited about the pet hotel project.

3. STAFF BRIEFINGS

Briefing from CodeNEXT Code Advisory Group (CAG) staff liaison and any Code NEXT CAG members on the purpose and progress of CodeNEXT CAG.

Presenter(s): George Zapalac, CodeNEXT Project Manager, Planning and Zoning Department

The Code Advisory Group was initiated by City Council in December of 2012, six months after the adoption of the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan. Council at that time passed a resolution and established the Code Advisory Group for the purpose of assisting and with public outreach and providing feedback on the development and implementation of the new Land Development Code.

Council Advisory Group has been a very valuable resource throughout this process to assist with the redrafting of the code. The members have developed knowledge about the code and related issues, and

have helped develop guidance and feedback along every step of the way. Staff would recommend that it be continued for an additional two years or until the code is adopted, whichever comes first.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Consider expansion of the CodeNEXT Code Advisory Group and recommend potential appointees to the Council.

- No action taken. Possible consideration of the membership issues in conjunction with the timing issues and the life of the Council Advisory Group at the April 30th meeting.

Briefing and possible recommendation concerning land uses in the Airport Overlay

Presenter(s): Jerry Rusthoven, Division Manager, Planning and Zoning Department

- Staff provided an overview of the Airport Overlay, the Scott Airport Parking zoning cases, and the zoning case known as Seventy-One.

5. FUTURE ITEMS

Review of Density Bonus Program – Mayor Pro Tem Tovo

6. ADJOURN

Chair Casar adjourned the meeting at 5:34 p.m. without objection.

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