



Land Development Code Advisory Group Meeting #41 Minutes

February 1, 2016 at 6:08 pm
Waller Creek Center, Room 104
625 E. 10th Street, Austin, Texas 78701

Members in attendance: Roger Borgelt, Mandy De Mayo, Jim Duncan, Jackie Goodman, Rich Heyman, Lauren Ice, Sarah Linares, Farzad Mashhood, Eleanor McKinney, Terry Mitchell, Susan Moffat, Liz Mueller, Melissa Neslund, Dave Sullivan, Jose Valera, Nuria Zaragoza

Members Absent: Kevin Wier

Meeting Objective: Work plan adoption and Sound Check Report. The Advisory Group may vote on a resolution on any agenda item.

1. Approval of Minutes: The January 12, 2016 minutes were approved on consent.
2. Public Comment:
 - Russell Frasier, representing the South River City Neighborhood Association referenced a Journal of Science article from May 2007 by Richard Seeger about our climate. Where is the water to accommodate the people moving to Austin?
 - Joyce Basciano said there should be CodeNEXT link on the City's homepage and the CodeNEXT website must be easier to navigate.
 - Mary Ingle, the President of the Austin Neighborhoods Council, spoke about the need to have a plan for compliance with the code.
 - Frank Harren stated we cannot accommodate growth by just focusing on the centers and corridors of Imagine Austin. Residential neighborhoods must change as a necessity and is mandated by Imagine Austin.
3. Report on outreach activities since last meeting as well as 2016 stakeholder engagement
 - Nuria Zaragoza stated she needs more information before she goes out. Dave Sullivan replied that much of it is listening to the stakeholder.
 - Eleanor McKinney stated the American Institute of Architects' CodeNEXT Chair is requesting a 120 comment period following public code release. She is giving a presentation to the Zoning and Platting Commission on 2/16 on green infrastructure.
 - Mandy De Mayo stated the Austin Housing Coalition has monthly meetings and she will present CodeNEXT during spring 2016. Housing Works had monthly newsletter

focused on CodeNEXT and KOOP Radio recently had a program on household affordability.

- Roger Borgelt said he has several ideas in the works.
- Melissa Neslund presented to Real Estate Council of Austin's policy committee and Board as well as the Austin Apartment Association. She also met with Council Member Troxclair.
- Terry Mitchell was on an Urban Land Institute panel on affordability and discovered that many other communities are in same situation but have no answers. We need to understand more and meet with more people to address solutions.
- Dave Sullivan reported on discussions with the Austin Creative Alliance and he had met with a pair of artists who had had to get several permits from the City and suggested a simpler approach.
- Jose Valera reached out to three contact teams and neighborhood associations and met with one. He stated we must connect with influencers from minority communities.
- Susan Moffat met with members of neighborhood organizations and school community organizations, and provided a written report to the Joint Subcommittee. She stated we need to have a safety buffer around schools (don't reduce on-site parking requirements near schools). When we look at increased density, we must ensure that it results in affordability (how can savings be passed on to renter or buyer). Jim Duncan was impressed by the Austin Oaks charrette which was attended by multiple neighborhoods.
- Lauren Ice said she is coordinating with Eleanor McKinney on the green infrastructure presentation to the Zoning and Platting Commission and reaching out to environmental groups. She has talked informally with people who would like to see the code.
- Farzad Mashhood had conversations with classmates.
- Liz Mueller wants to know about the strategy and purpose of outreach. She teaches participatory planning at the University of Texas.
- Rich Heyman said he still needs more information. He met with East Austin neighborhood activists and stated people are unsure of the CodeNEXT process and the current state of CodeNEXT.

4. Code Typologies-an education session on the different types of development code regulations

- Jim Duncan made a presentation about the various types of zoning codes. He stated that our new code new code will be a hybrid between Design or Form Based code and the Impact or Performance Based code of our environmental regulations. There was a discussion about the sustainability aspects of new urbanism.

5. Sound Check Report-presentation on the report summarizing the Sound Check

- Jim Robertson presented a summary of the Sound Check. A discussion about the Sound Check Report focused on:
 - whether parking reductions leads to affordability; slide showing parking did not show green infrastructure which skews results; need graphics that show all design standards;

- questions about household affordability, the density bonus program and the need to address fair housing;
- would like to see information supporting the 75% threshold for passive and active stormwater mitigation;
- tying density bonus to open space as well as affordability;
- listing the CAG as a team member in the report;
- desire to help with prescription papers;
- the need to use technology to get feedback from the community, having diverse interests participate in the process; and needing to know how we will respond to feedback;
- promote financially sustainable development;
- address Homestead Preservation Districts;
- need to refine the financial benefits to school districts in the report;
- desire to release sections of the code prior to January and show a transition from the old to new code;
- fixing known problems in the code that can be adopted ahead of CodeNEXT;
- need to improve the CodeNEXT website;
- need to understand the mapping process

6. Work plan adoption –vote to approve the Work Plan for the CodeNEXT Advisory Group

- Postponed to February 22, 2016

7. Officer elections –vote for a Chair, Vice-Chair and an Executive Work Group

- Jim Duncan was elected Chair by a vote of 15-0
- Dave Sullivan was elected Vice-Chair by a vote of 15-0
- The vote for the Executive Work Group was postponed to February 22, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm