



## Land Development Code Advisory Group Meeting #40 Minutes

January 12, 2016 at 6:05 pm  
Town Lake Center, Room 130  
721 Barton Springs Road Rd, Austin, Texas 78704

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

**Members Absent:** Farzad Mashhood, Elizabeth Mueller, Kevin Wier, Nuria Zaragoza.

**Meeting Objective:** Public Comment. The Advisory Group may vote on a resolution on any agenda item.

1. Approval of Minutes: The December 15, 2015 minutes were approved on consent.
2. Discuss agenda for February 1, 2016 meeting: Approved on consent.
3. Public Comment:
  - Eric Goff, representing the Executive Board of AURA, stated CodeNEXT is a way to provide housing opportunities that is demanded by people who want to buy or rent. Allow missing middle where the demand is.
  - Sharon Blythe attended the Sound Check and was concerned that the team did not listen to her as well as the need to have more CodeNEXT meetings in Northwest Austin.
  - John Woodley, advocating for people with disabilities, talked about accessibility issues, affordability, and building infrastructure in a timely manner.
  - Fred Lewis talked about the need to use Derivation and Disposition tables.
  - Stuart Hersh stated there are topics related to the linkage between land use entitlements and housing affordability that must be considered that CodeNEXT must consider.
  - Daylon Brumfield stated we should design around the human scale and not around the automobile.
  - Jeffrey Tahuahua, representing the Austin Homebuilders Association, stated that layers of code add to confusion and that the code should align with Imagine Austin.
  - Betsy Greenburg said to rewrite the rules to make simpler and enforce them as well as CodeNEXT must be careful to protect existing affordable housing.
  - Timothy Bray stated that household affordability must be addressed as well as transit-oriented development, allow for the natural evolution of Austin and create walkable neighborhoods.

- Ann Hutchison-McCormack would like to see improved connectivity across Loop 360 in the Lost Creek neighborhood.
- Zoila Vega said CodeNEXT should not affect the Heritage Tree Ordinance other than to strengthen it to protect more trees
- Marissa McKinney, representing the Central Texas Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects spoke in support of green infrastructure and sustainable water management.
- Evan Gill talked about supply and demand, the need to talk about neighborhood characters, the need to allow more affordable housing, smaller house sizes, shared land costs, and neighborhood scaled housing.
- Frank Harren summarized Priority Program #6 regarding household affordability, the need to address segregation and become an inclusive city.
- Clark Bochhahn supports green infrastructure
- Colter Sonnerville supports integrating green infrastructure into the code as well as road diets.
- Allison McGee, representing Preservation Austin, pointed out how Imagine Austin addresses historic preservation. She isn't sure how CodeNEXT will address historic preservation but cities such as Denver are years ahead of us.
- Alysha Haggerton stated there is a lot of bias against renters and hopes that CodeNEXT will address issues faced by renters.
- Mike Gorse talked about land use and transit and walkability as well as the need to use performance-based metrics to look at the impacts of development.
- Wanda Penn said we must account for our central neighborhoods and neighborhood plans, alley standards must be carefully considered as well as permitting.
- Robert Anderson asked to consider how the code can affect transportation safety and should use the recommendations of Vision Zero.
- Sydney Grief talked about the importance of food and should consider community gardens, urban farms, and rooftop gardens.
- Cynthia Reynolds said that neighborhoods should allow more affordability, smaller lot sizes, home occupations, short-term rentals, and lower parking requirements.
- Eloah Matthews said CodeNEXT must consider flood mitigation and look at decisions in context
- Corey Walton stated the capacity analysis conducted during Imagine Austin be submitted to Opticos as well as the recent flooding showing the impacts of the loss of impervious cover.
- Jennifer Chenoweth talked about how creatives can't afford housing and the need to create incentives for commercial or residential developers for onsite art or contribution to affordability for artists.
- Linda Guerrero said CodeNEXT should lead with green infrastructure including trees and flooding and must ensure protection of the Colorado River.
- Brendon Wittstruck said that green infrastructure and density are co-dependent, green infrastructure is a performative landscape that serves many functions including social benefits, and to maximize pervious cover limits.

4. CodeNEXT Team response to public comment:

- Members acknowledge the size and diversity of the audience as well as the number of participants who are concerned with household affordability and green infrastructure. Member also talked about the need to:
  - track audience demographics
  - meet with stakeholders;
  - transparency
  - sharing information
  - hear from various viewpoints
  - Have representatives from the Joint Inclusion Committee, Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities, and Travis County on the CAG
- The CodeNEXT timeline will be extended to 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm