



Land Development Code Advisory Group Meeting #42 Minutes

February 22, 2016 at 6:04 pm
One Texas Center, Room 325
505 Barton Springs Road, Austin, Texas 78704

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

Members Absent: Jackie Goodman, Sarah Linares

Meeting Objective: Understand demographic trends and basics of the land development code; approval for the Executive Work Group and CAG Work Plan, and approve a resolution regarding BC-email accounts. The Advisory Group may vote on a resolution on any agenda item.

1. Approval of Minutes: The February 1, 2016 minutes were amended to include “He stated that our new code will be a hybrid between Design or Form Based code and the Impact or Performance Based code of our environmental regulations.” which was approved on consent.
2. Public Comment:
 - Ben Heimsath talked about the need for a change agent and that CodeNEXT will only work if people see something that works better than what currently exists.
 - Frank Harren stated that by resisting change and insisting on single-family homes that we are becoming less inclusive and need more options to diversify.
 - Ana Aguirre talked about the need to consider flood impacts due to increased density in certain watersheds, especially the toll on people’s lives.
4. Presentation on demographic trends
 - Ryan Robinson, City Demographer, provided a presentation about the various demographic trends in Austin. There was discussion about affordability, millennials, and housing for families with children.
6. Update on Sound Check Report
 - Matthew Lewis updated the members that feedback provided by members was included in an updated report that was posted on-line. There was discussion about

legibility of the report, levels of detail that are needed, how comments on the report will be compiled and considered.

7. Overview of the Land Development Code

- Matthew Lewis presented on the current land development code process. There was discussion about the Zucker Report, how the transect matrix and standards will be covered in the code prescriptions, how demolitions fit into the process, placing the transect matrix on the March 7 agenda, the interest to look at code items that could be addressed in advance of the adoption of CodeNEXT

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

- Dave Sullivan described the work plan. There was a discussion about communicating their outreach efforts, staff showing how feedback is incorporated, and time needed to review documents, opportunities to meet with the public, CAG message board, improvements needed to the website, concern about the Natural and Built Environment Code Prescription being released first, revising the work plan in July, the need for the code prescriptions to clearly show a connection to the code, the need to have a meeting to discuss small area plans. There was a motion to provisionally adopt the work plan as discussed with the understanding that the Executive Work Group will work out the details. The motion was unanimously approved.

9. CAG resolution to Council regarding BC- email accounts

- Dave Sullivan described the purpose of the resolution which was approved unanimously.

5. Executive Work Group –vote for an Executive Work Group

- There was a motion to set the number of members to five and nominate Jim Duncan, Dave Sullivan, Eleanor McKinney, Susan Moffat, and Sara Linares. The motion was unanimously approved

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm