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Land Development Code Advisory Group Meeting #39 Minutes

December 15, 2015 at 4:07 pm
Pleasant Hill Branch Library
505 Barton Springs Road Rd, Austin, Texas 78704

Members in attendance: Mandy De Mayo, Jim Duncan, Jackie Goodman, Richard Heyman, Lauren Ice, Farzad Mashhood, Sarah Linares, Eleanor McKinney, Susan Moffat, Melissa Neslund, Dave Sullivan, Jose Valera

Members Absent: Terry Mitchell, Elizabeth Mueller, Kevin Wier, Nuria Zaragoza.

Meeting Objective: Orientation session for newly appointed members to the Land Development Code Advisory Group. The Advisory Group may vote on a resolution on any agenda item.

1. Approval of Minutes: The September 1, 2015 and November 10, 2015 minutes were approved on consent.
2. New Member introductions: The members introduced themselves.
3. Discussion of work products developed by CodeNEXT Team: Jim Robertson gave a presentation on the various work products that have been produced to date. Discussion by advisory group members included adding green infrastructure to the presentation as well as members becoming familiar with the Zucker Report.
4. Recap of the CodeNEXT Sound Check: Matthew Lewis gave a presentation summarizing the CodeNEXT Sound Check. Discussion by advisory group members included various design and street standards, current regulations and policies, affordability, watershed regulations, redevelopment opportunities, utility considerations, attendance at the Sound Check, the transect matrix, stakeholder input and outreach efforts, and the code translation table.
5. Establish regular meeting times: The group selected the 1st Monday of every month starting at 6:00 pm starting in February, approved on consent.
6. Role of the Code Advisory Group during the code development phase: The group discussed the need to vet important issues and standards, the ability to lead discussions during meetings, bring in outside experts, going into the community to hear from stakeholders, keeping council

members informed, creating a straw man document to form a 2016 work plan, the delivery of the Sound Check report for the late January/early February meeting,

7. Standing Items

- a) Discuss structure and organization of Advisory Group: Discussed under agenda item 6.
- b) Discuss work product type and goals for Advisory Group: Discussed under agenda item 6.
- c) Update from members on their outreach activities-CAG members met with the following groups: Govalle Neighborhood Association, Lost Creek Homeowners Association, Bryker Woods Neighborhood Association, Real Estate Council of Austin Policy Committee, Austin Housing Coalition, and Save Barton Creek Association
- d) Report from Working Group on Envision Tomorrow: No discussion
- e) Agenda items to consider for next meeting-Agenda items include organizations to reach out to in 2016, the 2016 work plan, meeting format, Sound Check report.

8. Public Comment: Ms. Sammy Easterday spoke about the need for training, clear communication, transparency and comprehensive outreach. Mr. Frank Harren provided information showing the rising cost of housing and stated the role of the Code Advisory Group is to support Imagine Austin. Ms. Connie Lane said the community should be excited about the next steps.

9. CodeNEXT Team response to public comment: Matthew Lewis stated the work we are doing is less abstract and we must humanize the code.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm